



Pastor's Comments

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Quadriplegic Thanks God

Prior to Carl Edwards' car accident that left him a quadriplegic over a year ago, he had regularly attended all of our church services. He was in hospitals for about two months before he was able to attend a service again. What a joy it was to hear his voice again lifted up in worship, thanks, and praise to the Lord! When I asked him to share some words, he **gratefully expressed his appreciation to the Lord** for giving back to him the **capability to verbally thank and praise the Lord**. Then he declared he would do so **as long as the Lord gives him breath**. What a challenge to us to **give God the praise that belongs unto Him while we are able to do so!** King David stated in Psalm 63:3-4, ***"My lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live!"*** In Psalm 104:33 he said, ***"I will sing praise to my God while I have my being"*** and in Psalm 146:2 he vowed, ***"While I live will I praise the LORD."***

Many who experience things like Carl's sudden loss of physical capabilities, find it hard to thank God for anything – but not so with Carl who **focuses on what he still has!** He is **thankful his mind was not affected** by the accident and **thankful he can speak**. He is **thankful for his wife, Judy, and all that she does for him**. Knowing how fully dependent he is upon her, he said, ***"If anything happens to her – I'm finished!"*** Above all, he remains **vocally thankful to the Lord for saving him from sin**.

Recently, I asked Carl to speak in the church and he shared about **experiencing a close relationship with God**. I was blessed to hear how the Lord used him to quote so many convicting Scriptural passages he has committed to memory over the years. I urge you to listen to this soul-stirring message at: www.naog.ws/sermons.htm