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Glory revealed

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Scott Fedor '94 was a sophomore when the New York Jets' Dennis Byrd was paralyzed during a football game. Byrd took consolation in Romans 8:18: "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." Only God knew how fortuitous it was that young Fedor wrote that verse down and kept it in his wallet for nearly twenty years.

Fedor took his faith seriously in high school, and it was strengthened by what he calls an "interesting fraternity" of teachers like Michael Pennock '64, Rich Fujimoto '66, and Jim Skerl '74. He participated in retreats such as Escape to the Mountains, eventually becoming a student leader.

He started his Bucket List after Saint Ignatius, graduating from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania and receiving his MBA from the University of Michigan. He parachuted from a plane, rode bulls, created a cutlery line for Calphalon, traveled extensively and married the woman of his dreams. At the top of his game as Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Halex Corporation, the pair moved back to the Cleveland area to start a family.

Then came the hot, July day in 2009 when he dove into a Michigan lake and woke up in the hospital days later with the poster-sized Romans verse above his own head. His neck had broken and doctors said that he would never walk, talk, move anything below his shoulders, or even breathe without assistance.

Fedor spent six months in the hospital fighting for his life, and then another fourteen months in rehabilitation at a nursing home.

Despite his overwhelming challenges – or perhaps because of them, his Bucket List continues to grow. Fedor recently moved into his own apartment under the care of nurses. His new dream is to build The Quad, a home where young quadriplegics can live together and share medical services. He is also interested in writing his story, advising other quadriplegics, and speaking about his life. He was recently offered a position on the Board of Directors at Linking

Employment Abilities and Potential, better known as LEAP.

Number one on his list? "I want to hug my family," he said.

Fedor is not afraid to pray big, and hope for complete healing: "He is healing you at your center and gives you everything you need to get off the cross." In the meantime, Fedor is looking for small victories and improvements each day, having already far surpassed his physicians' expectations.

Fr. Frank Canfield, S.J. meets regularly with Fedor and stands in awe. "I treasure the man's spiritual power and goodness," he says.

The well-worn Romans verse proves true: Fedor is certainly revealing God's glory to all he meets.

But he's no Pollyanna, despite his great faith. "I still wish it hadn't happened. But I trust in His will. This is the ultimate gift of learning patience and stillness for someone who never had it," he adds.

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