

It's a Setback, Not the End

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Has a disability changed your life for the better? Whether it is a mental or physical battle, a disability can change who you are. Being disabled may seem like the end of your story, but our Creator still promises that salvation is for all. God has personally worked through my uncle, Kendall Judson, to change the lives of many. Disabilities are only setbacks, not the end of your journey.

In 2010, my uncle was involved in a car accident. He was crushed under the dashboard of his car and needed to be rushed to the hospital by helicopter. He spent several months in hospitals, but eventually left with his legs permanently paralyzed. Uncle Kendall had just arrived home from deployment in the United States Marine Corps. This disability was a significant change for him. (Judson)

Uncle Kendall spent a total of twelve weeks in three different hospitals. When he was allowed to come home, he felt like he had received a fresh start. My uncle was always seen as a skilled athlete. His identity now was seen as being a child of God. (Judson) My uncle always knew that even with his disability, Jesus had still died and resurrected for him. Uncle Kendall remembered God's love for him throughout this new challenge.

Disabilities have a strong effect on individuals and nations. In 2010, 12% of America was affected by a disability (Disability Statistics). Having a disability does not mean that you do not receive salvation. "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (Bible/ESV) God never said this world would be easy, but he promises that salvation is for all.

Always remember, being disabled is only a setback, not the end. Our Father has given us each a meaningful life. "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10 (Bible/ESV) Uncle Kendall, despite his disability, still receives salvation from Christ. Whether a person is disabled, autistic, or in the womb, their life is of value to God. Jesus came to Earth so that they may have life and have the opportunity to choose strength with Christ amid a setback.