

Joni Eareckson Tada Quotes

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Faith isn't the ability to believe long and far into the misty future. It's simply taking God at His Word and taking the next step.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Nothing is a surprise to God; nothing is a setback to His plans; nothing can thwart His purposes; and nothing is beyond His control.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Heartache forces us to embrace God out of desperate, urgent need. God is never closer than when your heart is aching.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

I want to stay in the habit of 'glancing' at my problems and 'gazing' at my Lord.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

The weaker we feel, the harder we lean on God. And the harder we lean the stronger we grow.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Sometimes God allows what he hates to accomplish what he loves.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

I'd rather be in this wheelchair knowing God than on my feet without him.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

God doesn't just give us grace; He gives us Jesus, the Lord of grace.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

He has chosen not to heal me, but to hold me. The more intense the pain, the closer His embrace.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Each one of us is God's special work of art. Through us, He teaches and inspires, delights and encourages, informs and uplifts all those who view our lives.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Amazing, isn't it, that our prayers...can move the very heart of God who created the universe?

~Joni Eareckson Tada

The greatest good suffering can do for me is to increase my capacity for God.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Maybe the truly handicapped people are the ones that don't need God as much.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

...we will stand amazed to see the topside of the tapestry and how God beautifully embroidered each circumstance into a pattern for our good and His glory.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

God's purpose in increasing our trials is to sensitize us to people we never would have been able to relate to otherwise.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

If you had never known physical pain in your life, how could you appreciate the nail scarred hands with which Jesus Christ will meet you?

~Joni Eareckson Tada

A broken life in the hands of God is ripe for blessing.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Most of the verses written about praise in God's Word were voiced by people who were faced with crushing heartaches, injustice, treachery, slander, and scores of other difficult situations.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

The Psalms wrap nouns and verbs around our pain better than any other book.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

When life is rosy, we may slide by with knowing about Jesus, with imitating him and quoting him and speaking of him. But only in suffering will we know Jesus.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

God always seems bigger to those who need him most. And suffering is the tool he uses to help us need him more.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Perspective is everything when you are experiencing the challenges of life.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

God deliberately chooses weak, suffering and unlikely candidates to get His work done, so that in the end, the glory goes to God and not to the person.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

God wrote a book on suffering, and its name is Jesus.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Contentment ... has an internal quietness of heart that gladly submits to God in all circumstances.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

What an encouragement to realize that God has reserved you and me for a special task in His great work. In His hands we're not only useful, but priceless.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Suffering provides the gym equipment on which my faith can be exercised.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Life becomes inspiring, not in spite of the problems and the hard hits, but because of them.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

No other religion, no other, promises new bodies, hearts, and minds. Only in the gospel of Christ do hurting people find such incredible hope.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

God cares most not about making us comfortable, but about teaching us to hate our transgressions and to grow up spiritually to love him.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

There's a big difference between feeling thankful and giving thanks. One response involves emotions, the other, your will. Trusting God has nothing to do with trustful feelings.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

That's what I love about serving God. In His eyes, there are no little people...because there are no big people. We are all on the same playing field

~Joni Eareckson Tada

When we hurt, God doesn't always give us lots of words; he gives us the Word; the Word made flesh who is intimately acquainted with our

grief and suffering. That's what helps the most.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Suffering is arguably God's choicest tool in shaping the character of Christ in us.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Subdue your heart to match your circumstances.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

God lets us continue to feel much of sin's sting through suffering while we're heading for heaven. This constantly reminds us of what we're being delivered from; exposing sin for the poison it is.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

There is nothing that moves a loving father's soul quite like his child's cry.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

The success of God's Word in our lives is linked intrinsically to our application of its truth.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

God points to the peaceful attitude of suffering people to teach others about Himself.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

I had to be healed of my desire to be healed.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Faint hearts are encouraged when they read about others who, despite amputation, spinal cord injury, or psychiatric disorders have a vibrant trust and confidence in God.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Deny your weakness, and you will never realize God's strength in you.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

God is truly on the side of those who work for social justice, especially when we accompany that work with the giving of the Gospel!

~Joni Eareckson Tada

God permits what He hates in order to accomplish something that He loves.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

If you truly believe in the value of life, you care about all of the weakest and most vulnerable members of society.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

My weakness, that is, my quadriplegia, is my greatest asset because it forces me into the arms of Christ every single morning when I get up.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

My longings are best met when, in prayer, I simply let my heart beat in time with the Lord's.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

When we honestly ask God the 'why' question, He doesn't give us answers as much as He gives us Himself.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

The Bible isn't quick to give answers; it mainly gives the Answer.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Faith means being sure of what we hope for now. It means knowing something is real, this moment, all around you, even when you don't see it.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

We're not the paragons of virtue that we'd all like to think we are. And so, to shatter that myth, God will use suffering to expose the stuff of which we're made.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Cancer is such a wake-up call to remind us how high the cosmic stakes really are and how short and brief and frail life really is.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Only God is capable of telling us what our rights and needs are. You have to surrender that right to Him.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Christianity isn't all that complicated ... it's Jesus.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

The times we find ourselves having to wait on others may be the perfect opportunities to train ourselves to wait on the Lord.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

The hallmark of a healthy society has always been measured by how it cares for the disadvantaged.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Every time we go to sleep, it's a rehearsal of the day when our eyes will ultimately close and we wake up on the side of eternity.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

There is this fine line between presenting to You all of my weakness and thinking that it can't be done. In Your strength, I find my own.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Every Christian who keeps looking up stretches his heart's capacity for Heaven.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Believers are never told to become one; we already are one and are expected to act like it.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

My life goal is to see the world's one billion people with disabilities embraced and encouraged by the church.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Thankfully, God brought wise Christian friends alongside to help me discover life-transforming precepts in his Word.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Once the reader firmly grasps the truth of human exceptionalism under our Creator God, then the answers to confusing cultural issues begin to be clear.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

God wants us to be a good example to others who are observing us.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

When we say yes to the grace of God, we are learning how to die.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

You better be very convinced, very sure, before you pull your plug or someone else's plug, that you know what's on the other side of the gravestone.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

In the Christian faith, God really puts suffering front and center. He doesn't get squeamish about it.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Now, most people who suffer realize that the Bible contains answers for their plight; they just don't know where to look.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

I wished God were like He used to be, a few notches lower. I wanted Him to be lofty enough to help me but not so uncontrollable. I longed for His warm presence, times when He seemed more safe.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Some people tend to believe that I'm a strong believer, a strong Christian, but that's not true. I'm not a strong believer. I'm very weak.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

I was in every club and extra-curricular activity at high school, and I was in the National Honor Society.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Americans are nervous; Americans are restless; and what troubles me the most is that Americans are uncharacteristically pessimistic.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

How can we bless at one moment and curse at another?

~Joni Eareckson Tada

The problem of suffering is not about something but about someone.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

It always helps to know that other parents with special-needs children are surviving, and surviving well.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

The Bible is replete with commands to persevere, especially in the face of injustice.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

Even in my despair, I knew in a vague way that the Bible held hope for me in its pages. I just didn't know where to begin.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

The truths of the Bible are never just abstract concepts; they're always related to real people.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

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