

Q: Describe some of the challenges you have been involved with.

A: I have had many challenges over my 17 year span living with a TBI. I wrecked my car at the tender age of just 19 while under the influence of drugs and alcohol. I was airlifted to a hospital in downtown Augusta, Georgia where I spent 46 days there as a patient in the ICU, 32 of those days in a comma. I was then transferred to a rehabilitation center where I spent two months to the day. I was discharged from Walton Rehab Halloween day 2002, and my grandfather took me home with him. I needed full assistance like a 19 year old baby and my grandfather had to buy me a veil bed before I was even able to come home with him. I spent the next 19 months of my life in outpatient physical, occupational, and speech therapies. My grandfather built me some parallel bars to work out on in the garage. We had to re-train my right side to move, because it was fully paralyzed. I have struggled with a number of things since my recovery such as anxiety, depression, addiction, and insecurity. My right side is numb similar to a stroke patient, so I have a hard time using my right hand sometimes. My speech is a little slurred sometimes, especially when I'm tired. My memory and attention span aren't good, so it made school almost impossible when I tried going back. My balance is off and I have a little limp. Those are just some of the challenges I face or have faced.

Q: How does God help and encourage you in these challenges?

A: God helps and encourages because He is God and that's all I need! I know He is the great physician and the Lord of all! I also know if He's worked miracles before, He can and He will do it again!

Q: What do you do when you feel unsure?

A: When I feel unsure I try to remember to pray and ask for council and guidance. I still struggle with the effects of my TBI and sometimes I act on impulse which can be bad.

Q: How has God called you to reach out to others even in the midst of the challenges?

A: God has opened up all kinds of opportunities for me to be able to share my hope, love, faith, and wisdom with so many people. He has given me a powerful testimony and the right connections to be able to share it with thousands of people across Georgia and South Carolina. He has also blessed me with the opportunities of having videos, commercials, websites, and ads all over the internet!

Q: What is your favorite verse or quote?

A: I have a lot of favorite verses, but if I had to choose it would probably be Philippians 4: 4-9. Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again- rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember the Lord is coming soon. Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and your minds as you live in Christ Jesus. And now dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me- everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

