

“Trust The Lord”

“Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this:”

Psalm 37:4-5 (NIV)

“My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, ‘Where is your God?’”

Psalm 42:3 (NIV)

Psalm 42:3 is a verse that causes many people to nod in agreement. Silently they wondered where God was in their situation. Onlookers taunted them with the question about where their God was now.

Reading Psalm 37:4-5 causes some people to think that it must have been written for some other kind of believer than themselves. Many times they went to the house of God and joyfully sang His praise but now life does not seem joyful as they lie ill in bed, or try to move their wheelchair from one room to another in their home.

Joni Eareckson Tada’s life story demonstrates the dilemma some believers are caught in as they resign themselves to a life of apparent futility and sorrow. As a new Christian she was involved in a diving accident that left her a per-

manent quadriplegic. Over the years she says she has found despair and confusion of mind her travelling companions. Reading her testimony reveals the fact she still struggles with her condition each day after decades of such a confining life.

Yet she has become a successful author, painter, radio host and wife among other things. Each day she says that she must seek the Lord for grace to go through the day, grace to smile, grace to be thankful for the mercies God sends her way in the context of her many issues. In 2010 she began a journey with cancer and is still trusting the Lord on a daily basis.

Another travelling companion Joni has is Christian “hope”. She has an insatiable appetite for heaven, her true home, her ultimate hope. She keeps in front of her the knowledge that

some day she will be released from the physical bondage of her immobile body and she will run, dance, jump, and walk around seeing the amazing things reserved just for her in her Father’s house.

Can you look beyond the present to the glorious future that God has been preparing for those who love Him? Can you endure the present visible sorrow by looking past it to the innumerable glories of eternity? Can you trust the Lord with the present problems knowing that He will finally give you the desires of your heart? May God’s grace be given you in abundance today so that you too will look past the present to the marvellous future awaiting all the children of God.