

Reviews: Raising children with disabilities and ‘disruptive’ discipleship

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Raising the Perfectly Imperfect Child

By Boris Vujicic (Waterbrook/Multnomah)

Boris and Dushka Vujicic’s first child, Nick, was born with no arms and no legs—a medical condition known as phocomelia. This book is Nick’s story—the challenges he faced growing up, finding a school and getting married. Today, he is an internationally known motivational speaker who leads Attitude is Altitude, where his father is chief systems and financial officer.



It also is the story of his Yugoslavian-born parents, who have started two churches, and how their experience with Nick tested and ultimately strengthened their Christian faith.

This book is not for the faint of heart. It deals honestly with Nick’s physical disabilities and the difficulties his parents faced, but it is written from a distinctively Christian perspective.

The book is filled with photos of Nick and his family at different stages of

his life. Each chapter ends with “Takeaway Thoughts,” provoked by the message of that chapter. The book’s foreword, written by Nick to his father, is particularly moving.

If you know someone who has a child with disabilities, this book is not only well worth the read; it’s a must-read.

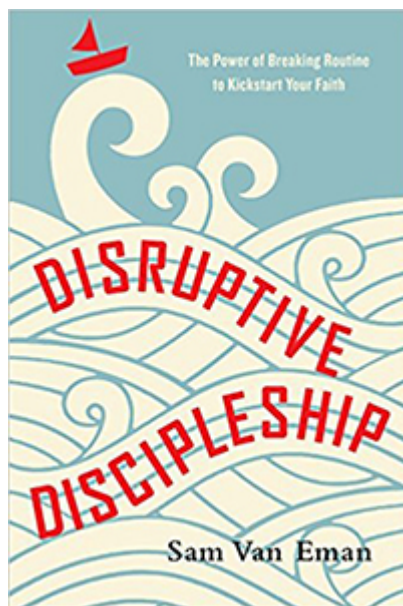
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Disruptive Discipleship

By Sam Van Eman (IVP)



Sam Van Eman of Coalition for Christian Outreach wrote *Disruptive Discipleship* hoping it leaves readers “with more patient faith, more resilient hope and more selfless love for our neighbors.”

Citing examples from family life and contemporary culture, Van Eman tackles the distractions that keep us from involvement in a discipleship group. He also explains how, in the midst of interruptions, Christians make disciples as we go.

Most of the work deals with getting “unstuck,” and Van Eman challenges readers to consider the “how” behind Christ’s command to “go and make disciples of all nations.”

Don’t stop reading when you get to the last chapter. The epilogue and appendices are as rich as the book.

This book is not just for those who consider themselves experienced disciple-makers. It is appropriate for every Christian.

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