

Anchoring your soul every day

Loving the Special Needs Community

We know it can be so hard to find time each day to take care of your relationship with the Lord. We want to make it easier for you, if we can. We suggest taking one of these thoughts at a time, or even just do part of one, when you can. We hope this will help you experience the hope of your relationship with Jesus as your soul's anchor every day.

- ❖ Read Psalm 139:13-16 (or the whole psalm – it's not very long, and it is VERY encouraging!). What does this passage imply about the way the Lord sees children and adults with special needs? How should that inform the way we see and interact with others who may have health issues (of any sort)?

- ❖ Read Matthew 14:13-14 and Luke 7:11-16. These are only two of many passages that say that Jesus acted based on His compassion for the needs of those He encountered. We aren't God, of course, but what does this teach about the way we should see others in need? How can you apply this in your own life this week?

- ❖ Read Col. 3:12-17. In this passage, Paul is speaking to those who have committed their lives to Christ, and he is urging them, as a church, to live out their faith. Although he is not specifically addressing how we might love and care for those with special needs, how does what he teaches apply in that situation? What does that mean for you, individually?

Spend time in prayer, thanking God for His love and compassion for you. Ask Him to help you develop the same sort of love for others. Ask Him to help you see how you can love and show compassion to someone who has special needs or whose child does.

