

# Top 10

with **Joni Eareckson Tada**

Looking for how to spend good reading time? Watch this column as we introduce you to a "Top 10" suggested reading list from each of our speakers. This month Joni Eareckson Tada shares her picks:



*Here are a list of books I've either listened to on audio pages, read on the plane, or have used in research (fun research actually).*

- 1. Frederick: A Story of Boundless Hope** – Frederick Ndabaramiye and Amy Parker have partnered together to write a most amazing true story about a little boy's heartbreaking journey through the Rwandan War – it'll make you hold your tongue from ever complaining again. But very inspiring, it is!
- 2. Newton on the Christian Life** – I like anything Tony Reinke writes, but his newest work on the life of John Newton is stellar. Tony gives the reader some of the best snippets of wisdom from Newton's many personal letters. Very inspiring!
- 3. Finding Christ in Cancer** – Kathryn Burnham is a fellow PCA member, and this guidebook and devotional gives solid, yet very sweet encouragement to any woman battling cancer.
- 4. The Trinitarian Devotion of John Owen** – edited by Sinclair B. Ferguson, this is a compilation of profound devotional vignettes offered up by one of the most beloved Puritans of that time. For anyone who enjoys reading the Puritans like I do, this is a must.

- 5. All but Normal: Life on Victory Road** – brand new by Shawn Thornton, pastor of Calvary Community Church here in southern California, this amazing story details what it's like to grow up under the roof with a mother who has a serious mental illness. Shawn paints such a poignant picture – and at times gut-wrenching – of life in a chaotic household. If you know Shawn (heard daily on KKLA with his program, All Things New), you'll be amazed by the healing grace of God in his life.

- 6. Miraculous Movements** – For anybody wondering about those stories of Muslims coming to Christ through dreams, well, Jerry Trousdale has done a great job of detailing the true life accounts of these very people. You'll shake your head in wonder at what God's up to in North Africa and the Middle East!

- 7. Extravagant Grace: God's Glory Displayed in Our Weakness** – Barbara R. Duguid is a favorite speaker at the GospelCoalition.org women's conferences, and in this book she does something you'll rarely read about in contemporary works: she focuses how the work of weakness exposes sin in our lives... and the glory to God that comes out of it. Wow.

- 8. The Man in the Mirror** – Pat Morley definitely wrote this one with my husband in mind, I think. Because I'm interested in anything my husband Ken likes to read, I'm convinced this is one of the best 'guy books' around.

- 9. Lessons from a Hospital Bed** – brand new by John Piper, this little book contains wonderful lessons and reminders every Christian should cleave to when laid up with a long illness, or an extended hospital stay. I had the pleasure of writing the Foreword (I guess he knows I know hospitals well).

- 10. Dangerous Love: A True Story of Tragedy, Faith, and Forgiveness in the Muslim World** – written by Ray Norman, professor at Messiah College, it details a personal family tragedy which occurred right after 9/11 when the Norman family were living in North Africa. Gripping!

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Thanks, Joni — your books are always in our top 10! ☺ We're looking forward to these upcoming releases of yours this fall:

*A Spectacle of Glory: God's Light Shining through Me Every Day*

*Beyond Suffering Bible (NLT): Where Struggles Seem Endless, God's Hope Is Infinite*