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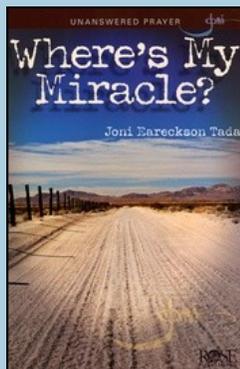
2016 UPCOMING MEETINGS

Saturdays
2-4 PM
September 10
October 8
November 12

Email us for
meeting location in
Brownsburg, IN



In the event of bad weather or change in meeting location, we will notify on Facebook, and email, text or call before the meeting.



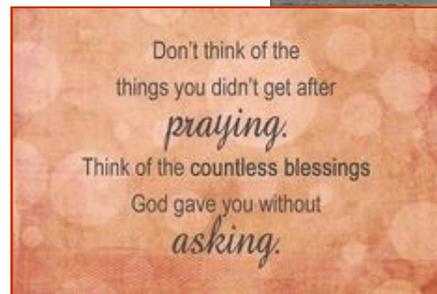
SEPTEMBER SPECIAL GIFT

Join us each month to receive a beautiful, inspirational 14 page laminated pamphlet by author Joni Eareckson Tada.

Join Us on September 10 "Tackling the Tough Questions"



WHEN GOD GIVES YOU A "NO,"
GIVE HIM A "THANK YOU."
HE WAS PROTECTING YOU
FROM LESS THAN HIS BEST.
Spiritual Inspiration



July Topic: "UNANSWERED PRAYERS" *Where's My Miracle?*

Quotes from Joni Eareckson Tada's pamphlet:

THERE IS HEALING IN THANKFULNESS

"When it began to sink in that my hands and legs would never move again a friend showed me from Scripture that, like it or not, I was to 'give thanks in all circumstances' (2 Thessalonians 5:18). I wasn't given the option to give thanks when things were going good. The Bible was telling me to *give* thanks, not to 'feel thankful'. This was a command. *Grit your teeth if you have to, Joni, and give thanks.*

As months went by, I gave thanks I was able to go to physical therapy. Feeding myself was something else for which I could give thanks. I could sit in my wheelchair all afternoon without losing breath or energy. Soon a miracle occurred. I began to *feel* thankful. It was as though God rewarded me for taking that step of thankfulness. This fresh, bright attitude spurred me on further to give thanks for more things, greater things.

That's when my life began to change and joy and peace filled my days. Was I still in the wheelchair? Yes. But I had made God the desire of my heart, and He had given me a spirit of gratitude. Living with quadriplegia and still smiling? *That's quite a miracle!*"

**I WILL GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD BECAUSE OF HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS
AND WILL SING PRAISE TO THE NAME OF THE LORD MOST HIGH.**

PSALM 7:17





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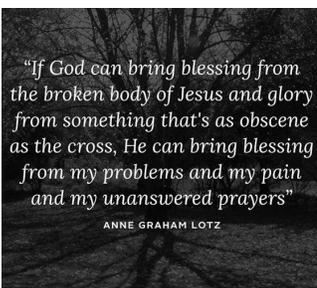
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2 Corinthians 1:3-4

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."



Marie Miller - HKI Facilitator



Good Things That Can Come Even If God Chooses Not to Heal

(Joni Eareckson Tada in "Where's My Miracle?" pamphlet)

- Pain and discomfort get our minds off the temporary things of this world and force us to think about God. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)
• Suffering drives us into His Word more than usual. (Psalm 119:71)
• Trials knock us off our proud pedestals and get us relying on God. (2 Corinthians 12:7)
• When we have to depend on God to get us through each hour, we really get to know Him. (2 Corinthians 1:9)
• Problems also give us the chance to praise God even when it's hard - it also proves to us the depth or shallowness of our own commitment to Him.
• Sometimes sickness serves as God's chastiser to wake us from our sin. (Psalm 119:67) This proves to us that He loves us, for every good father disciplines His children. (Hebrews 12:5-6)
• Sometimes God uses suffering to help us relate to others who are struggling. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)



Notes from Marie:

This month, rather than my words, I would like to share the heart message of Laura Story, who wrote the following song after her husband was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Subsequent to surgery, he lives with deficits in vision and memory. Laura's words touch the heart strings of all who live with chronic illness. Be blessed as you read.

"BLESSINGS"

We pray for blessings, we pray for peace
Comfort for family, protection while we sleep
We pray for healing, for prosperity
And all the while, You hear each spoken need
Yet love is way too much to give us lesser things

'Cause what if your blessings come through rain drops
What if Your healing comes through tears
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise

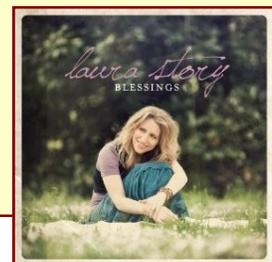
We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear
We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near
We doubt your goodness, we doubt your love
As if every promise from Your word is not enough
And all the while, You hear each desperate plea
And long that we'd have faith to believe

'Cause what if your blessings come through rain drops
What if Your healing comes through tears
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise

When friends betray us
When darkness seems to win
We know that pain reminds this heart
That this is not,
This is not our home
It's not our home

'Cause what if your blessings come through rain drops
What if Your healing comes through tears
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near

What if my greatest disappointments or the aching of this life
Is the revealing of a greater thirst
this world can't satisfy
What if trials of this life
The rain, the storms, the hardest nights
Are your mercies in disguise



2 Corinthians 4: 16-18

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."