



# Pastor's Comments

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### Quadriplegic Trusts God

For the first time since his horrible car accident left him a quadriplegic over a year ago, **Carl Edwards presented a soul-stirring sermon** in our church. He could have chosen to speak on how hard it has been to adapt to the immense changes he has had to face as a quadriplegic, but he chose to speak on **experiencing a close relationship with God**. I urge you to hear his message at: [www.naog.ws/sermons.htm](http://www.naog.ws/sermons.htm)

Throughout his difficulties, Carl has **maintained deep confidence in God** like a modern-day Job who, after losing all of his possessions and ten children to disasters, declared, *"The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD!"* I have **never seen Carl display anger against God** or get depressed, or complain about his losses. There is **only one explanation** for this – **his genuine faith in God**. In the hospital, a psychologist talked to Carl to see if he was depressed. Carl told him that **he believes God is sovereign**, that **God loves him**, and that **God will do what is best for him**. Then Carl asked, **"So what is there to be depressed about?"** His **faith in God** and his **close relationship with the Lord** are the **foundations for his good demeanor** and **humor** in his severe troubles. I was visiting him when a hospital worker conducted what she called "trials" to discern his eating capabilities. Carl ate a little of the potatoes and meat and then stated that he had **never before thought of eating as a "trial!"** In another visit, my wife and I were making arrangements to call and have the congregation **sing his favorite song**, *"If You Ever Needed The Lord Before, You Sure Do Need Him Now."* Carl said that song had been his favorite in recent years and that it was even more meaningful to him in his present situation. My wife then said she thought his favorite song was one about heaven, *"See The Bright Light Shine – It's Just About Home Time,"* and he responded, "That would have been – **if things would have gone the other way!"**