



A Special Part of the Body of Christ

Text 55444, type "Faith and Family" when prompted, enter email address for the Family Newsletter.

1 Three significant events

2 Cycles of Grief

Stages that we go through multiple times. When we are becoming acclimated to the new normal and unexpected occasions arise throughout their life: riding a bike, drivers license, marriage. Survival Mode, trying to not fall apart, Humpty Dumpty. Psalm 55:22

3 Jesus Wept

4. Seasons of JOY far outnumber the grief, God is our Redeemer
Love that mirrors the Father's love care and affection, Mathusee

5 Seeing Life from John's Perspective, who is "Affected by a Disability"

He did not ask for an extra chromosome, nor does it define him. John is a young man created in the image and likeness of God with a unique place in the body of Christ and the plan of God.

6 Family Inclusion

John desires to be an equal member of our family and included in events.

7 Valued at Work

Encouraging Lori as John's work assistant
Mike and Jeff, EARS and Lighthouse
Banking, buying his own meals, Hand Up instead of Hand Out

8 Finding His Niche and employing his gifts at Church

Usher, Communion, Small Group. Not patronizing nor treating him like a mascot
Jeff and John

9 To be a Faithful Father, I need temple maintenance, body, soul, and spirit. I need a strong identity in Christ alone. I am not the father of a special needs child, but an adopted child of God.

10 PDA and a strong marriage. Times of Respite for Reconnection,

11 Finding Support to Bear One Another's Burdens, Jethro

Family Retreats,
Long Term Care
Carefully assemble your team. Beware of Predators.

12 Siblings and John's care in the future

13 Education and Advocacy spedhomeschool.com <http://www.nacd.org>

Podcasts 201-203, Developing a Team for Long Term Care

Podcasts 38-44, Raising a Special Needs Child

