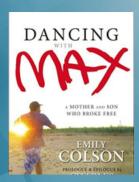
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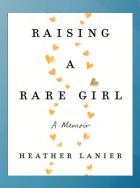
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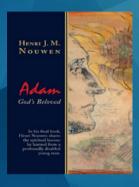




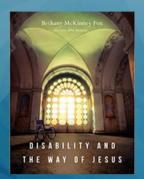




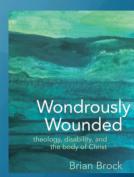












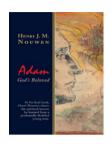
Books About God's Logic of Disability

The "theology of disability" is a topic that might sound obscure or abstract, but it has been life changing for me. The theology of anything is just a fancy way of saying "here's how God sees this topic." The word theology comes from the Greek words for God (*theos*) and Word (*logos*). The theology of anything is God's thoughts, God's logic, God's understanding.

I've come to believe that if I understand God's logic around disability, I've come to understand God's logic about humanity. I understand myself and everyone else more clearly if I understand how God sees people with disabilities.

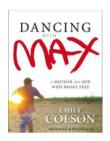
So I've put together a list of some of my favorite books about the theology of disability. I'm including memoirs first, moving into works of more straightforward theology. These books should give you a place to start considering what it means to be a beloved human before God. (I've also indicated the people I've had a chance to talk with on my <u>Reimagining the Good Life podcast</u>. If you're intrigued, you can listen to the conversation and then decide if you want to dive into the whole book!)

Books About God's Logic of Disability



ADAM, BY HENRI NOUWEN

This book chronicles Nouwen's year living in a L'Arche community as a friend and assistant to a man with intellectual and physical disabilities.



DANCING WITH MAX, BY EMILY COLSON

Emily Colson writes about her son Max, who has autism spectrum disorder, and their struggle to find a place within the church.



THE LUCKY FEW, BY HEATHER AVIS PORCAST

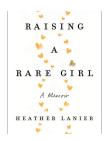
This memoir by Heather Avis, founder of The Lucky Few podcast and nonprofit, tells their story of adopting two children with Down syndrome.



SUFFER STRONG, BY JAY AND KATHERINE WOLF



Jay and Katherine Wolf, co-founders of Hope Heals, write with poignancy and grace about the experience of disability and suffering and hope.



RAISING A RARE GIRL, BY HEATHER LANIER



This literary memoir reflects on the value of each and every life from the perspective of a mother who learns her daughter has a rare genetic condition.

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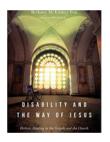
A GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT, BY AMY JULIA BECKER

I'm including my own spiritual memoir of how I came to understand and receive our daughter Penny, who has Down syndrome, as a gift.



MY BODY IS NOT A PRAYER REQUEST, BY AMY KENNY

Amy Kenny confronts the ableism she has endured as a woman who uses a cane or a wheelchair for mobility, and she challenges the church to rethink disability.



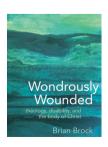
DISABILITY AND THE WAY OF JESUS, BY BETHANY MCKINNEY FOX

An accessible primer on disability theology, this book invites readers to a new understanding of healing as it relates to disability.



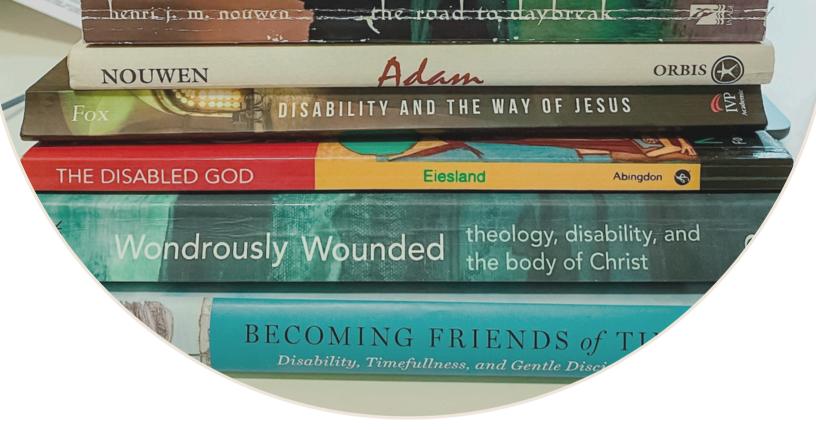
BECOMING FRIENDS OF TIME, BY JOHN SWINTON

This theological reflection on memory, dementia, disability, and time challenges all readers to understand the gifts offered to the church through people who live differently in time.



WONDROUSLY WOUNDED, BY BRIAN BROCK

This exploration of the way early theologians understood disability and the ways Christians can rethink health and disability today.



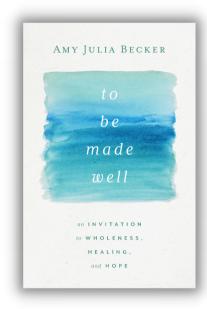
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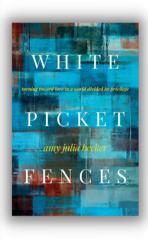
Ten bonus books (not all written by or for Christians) include:

- Expecting Adam, by Martha Beck
- The Disabled God, by Nancy Eiesland
- What Can Bodies Do? by Sara Hendren
- Theology and Down Syndrome, by Amos Yong
- Suffering Presence, by Stanley Hauerwas
- Receiving the Gift of Friendship, by Hans Reinders
- Life As We Know It, by Michael Berube
- *The Shape of the Eye*, by George Estreich
- <u>Vulnerable Communion</u>, by Thomas Reynolds
- <u>Disability</u>, by Brian Brock

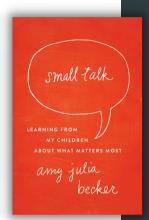
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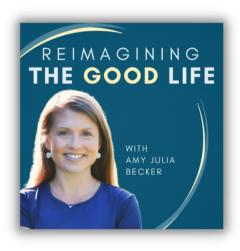








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