

# Resources and Encouragement for Seasons of Sickness and Suffering

## Media

[A Spectacle of Glory: An Interview with Joni Eareckson Tada](#) (Watermark Community Church)

[If I have enough faith, will God heal me?](#) (Real Truth, Real Quick)

[Lessons from a Hospital Bed by John Piper](#) (full book available for PDF download)

[Don't Waste Your Cancer by John Piper](#) (full book available for PDF download)

[God Heals all our Diseases – Really?](#) (John Piper Desiring God)

[Worth Every Second: Vaneetha's Joy in Suffering](#) (Vaneetha Rendall Risner Desiring God)

[A Song for the Suffering](#) (Shane and Shane with John Piper)

[God's Purpose in Caregiving](#) (Watermark Community Church)

[What Standing in God's Grace Looks Like](#) (Watermark Community Church)

[John Piper, David Platt, and Matt Chandler on God's Goodness in Your Pain](#) (The Gospel Coalition)

[How do I Honor God in Chronic Pain?](#) (John Piper Desiring God)

[If God is so Good, Why does He let me Hurt?](#) (Sue Bohlin blog post)

[8 Ways God Works Suffering for Our Good](#) (Tim Challies)

## Songs

"Sovereign" – Chris Tomlin

"Lord, I Need You" – Matt Maher

"Though You Slay Me" – Shane and Shane

"It is Well" – Kristene Dimarco, Bethel Music

"Healer" – Kari Jobe

"Shoulders" – for King & Country

"Worn" – Tenth Avenue North

"Warrior" – Steven Curtis Chapman

"Trust in You" – Lauren Daigle

"Never Once" – Matt Redman

"Because He Lives" – David Crowder Band

"You Never Let Go" – Matt Redman

## Books

[Walking with God through Pain and Suffering](#) by Timothy Keller

[Beyond Suffering Bible](#) by Tyndale House Publishers and Joni Eareckson Tada

[A Spectacle of Glory: God's Light Shining through Me Every Day](#) by Joni Eareckson Tada

[When God Weeps](#) by Joni Eareckson Tada

[Suffering and the Sovereignty of God](#) by John Piper and Justin Taylor

[If God is Good: Faith in the Midst of Suffering and Evil](#) by Randy Alcorn

[A Place of Healing](#) by Joni Eareckson Tada

## Scripture

### **2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

### **Isaiah 40:28-31**

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

### **Deuteronomy 31:6**

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.

### **Matthew 28:28-30**

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

### **Psalms 18:6**

In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

### **Psalms 46:1**

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

### **2 Corinthians 1:3-6**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer.

### **Romans 5:3-5**

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

### **Philippians 4:13**

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

### **James 1:2-4**

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

### **John 16:33**

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

### **Isaiah 43:2**

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

### **Psalms 73:26**

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

### **1 Peter 5:7**

Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.