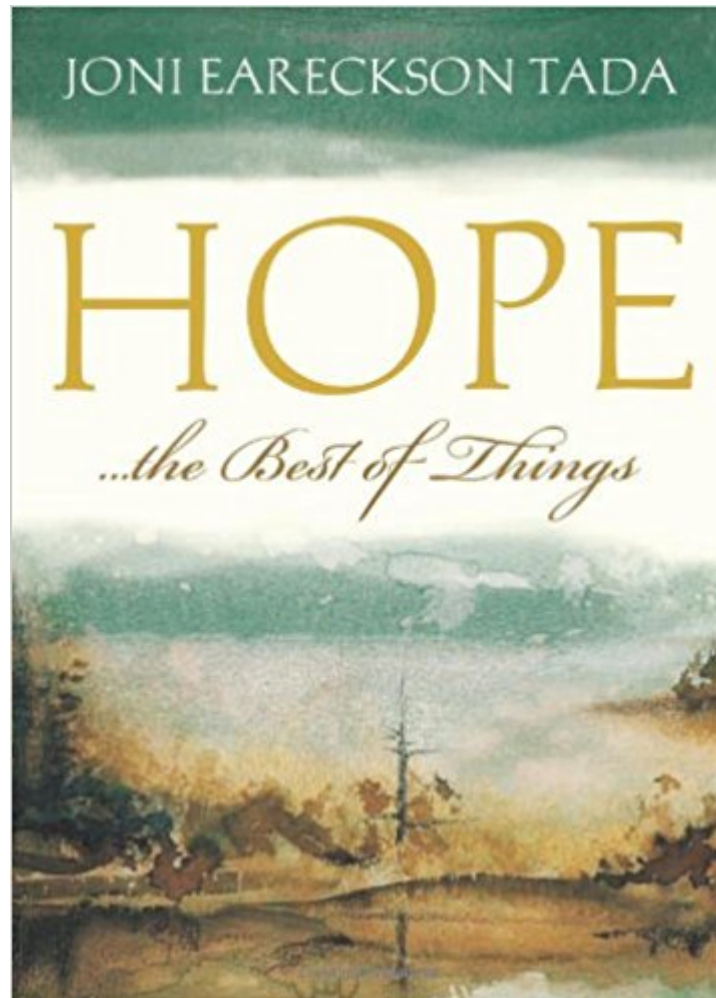




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# Hope...the Best Of Things



## Synopsis

One thing has saved her: the heaven-sent hope found only in Christ. If hope is scarce in your life, this special booklet will draw you-toward a fresh perspective on suffering, true scriptural encouragement, and this beloved author's hard-won insights about the goodness of God. In her life's journey Joni has learned to meet suffering on God's terms. She has learned that joy is for real. And most of all, she has learned that hope is the best of things when we give it a chance. This book powerfully communicates all these truths from someone who has lived them, so that you can live them too, no matter what you're going through.

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## Customer Reviews

Joni Eareckson Tada is founder and CEO of the Joni and Friends International Disability Center, which ministers to thousands of disabled people and their families through programs of practical encouragement and spiritual help. She is also an artist and the author of numerous best-selling books such as *Joni*; *Heaven: Your Real Home*; and *When God Weeps*.

I am a soldier in USARPAC stationed in Alaska. I am a woman who gets injured more easily in the Army than I did in civilian life. I have been dealing with bad ankle issues since I was stationed up here, and then during deployment it got a whole lot worse. Once back from deployment the doctors kept telling me oh you just sprained it, they give me pills and a piece of paper that says I can't run on it for so long. I have been getting this from the doctors since 2010. It is mid 2013 and I just now

have been blessed with surgery, my ankle was a lot worse than the docs ever thought. I won't go into details, I will walk again, but I may not run like I used to and I dearly enjoyed running. I have been dealing very badly with depression because this injury kept coming up, even with surgery I am battling depression. Because now my husband has to help me with simple things and he is not home much, we are both military. I go back on duty soon, but won't be able to do much...I get so frustrated not being able to do much at all. This book has taken me out of the depths of the black abyss I have been living in and has pulled me into the light! I pray you read this because I fully intend to share this book with all those I meet. This book is saving my life, my marriage, my hopes, my dreams, and my faith. I thank God for Joni everyday, and if God can use a wonderful woman such as herself I know he can use me in others lives. I have been dealing with these health issues, financial issues, negativity at work because I am a woman, amongst so many other things. But this book will be in my top 5 to read every month to help keep me focused on stars not mud. I will share with you one short phrase I learned from another woman then I will go: Two women looked through prison bars, One saw mud the other saw Stars. I don't know who wrote that but I am now focusing on the stars!

How could any of us go on without hope? Perhaps you are in a difficult place right now, with problems weighing down heavily on you. Would you like some hope in this dark time? Joni Eareckson-Tada has some encouraging words for you in her book

“Hope: The Best Of All Things.” Joni knows a thing or two about hope. After suffering an accident as a teenager that left her a quadriplegic, she struggled with the loss of hope. But in that dark place, God met with her in a powerful way, and now Joni travels the world to minister to those in deepest hopelessness. “Hope” is a short book, but it’s packed with new perspectives for those battling depression and darkness. Joni will share with you some of her own experiences as well as the experiences and insights of others to give your soul the oxygen it needs: a fresh breath of hope! Whether you are going through a battle, or you know someone who is, “Hope” will be a welcome light for a dark place.

“We glory in our sufferings, Because suffering produces perseverance; Perseverance, character; And character, hope.” (Romans 5:3, 4 NIV)---We struggle through our sufferings, we drown in currents of woe, We all have stories of

distress, whose origin we may not know. But determination will build slowly over time, A glowing perseverance among our earthly grime. It builds to a point we really do not deserve, A city on a hill, a light, for all to observe. Then finally, a promise catches us by surprise, Blessings flow and gush right before our very eyes. It's a golden chain of blessings after all, Suffering - perseverance - character - hope. Designed by the Master to help us cope. It's for our own good and in the end, it will be understood. Suffering was shared by Jesus, the One who also once withstood. So fear not, for the Holy Spirit is with you all the time, Hang onto the hope and use it to get through the daily grind. ©2016 Steven J. Brown

Nobody earns the right to be heard more than those Christian saints who have been "refined in the fire." In this little booklet Tada (a quadriplegic for the past four decades - who speaks, writes, and paints with a brush in her mouth) shares some encouraging words for those who are "in the fire" of suffering. I think that this little booklet is useful to read before, during, or after suffering as the thesis of Tada is centralized on the eventual glory we will experience because of the promises of Christ in the Scriptures. The Four Chapters Are: 1) Hope is Hard to Come By - Tada discusses her and our battle with suffering and our selfish nature that only God can deliver us from - "He [God] wanted me to reckon myself dead--dead to sin--because if God can raise the dead, you'd better believe he could raise me out of my hopelessness." 2) Meeting Suffering and Joy on God's Terms - She writes, "To this you were called because Christ suffered for you, leaving you this kind of example that you should follow. He endured the cross for the joy that was set before him (Heb. 12:2). Should we expect to do less? So then, join me; boast in your afflictions. Delight in your infirmities. Glory in your weaknesses, for then you know that Christ's power rests in you (2 Cor. 12:9)." 3) Hope is Contagious - "Hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things. And no good thing ever dies. But we live in a dark, diseased world under the curse of sin. Hell is real. And God owes this utterly rebellious planet absolutely nothing. But aren't you glad that he is a God of love, not wanting anyone to perish? And he is out to convince this unbelieving, sarcastic, skeptical world of his power to save, his abilities to sustain, and his desire to share his hope." 4) Misery May Love Company but Joy Craves a Crowd - "And one day I'm going to leave this wheelchair behind. I cannot wait. I may have suffered with Christ on earth, but one day in heaven I'm going to reign with him." In this little booklet Tada is honest about her struggles, encouraging in her attitude, and inspiring in her commitment for the cause of Christ in this world. Any Christian who reads this will be inspired -and any non-believer should want what Joni has - the hope of glory in Christ. Everyone has to learn how to suffer, but the Christian does not suffer as one who has no hope - and Joni is a great example of how to live in the

midst of suffering for the glory of God in magnifying Christ.

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