

# How Special Needs Parenting Prepares You for Your Ministry

Keys to Identify and Accelerate God's Will for  
Your  
Personal Mission and Ministry

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# Personal Mission and Ministry: Why These Matter

- With Jesus, there is no sacred vs secular. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 22 - 31. We are all on a mission from God; we're all ambassadors for His Kingdom.
- God can't be put into a box, but He does work in patterns, when we are obedient to His Word. God works when we allow His precepts - within our real life challenges, using our gifts and passions - to bless others and serve Him. Psalm 119:100 - 102
- God teaches us to understand His ways in the context of our experiences.
- This is how God "Romans 8:28's" your life's challenges.



# 7 Keys

- Preparation
- Pain
- Provision
- Personal Purpose
- Protection
- Putting the Pieces Together
- The Path Forward



# Preparation

- Things you've noticed, experienced, witnessed
- What was 'normal' in childhood
- Career path, education, training, passions
- Roadblocks, hurdles you've overcome.
- Unfulfilled desires.
- Growth in your relationship with Christ/spiritual maturity.
- You are the Church.
- 2 Corinthians 1:3-7



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God's plan and purpose for  
you didn't stop when you  
heard a diagnosis from a  
doctor or therapist. That  
wasn't the end of your story.  
It's just the beginning.



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# Pain

- Is God really good?
- Rather than punishment - sacred chastisement
- Clarifies what you seek
- Becoming Christ-like - take on wounds like others so you understand what it is to be wounded
- Chief end of mankind - to be all you can be, or to glorify God?



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# Provision

- Is it Always about money with God?
- Giftings you can use for ministry
- Giving as a means of multiplication
- Don't do ministry for the money. God will meet your needs.



# Personal Purpose

- Why do YOU think you're here? What is your ministry, to your family and beyond?
- This is YOURS.
- Your personal purpose will play out differently in different seasons of life. Your ministry purpose may be for a different time than now.
- What can I do with what I think is my purpose?



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# Protection

- Protection in your past

Disappointments and prayers answered no - pave the way for a different future

- Focus on ministry as a means of protection and prevention - leads to protection in the future
- Focus on ministry leads to protection for our kids' future.

A word about anger...

# Putting the Pieces Together

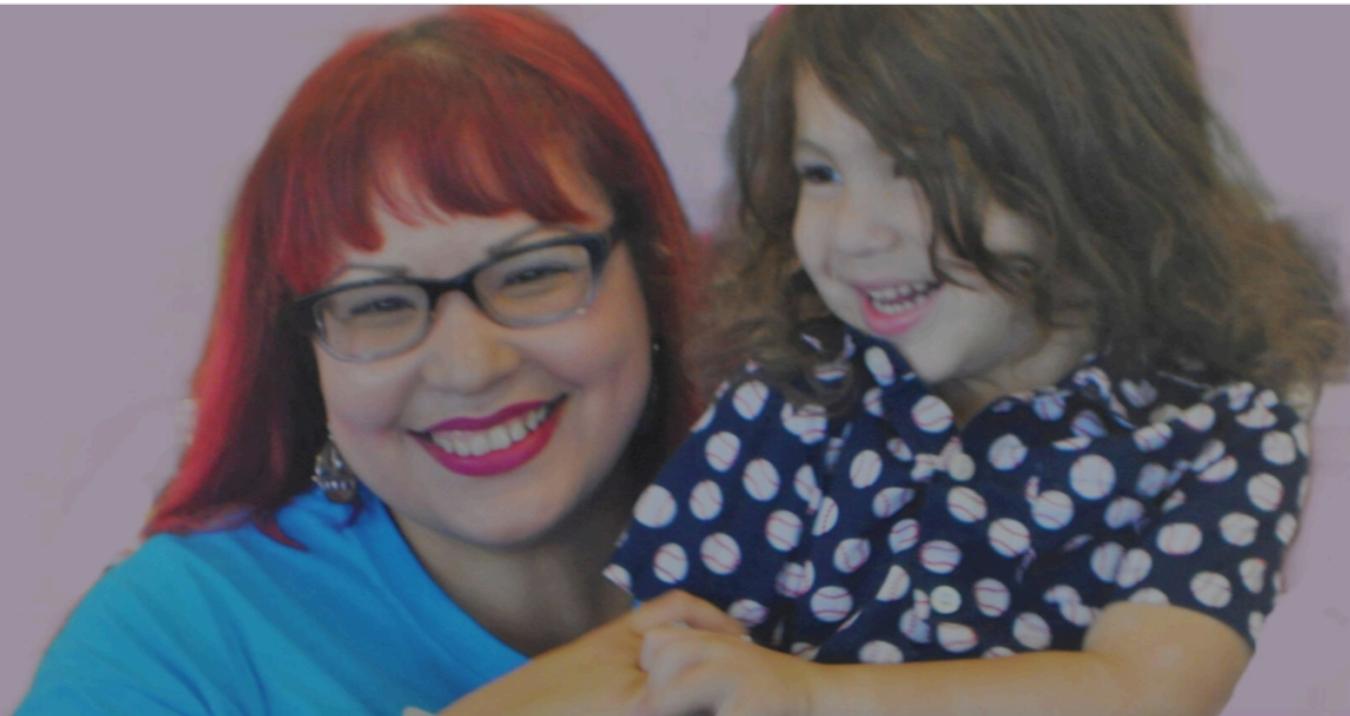
- Roadblocks and hurdles
- Areas of pain in your life
- Where and how has God provided for you when you didn't expect it?
- Do you have a sense of purpose?
- Do you have desires that you can't get fulfilled in your current work?
- How have you seen God's protection over you? How did that impact you?
- Have you made steps of obedience to God and seen His blessing? What other impacts were there on you, your relationships, later decisions?
- Have you experienced pushback from others to obedience to Christ?

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# The Path Forward

- Shifting gears from Past to Present and Future
- Don't despise small beginnings
- Be under spiritual authority
- No idea where to start? Journal prayer requests, and answers
- What are you waiting for?

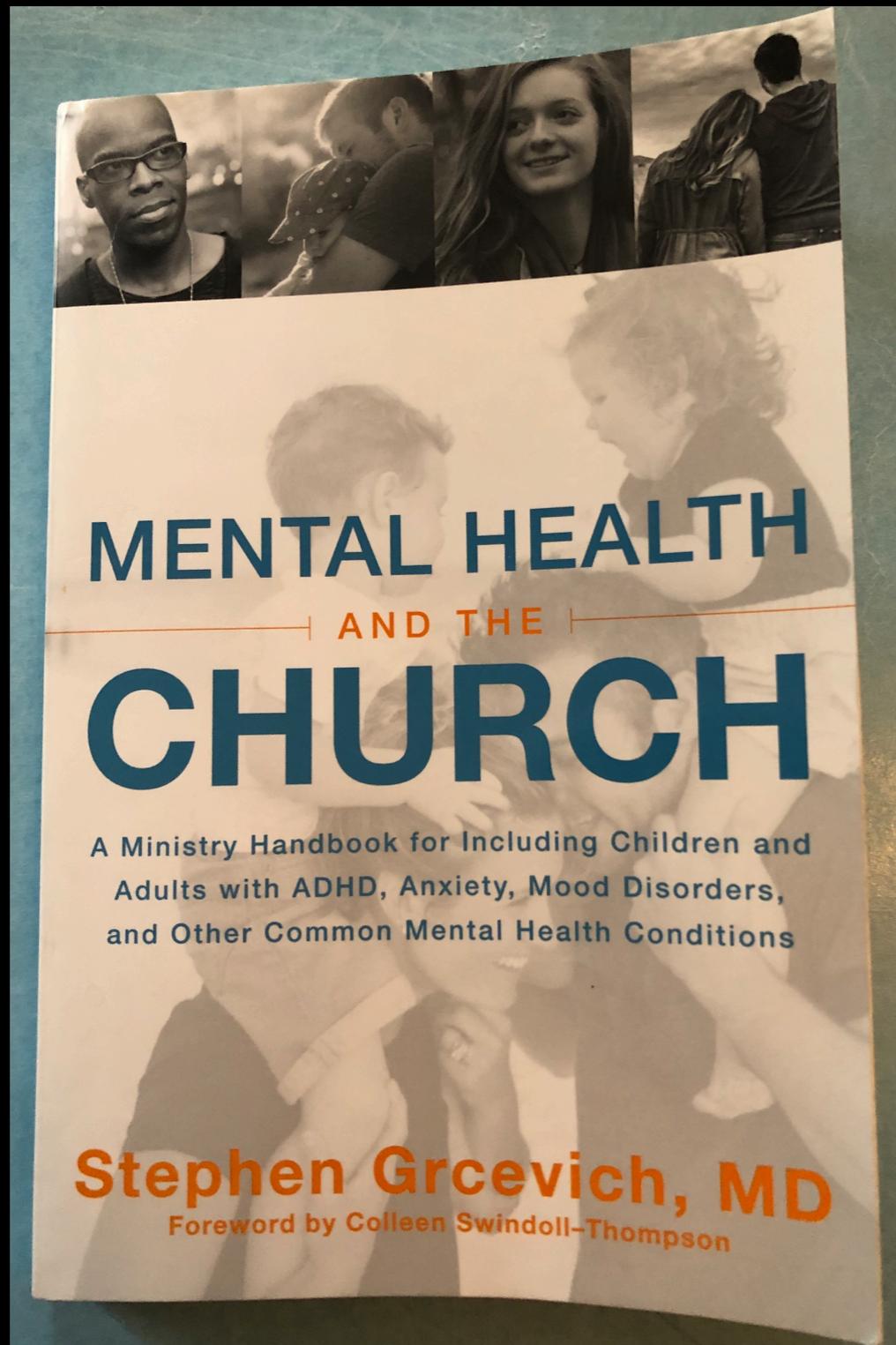
And remember: The desired end product is transformation, not transactions (works)

# Where the Church Can Be the Church

- The needs of families with disabilities are enormous
- Both important AND urgent
- But these are *people*, who need
  - true friends,
  - a sure spiritual foundation in church and ministry leaders
  - opportunities to share their gifts
  - relationship with Jesus.



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