

Video Transcript:
INTRODUCTION TO THE BEYOND SUFFERING BIBLE

Male 1: Accidents, disabilities, isn't God in control of life?

Male 2: Is there purpose in suffering and disability?

Female 1: Can anything good come from these horrible things?

Male 2: What can I do?

Female 2: How do I face chronic illness?

Female 3: Where is hope in chronic pain?

Male 3: Will there ever be rest and relief?

Joni Eareckson Tada: We live in a world that is hurting. Some are in physical pain. Others are dealing with emotional agony. Spiritual battles, trying to shoulder the overwhelming weight of caregiving or living with a chronic illness, people all around us are suffering. Though it can seem we are an island we aren't alone and we don't have to face struggles alone.

Having personally lived with chronic pain and in a wheelchair for over 50 years I know the heartbreak, the isolation and deep anguish. But I also know the joy that can come even amidst some of life's darkest hours.

Though pain, illness, stress, fatigue all can leave us feeling alone – we are not alone. The numbers are staggering: more than one in five people in the U.S. live with some type of physical disability. Ten million people a year experience a serious mental illness. One in six Americans are dealing with chronic health conditions. And this doesn't include the countless caregivers or loved ones who come alongside us. But most of all God has not left us for a nano second.

That is why I and my team here at Joni and Friends want to introduce you to the new Beyond Suffering Bible. We know that for millennia people have turned to the Bible, their family, their friends to find hope in the midst of endless suffering, But for the first time there is a Bible specifically created for those who suffer and those that love them.

This Bible can help people understand how in the middle of the suffering, in times of unspeakable pain God is near. He wants to hold our hands as he guides us through the rough waters. This is a Bible that opens our spiritual eyes to what God has for each us. How He can take us beyond suffering into His hope that is endless.

It is full of notes, features, sidebars, and devotionals that underscore the goodness of God in the midst of pain... it helps people grasp what true healing is all about... and it points them to passages that instill courage and hope.