

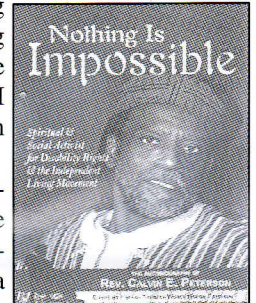
NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE

Calvin E. Peterson, Minister, Atlanta, GA

"It is not how I speak, but how You listen" Calvin E. Peterson, *Nothing Is Impossible*

Having the opportunity of living for 61 years inside of my physical apparent limitations and being forced to survive without my family that I was born into, I managed to go beyond just surviving. My driving force is having a goal to transform the hearts, minds, and souls of people who find themselves in the same situation that I was born into. Being confronted with social, economic, and racial disparities by God's grace, I have enjoyed the inheritance of joy. My greatest desire is to contribute to those parents that find themselves in the same exclusive environment that my mother found herself in 61 years ago.

Disabilities, deformities are more prevalent and present today than when I was born. I became inspired in 1982 to give the world something that they could grasp onto and gain strength from - that is my life story in the form of a book entitled *Nothing Is Impossible*. In this book, I talk about the challenges, and I expound on the victories. I urge and encourage parents of disabled children and caregivers of the disabled to get a copy of my book that is utilized as an empowerment tool for families, church ministries, and service providers.



"Not for my sake, but for Gods sake"

Notable Achievements :

- Disabled Voter Education registration Drive
- Organized and won sidewalk curb-cuts in low income communities
- Demanded public transportation (MARTA) for the disabled living in poverty
- Influenced U.S. Congress to make public housing handicap accessible
- Collaborated with Morehouse School of Medicine on writing a guidebook " Addressing Sexual Abuse of Persons with Disabilities"
- Created curriculum for church leaders that sensitizes and equips ministries to tend to the needs of the disabled

On Going Calendar:

Disabled Georgians Oral History Project/ Founder's Day/ Annual Day of Inclusion/ Gospel Concert/ Kwanzaa Program/ Book Signing/ Speaking Tours / Call: 770/987-7684

Disabled Talk 2- blogtalkradio.com – Listen every Sunday @ 6:00- 8:00 PM- Dial – 646/ 929-1805 (punch #1 to speak)

A BOOK REVIEW



Chasing Norma: A guide for the newly disabled. Dinah Chadoir Federer. 2005. Distynet Solutions, LLC, Holland, Ohio..

"There's nothing easy about a disability...." p. 60. Dinah Federer has put together an easy to read, understandable guide for the newly disabled. Born with a disability and then acquiring a new disability as an adult, she uses her journey and her skills as a vocational rehabilitation counselor help readers to see her

story's relevance to their own situations. Grieving the loss of abilities and life as they were are part of the healing process necessary to get on with one's life. She has helpful suggestions and conveys hope and joy in, at times, a lighthearted way. Chapters are short and include, Describing Blue, Feeding Your Spirit, Talk about "IT", Loneliness, Resistance, Watching for Miracles, For Family and Friends, and much more. Each chapter lists its points at the

end and has space for readers to write their thoughts. Interspersed throughout the book are wonderful photographs and quotes from famous people. "You can allow your disability to be your catalyst rather than your stumbling block. Let it speak new growth for you, rather than being what breaks you," p. 80. For the newly disabled and their families and friends, this book may be a useful tool along the journey.