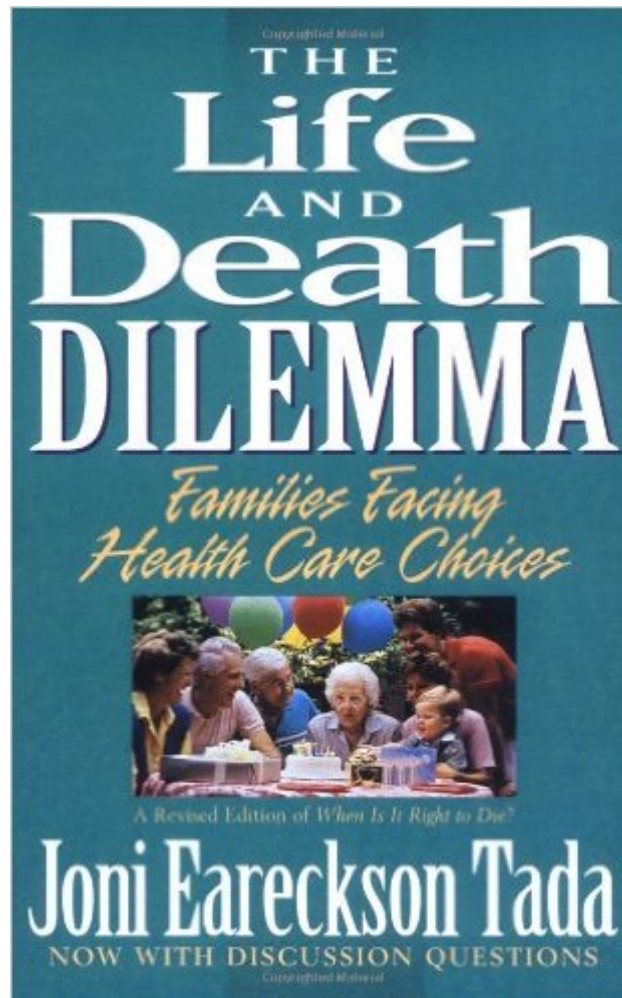


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# Life And Death Dilemma, The



## Synopsis

You might be standing by the bedside of an ill or dying family member, facing agonizing moral and medical choices. Or you may be struggling with a disability, asking questions that seem to have no answers. Where can you find practical encouragement and realistic perspective to help you make the best decisions? Joni Eareckson Tada, herself a quadriplegic, helps you and your family tackle the hard questions about death, illness, and suffering, such as: - Is it ever right to choose death, either for yourself or a suffering loved one? - How can I make the best decisions in a medical crisis? - Where is God in the unanswerable questions? - Are our rights being protected? Stories of real people who have faced life-and-death decisions, practical suggestions for coping in crisis, and scriptural insight on the meaning of life help you find hope and answers in difficult situations. From the legal facts to the human factor, Joni brings a unique perspective to what makes life worth living and how to make health care choices with dignity, wisdom, and compassion. *The Life and Death Dilemma*, written with families' needs in mind, offers help and insight for those who are disabled, dying, or terminally ill. Complete with practical questions at the end of each chapter and full of relevant case studies, it offers help and guidance through one of the toughest issues families must face.

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Has your family ever wrestled with a life and death crisis? Have you ever been forced to wonder:"Are we prolonging Grandpa's life, or just causing him pain, or should we 'let him go?'"The doctors say she has no chance of coming out of this coma. She is only a child! Do we keep her alive

any longer?" "He says he refuses to be a burden on us, he feels like he would be taking something away from someone who needs it more. He says he will kill himself first." These plain, flat words do not carry the distress of such a time, not at all. On the inside of the crisis we might feel no one understands our private pain, on the outside looking in we might feel that these are all private crises, with private choices to be made. Joni reminds us "These crises are not private. While straining to cope with their own pain, people are learning that they are part of a confusing debate in society over medical issues ranging from physician-assisted suicide to rationed health care... The pain and confusion expressed by people in crisis has made it fashionable to (and compassionate according to some) to talk about a simple yet deadly solution: Give it up. It's not worth the pain." I have felt since I first met her books that Joni was the woman to talk about life, death and suicide/euthanasia. She knew the desperation of daily pain- let her tell you about it! "I had absolutely no idea of how I could find purpose in just existing day after day- waking, eating, watching tv, sleeping. Why on earth should a person be forced to live out such a dreary existence? How I prayed for some accident or miracle to kill me. The mental and spiritual anguish was as unbearable as the physical torture." What if it is not a loved one you are watching- what if it is you?

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