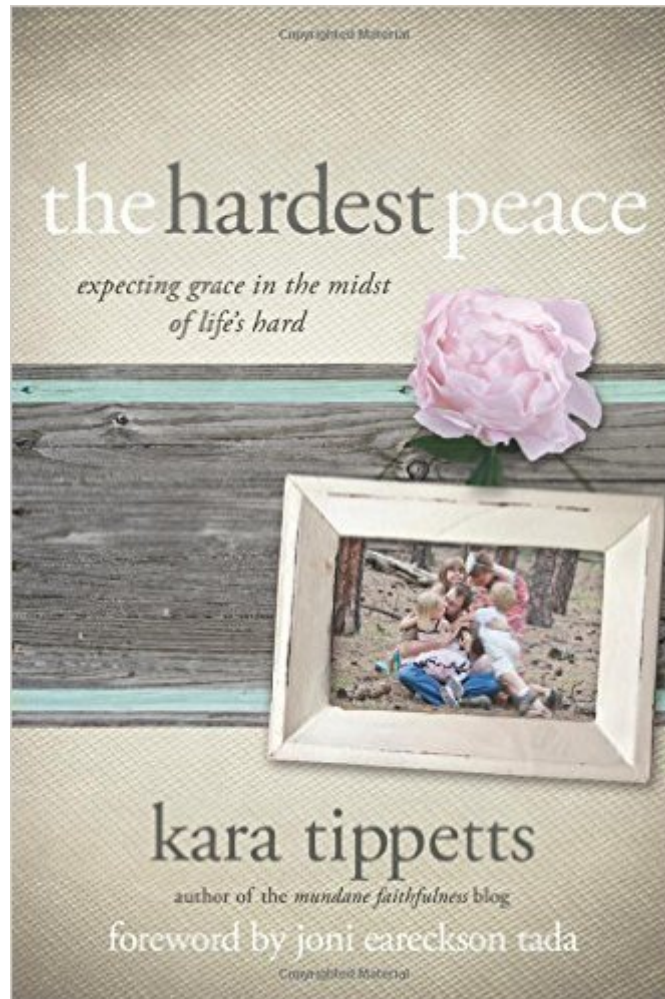


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# The Hardest Peace: Expecting Grace In The Midst Of Life's Hard



## Synopsis

Kara Tippetts knows the ordinary days of mothering four kids, the joy of watching her children grow ... and the devastating reality of stage-four cancer. In *The Hardest Peace*, Kara doesn't offer answers for when living is hard, but she asks us to join her in moving away from fear and control and toward peace and grace. Most of all, she draws us back to the God who is with us, in the mundane and the suffering, and who shapes even our pain into beauty. Winner of the 2015 Christian Book Award® in the Inspiration category.

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## Customer Reviews

I started reading "the Hardest Peace" yesterday afternoon and rarely put it down until I finished it this a.m. Now a little background. I have been following Kara's blog for awhile. When she was here in WNC, her once hometown in the Blue Ridge, Appalachian Mtns., I attended her conference. I purposely didn't buy the book as I thought, "I've heard her speak, followed her blog. This will be just another book to languish on my dusty bookshelves." Nay Nay, Nannette, I was wrong. I felt a strong urge last week to read this and also purchase one for a friend who personally knew Kara. The book is, objectively, a good read and much more. Of course, as you would surmise from Kara's background based, it is based on Christian teachings. If you are not a Christian or have had a rocky road with Christianity, please don't let that prevent you from reading this book. This is a voice "in the wilderness" in my multitude of opinions. This is a raw and utterly transparent heart speaking to mothers, wives, women, men and husbands who at anytime experience the loneliness of the

human condition.....Truly, I was astonished at what I read.

The Hardest Peace is a must read for everyone. This is not another "cancer" story. This is God's story of grace and love written throughout the life of Kara Tippetts. It is a story that will not only touch your heart, but cause you to begin to look at your own life's story through the lens of God's unfailing love. Through Kara's beautiful telling of God's faithfulness in the hard story for her life, she shows us the importance of embracing God's calling in our life; letting go of the "idol" image we have created of what our life should look like and trust Him. She demonstrates the importance of showing BIG love in small, every day moments like folding laundry for her kids, snuggling tight to read a bedtime story or time spent across from her spouse with a good cup of coffee. It all matters. Every. Single. Moment. Kara shares her hurts, fears and impossibly difficult moments with such love and grace that it moves us to begin to be honest about our own hard that we often want to keep hidden. With encouragements like, "Hard is not the absence of God's goodness." Kara helps us to know God's goodness is near "even in hard places.

Although written by a mom with stage IV cancer, this book is a must read for the young, the old, men, women, cancer, no cancer. Kara shares the life-changing truths that she has learned while fighting cancer and facing death. She blesses the reader by sharing these truths and teaching us how to show big love to our families and others, living within strong community, and embracing every small moment. You will laugh with her, you will cry for her, and you will not finish this book unchanged by her story. Reading how she has learned to live while dying will bless you more than you can imagine. Put this at the top of your list. Don't wait another day to receive her insight on how to live well, every day.

This is a wonderful book that will encourage you to live better, love bigger. It is a book that will show you how God supplies the grace you need even when your days aren't what you expected or maybe hoped for. I am blessed to know this author personally. She was my very best friend for many years while we shared the blessing of being stay at home mom's together. She lives what she writes and that is what I love best about this book!! Take the time to read this book, you will be so glad you did!! It will encourage your heart!!

I was able to hear Kara speak at a womens retreat in NC. She is amazing and so inspirational. This

book and her story will touch your heart in so many ways. She will help you to realize that Jesus is in the hard with you and that hard is just hard. She will teach you to love big to everyone around you!

Kara is a grace gift. Her heart has been spilled out across these pages. In "The Hardest Peace," Kara speaks truth in tenderness and love. She speaks to the child, the spouse, the mamma, the friend. She pleads with her readers- her friends- to love BIG, not just in the important parts of life, but in all the little parts! God gave Kara an amazing gift to write honestly and fairly about her battle with cancer, but more importantly, about her battle to choose to seek out grace and love and to truly live in all the moments she has been given. This is not just another book about cancer. This is a book about life that is lived abundantly, a life that each reader can experience through the wonderful love of a Father who freely gives grace and peace to His children, in the beauty of the hard. Kara points her readers to the cross. "Jesus didn't have to extend His love... He didn't have to rewrite my story from one of beauty to one of brokenness and create a whole new brand of beauty...He overcame my fear of death in that unbelievable, beautiful moment, and the fruit of that death, that resurrection, and that stunning grace is peace. It is the hardest peace, because it is brutal... but it is the greatest, greatest story that ever was. And it was, and it is."

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