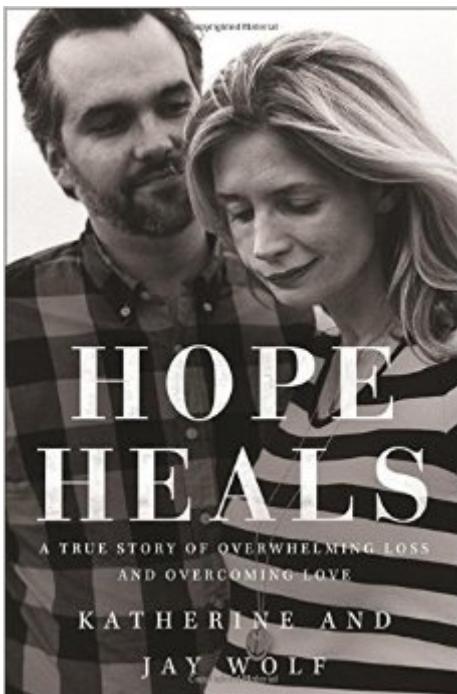


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# Hope Heals: A True Story Of Overwhelming Loss And An Overcoming Love



## Synopsis

When all seems lost, where can hope be found? Katherine and Jay married right after college and sought adventure far from home in Los Angeles, CA. As they pursued their dreams, they planted their lives in the city and in their church community. Their son, James, came along unexpectedly in the fall of 2007, and just 6 months later, everything changed in a moment for this young family. On April 21, 2008, as James slept in the other room, Katherine collapsed, suffering a massive brain stem stroke without warning. Miraculously, Jay came home in time and called for help. Katherine was immediately rushed into micro-brain surgery, though her chance of survival was slim. As the sun rose the next morning, the surgeon proclaimed that Katherine had survived the removal of part of her brain, though her future recovery was completely uncertain. Yet in that moment, there was a spark of hope. Through 40 days on life support in the ICU and nearly 2 years in full-time brain rehab, that spark of hope was fanned into flame. Defying every prognosis, with grit and grace, Katherine and Jay, side by side, struggled to regain a life for Katherine as she re-learned to talk and eat and walk. Returning home with a severely disabled body but a completely renewed purpose, they committed to celebrate this gift of a second chance by embracing life fully, even though that life looked very different than they could have ever imagined. In the midst of continuing hardships and struggles, both in body and mind, Katherine and Jay found what we all long to find...hope, hope that heals the most broken place, our souls. An excruciating yet beautiful road to recovery has led the Wolf family to their new normal, in which almost every moment of life is marked with the scars of that fateful April day in 2008. Now, eight years later, Katherine and Jay are stewarding their story of suffering, restoration, and Christ-centered hope in this broken world through their ministry *Hope Heals*.

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Have you ever found yourself without any hope? I certainly have. Have you ever wondered if you could make it through the challenge that you faced? I do often. From time to time, we all find ourselves in the storms of life, struggling, suffering, or succumbing to the pressures around us. Jay and Katherine Wolf faced the most difficult of challenges any of us could imagine, and they made it through. So can you. I first met Jay when we sang together in the A-cappella Choir at Samford University. Back then, I knew him as Jason, which I later came to realize meant "Jayâ™s Son". As part of the choir, we had the opportunity to go on tour together throughout the US and one year even had the privilege to go with the choir on a trip to Russia. Still, I didnâ™t know him all that well at that time, and we were in pretty different circles. In recent days however, Iâ™ve had the honor and privilege to get to know Jay better. No one could have imagined the horrible pain that he would go through eight years ago when after only 3 1/2 years of marriage, and with their six-month-old son sleeping in the next room, his wife, Katherine, suffered a massive brain stem stroke. In their new book, *Hope Heals: A True Story of Overwhelming Loss and an Overcoming Love*, Katherine and Jay Wolf recount the breathtaking true story of the incredible challenges that they suffered when Katherine experienced her stroke. More importantly, they tell of the hope that came in the midst of that suffering. *Hope Heals* is one of those books that is really difficult to put down once you start reading it. Not only is it difficult to put down, but whether youâ™re a male or female, I would suggest you have some tissues nearby as you read it. Jay and Katherine have a unique ability to pull you into their story.

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