



HEAVEN RULES: WHEN SUFFERING AND SOVEREIGNTY COLLIDE

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1. What are ways people naturally tend to cope during hard times that are ultimately self-defeating?
2. When Jesus went to the cross, He “took the bullet” for our sins which proves His love. Has Jesus earned your full trust? Are there times when you doubt His love?
3. God is sovereign which means every Bible promise is guaranteed. God is good which means His promises have your best interest at heart. Is this truth easy or hard for you to grasp?
4. When we trust God’s promises we have a glorious opportunity to testify to His goodness no matter how painful or confusing. Is there something hard in your life that you can testify God is good?
5. “O God, ‘Your promises have been thoroughly tested, and your servant loves them’” (Psalm 119:140) has kept Joni from saying, “I just can’t do this. I’m so tired of this. I can’t live like this.” Discuss how the latter type of speech fuels anxiety and steals glory from God. How are you learning to trust God over your feelings?
6. In what situations do you most need to exchange the promises of God for His guaranteed grace and blessings?
7. Joni shared promises of God that give her courage. What other promises can you add to the list?

Joshua 1:9

2 Chronicles 16:9

Psalm 18:6; 34:19; 116:1; 119:50, 140

Isaiah 26:3; 35:5–10; 43:2–3

Jeremiah 32:40–41

Matthew 10:22

2 Corinthians 1:20; 4:8; 4:17

8. How can you personally apply Joni’s challenge to aim high with our lives and to enlarge our soul’s

