

Jon Sheptock

Making Life's Challenges God's Victories

**Think you have
challenges?**



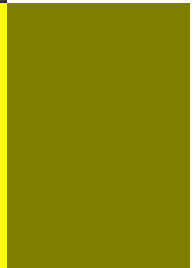
**“Don't fear bad news. Don't
worry about what might
happen. Settle in your heart
that Jehovah is going to
take care of you.”**



**HEAR
HIS
TESTIMONY**



**Think you
have
issues?**



**Think you
want to
give up hope?**

**AND HIS
SONG**



**If you answered
YES to any of these
questions...**



...join us

Every so often you meet an individual who changes your perspective of life, and Jon Sheptock is one of those people. Instead of viewing life as a glass half empty, Jon's glass truly overflows. He possesses that unique quality that makes you feel at ease the instant you enter his presence. Though you are initially stunned by his physical disabilities, you are just as quickly astonished by the anointing that God has on his life. The grace that lives inside this young man is one of the biggest miracles of all. You notice that his is different in more ways than physically—it's the inner miracle in him that makes him so special. Jon will be the first to acknowledge that it is all God because he would be incapable of dealing with his challenges himself.

Jon Sheptock was born in New Jersey in 1976 with a very unusual affliction. He had no arms and a short right leg. He was truly more than his birthmother could bring herself to see and without even holding her baby boy, she turned him over to the State.

Fortunately for Jon, after six months in foster care, he was adopted by an amazing couple who felt it was God's calling upon their own lives to give a home to unwanted and afflicted children. All together the Sheptock family included 27 adopted children, 7 biological and 3 adopted grandchildren—so there are a total of 37 Sheptocks!

Jon was not physically able to do many of the things that most children take for granted. But as a Sheptock, feeling sorry for oneself simply was not an option.

When he was a small boy and could not crawl, he scooted in a sitting position, or slid against the wall instead. When he could not hold a pencil with his hands, he instinctively drew by using his feet. At the age of four and a half, as he was still struggling to be mobile, his Dad told him to walk during a prayer meeting and to everyone's astonishment, he stood up for the first time and did just that.

Somewhere in the midst of these miraculous developments, he could what was to him an

even more precious ability. He found his 'voice.' At only three years of age, God revealed His special calling to Jon and that sweet young child realized that he had a gift of his own: he could sing!

Life hasn't always been a box of chocolates for Jon. He has been through more than any able-bodied person could possibly understand. The stares, sense of abandonment, self-doubt, being ridiculed, and even spit on as a young boy was what Jon became accustomed to. In his teenage years he had a particularly hard time not knowing where he fit in. He contemplated suicide, but instead he gave his life fully to Christ and found that with God anything is possible. Jon is literally a poster child for God's miracles.

God has blessed Jon beyond his wildest dreams; he has a supportive family, a wonderful Christian wife, and two beautiful daughters and a baby on the way.

His musical journey has also taken flight; when Jon was a young boy his father would call him in to watch Bill Gaither and the Homecoming series on TV. His dad said, "Son, this is as close to Heaven as we will ever get." Today those dreams have transformed into realities of John's. He has had the chance to perform with Bill Gaither on tour and has been asked personally by Bill to participate in other opportunities with him.

Jon is a walking example of the miracles God has in store for you, too. If He can take an abandoned baby boy with no arms and a short right leg, what more can He do for you?

Do what Jon does and take your own life's challenges and turn them into victories for God. He will take you places you have never even dreamed of.

