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Confidence versus fear

By Johnny Robinson

Fear is gripping America today; we can see it in the economy, in politics, the unemployment levels and international affairs. Every day the news media's tell stories designed to make us more afraid and to sell their stories. Someone from advertisement said; "you can fool some of the people all the time, and that's enough to make a profit." In just a few days, we will celebrate the destructions of the Twin Towers on 9/11. How much energy because of fear and lack of understanding, has been wasted on things that never materialize? It is not the will of God for our lives to be ruled by fear of any kind. The Scriptures tells us that God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and of a sound mind.

That tried and true beliefs that people are known by the company they keep certainly applies when it comes to learning from others experiences on your way to the top. About 2 1/2 years ago, I was introduced to a man by Dr. John Raye. Dr. Raye had written a paper about the life of this man. Since that time, this man and I have become very good friends; we talk with each other at least 4 to 6 times per week and some weeks even more. Because of our friendship and his ways of handling objections and fears, I am dedicating this article to my friend and the story written by Dr. John Raye:

A Paralyzed Man Reinvents Himself

By: Dr. John Raye

He is a self employed, Charlotte, NC - based home owner, who lives and work out of his own home. He does not sweep, mop, cut grass, or do dishes because he is not your typical home owner. Thomas Rorie, at age 54, cannot wiggle his toes, comb his hair, brush his teeth or put a piece of food in his mouth. His kitchen is stocked with an ample supply of food, and help is available to cook and prepare the food. But Rorie cannot even feed himself. Sure, he can chew and swallow. Even while enjoying a good meal, he can laugh, talk to tell funny stories, but this simple act of using a knife, spoon or fork to put food in his own mouth is, at the moment, beyond his capacity. The reality is that Thomas may never be able to feed himself. It has been 22 years since he washed his own face, 22 years since he walked into his own home, and 22 years since he set on a toilet, and exactly 22 years since he wrapped his arms around a woman or held his youngest child on his lap. Never again will he experienced the intimate, personal, physical love of a woman. If he wants to move, someone has to move him; if he is itching and wants to scratch, someone has to scratch for him. His physical limitations are such that on his own, he



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can only move his head, his eyes, his mouth; And His Mind. And while he may enjoy the rich aroma of a morning cup of coffee, he can't hold the cup that holds the coffee.

A tragic auto accident near Washington, DC some 22 years ago took the life of a friend riding in the car with him and left Rorie with a broken neck, pelvic, multiple internal injuries, and a fractured spinal cord that would leave him completely paralyzed from the neck down. So he has legs that cannot walk. Fingers they cannot feel. His arms, his hands and feet are simply human flesh, lying motionless, on a motionless, human body. Imagine a bird without wings, fish without fins, a Tiger without legs. On Thomas Rorie's body, other than his head, nothing moves. Absolutely nothing! "My injuries are pretty severe, pretty close to the same kind that of Christopher Reeves, the man who played Superman, but his was somewhat worse than mine in that he had to be on a ventilator. I don't have to have that. I can breathe on my own. I just can't move or feel anything from my neck down." Rorie said in describing his condition.

Four men are in a car. Black ice is on the road. The car goes airborne, hydroplaning. One man is killed instantly. Two others critically injured. Rorie is trapped in the twisted, mangled wreckage; blood is everywhere, Rorie's neck is broken and his spinal cord crushed. He is airlifted to John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, where doctors tell him what he already knows. "You're not going to walk, run, jump play basketball, chess, checkers or Golf ever again. You are, in fact, never ever going to wipe sweat from your face again, or put your arms around a woman; not even your own child." For the last 22 years he has lived in a bed. He's confined to the Bed 24/7.

"I am what you would call a C-4 C-5, which means the brainstem or cervical spinal column, which extends from the base of the neck down to the tailbone, has been crushed or shattered. The nerve cells inside that spinal column, that is, the nerve endings which carry messages from the brain to the body, has now been smashed, broken, rupture... destroyed." To see him, lying prostate, unable to lift or move hand, leg or foot, chills one's spirit when meeting him for the first time. It is a strange sight, a particular, unnerving sight, to see another human being living in a body where only the head can move.

But don't start planning a pity party for this multitalented, progressive minded, trailblazing entrepreneur just yet. His body may be down and his limitation may be obvious, but Rorie has blessed himself with a don't quit; can't quit attitude. The possessor of a strong intellect, coupled with an iron will, has allowed Rorie's mind to go places where his body may never travel. "It's confining all right. I am pretty much confined to this bed, to this room every day, all day, all night. In some ways, it's like being in prison, like being locked up. But you learn to get over some things; you learn how to handle it. And you learn how to get on with your life." He said, without sadness or even a hint of resignation in his voice.

After nearly 2 years a rehab, Rorie left the D.C. area, relocating back to Charlotte North Carolina, his home and started a new life. Instead of a nursing home, he bought a house, and moves himself into his own home which today is a center of entrepreneurial activities. From his bedroom, he operates and monitors the activities of four flourishing businesses, TR Contractors, Inc., a home repair and weatherization business that does everything from carpentry to plumbing, electrical and general remodeling work. This business, his largest has 8 to 10 employees. "I handle payroll. I sign all the paychecks. I can sign checks because I first signed my name with my teeth and had it implemented on a stamp. So when it's time to do payroll, they bring me the checks, and I do the signing." When not overseeing his busy home construction business, Rorie is fully engaged in his next largest business; music production, publishing and recording. He has constructed the state of the arts, in-home studio, where he records aspiring singers and musicians. He is the boss, the genius, the guiding force behind Bullistic entertainment, his recording company, and Sky's The Limit, his production and distribution company.

"I have a couple of engineers and other staff members, on the contract who helps me operate these two businesses. We're not really open to the general public because I only have so much time, and I kind of pick and choose the projects that I want to work on. We can distribute books, CDs, DVDs, are other materials nationwide because we have contact with independent distributors who handle this aspect of the music business," said Rorie. Even more amazing is Rorie's ability to write, produce, compose and arrange original music. He is also a singer who can sing his own music. With the built in studio near his bedroom, Rorie has recorded two CD's and by using his teeth and sanctified imagination, to design and draw the graphic art for both CD covers.

He recently joined Free Life International, a nutritional and wilderness Supplement Company. One of America's fastest growing companies, marketing products in more than 27 countries. With a mission statement: To serve each other, by promoting good health, well-being, and the opportunity for an abundant life. Thomas feels that this is just in line with his beliefs and priorities. "I'm just interested in helping people, young people especially. My main interest is about helping people who want to help others."

Josephine is with him morning, noon and night. She never sleeps, takes a day off, ask for a break or leave his bedside. "Josephine is the name I gave to my computer generated system. Some people call it the butler. She only responds to my voice. I can tell Josephine to cut off the lights, answer my telephone, open my e-mail, turn on the TV, opened the door, turn on the heat... it's all voice activated, and there are 240 commands that I can give to Josephine, and she always obeys! No bickering or back talk!" said Thomas with a smile. In addition, he directs the day-to-day operation of One Call Development Center, a 501(C-3) non-profit organization that provides assistance to battered women, children and persons who are physically challenge.

Q&A: does he ever get tired? Does he ever gets down, or depressed? How does he stay sane and how does he stay so committed, and deal with a disability that the average person can hardly fathom? Does the fact that he may never walk again bother him? "At first it did. I kept asking myself, why me? Why did this have to happen to me? I did a lot of soul searching, did a lot of meditation work, and somehow, I was able to take my mind off myself. I started to search for the truth. I wanted to connect to God because I wanted some answers, and I finally figured it all out. Instead of why me... why did this happen to me, and now ask, why not me? There are people much worse off than I, and if I can help just one person, then I am at ease. I am at peace with myself, time and chance happens to us all. I am learning to wait on God in the right spirit. You can't conquer that which you refuse to confront. There's no reason to be sad and blue, just count the things that you have to be grateful for. I keep telling myself, your destiny is on the way, your dreams are on the way, and your break through is on the way. It's on the way, if you faint not and keep on believing.

Brother Thomas and I have long chats, and I've heard him say that he choose to fight fear instead of allowing fear to conquer him. So I say to you today, whenever fear comes your way and it will; you'll always have a choice, you don't have to panic and get yourself all worked up in a frightening situation. If you stay focus on God's promises and allow your faith to fight the fear. He will keep you in perfect peace, because your faith is stronger than your fears. I truly give thanks for this brother for helping me to build more confidence in myself and to reaching out and helping others to restore and build more confidence. Many times when I have made two and three-way calls, to help someone that I was talking with, to show them that what they were going through was minimum comparatively speaking to what this brother has and is facing. Others, as they listen to his story, realize that they have so much to be thankful for. Many times we can realize that we have more than enough, if we only use what we have.

Give me a call and let's talk about Confidence versus Fear. We thank you DR. Raye for the use of your article.

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An Eye For Beauty

(NAPSI)—When it comes to looking lovely these days, all eyes are on long, luxurious lashes.

Until now, however, applying glue-on lashes has been somewhat of a sticky situation. Many otherwise high-style women see wearing lashes as too frustrating. You try applying them but they don't position correctly, so you have to take them off and try again—and again.

Fortunately, you can for the first time get an eyelash kit that comes with patent-pending application strings to make applying lashes faster, easier and more comfortable.

With the new Kiss everEZlashes, you simply apply glue to the lash base and, holding both sides of the lash with its string applicators, just place the lash on your eyelid along the natural lash line. Once the glue is completely dry, you just pull the string away.

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