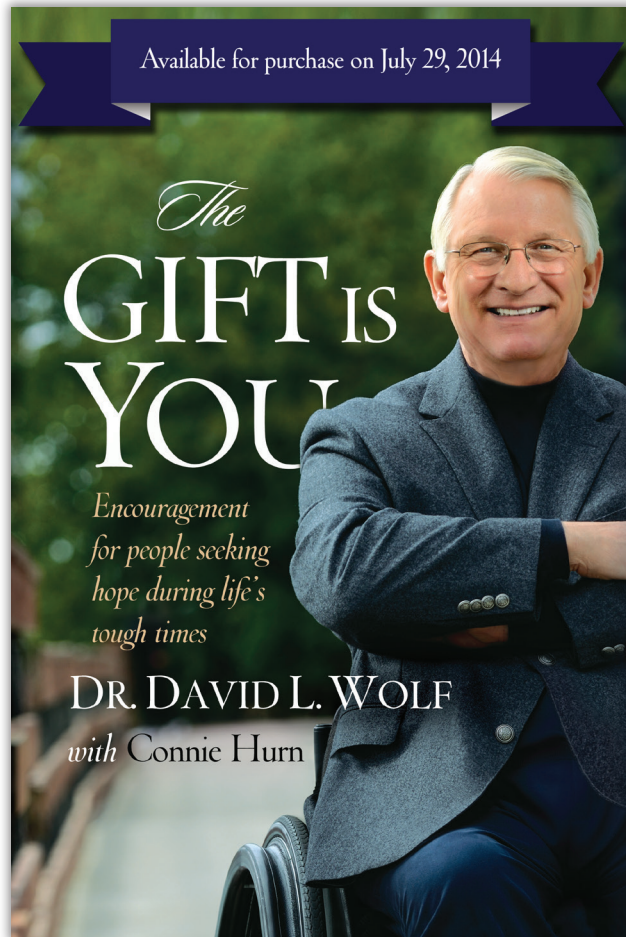


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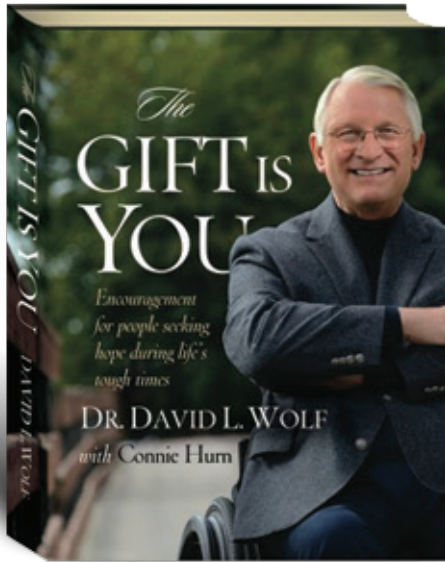
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# What Others Are Saying



Because of David Wolf's wonderful book, *The Gift Is You*, I understand what I need in order to walk with Christ when my own body fails me. Lacking strength, I must rely upon the Lord. I related not only to Dr. Wolf's tragedy but also to his triumph, giving me renewed confidence in the victories that are possible only in Christ.

—**Frank Ball**, author of *Eyewitness: The Life of Christ Told in One Story*

Read this compelling, hard-to-put-down account of Dr. Wolf's circumstances only if you want to be inspired, humbled, and lifted up. With a deep love for God and a passion for God's people, Dr. Wolf writes about divine peace in the midst of tragedy. If you are discouraged and overwhelmed by the consequences of decisions you've made or things you've done, or if you enjoy helping others move through their challenges, this book is for you! Let the truths in this story transform your beliefs so you are encouraged. Then be the encouragement someone else needs.

—**Kathy Koch, PhD**, President and Founder of Celebrate Kids, Inc.

Dr. David Wolf's story shows the difference God's presence can make in anything life throws at us, whether the circumstances are of our own making or not. It can change your perspective on whatever you are facing, proving that no disaster needs to define us. God can use anything in your life if you are open to his transforming power.

—**Diane Eble**, author of *Abundant Gifts* (book and blog) and the Healing Heart Issues blog

A dramatic true story about a man many can identify with: a people-person with a passion to help others; a short-term missionary serving the poorest of the poor in Haiti; a go-kart racer who knows the adrenaline rush of the roar of the engine. But it is the Dr. David whose faith in God shines brightly when his whole world is changed forever that we come to know best in *The Gift Is You*. When the unthinkable happens and life is turned upside down, God walks us through to a complete recovery—physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. When our legs will no longer carry us, the biggest “step” we can take is to turn all of our struggles over to God. He makes all the difference—and he is still able to use our gifts to glorify him. *The Gift Is You* is a triumphant story we all need to hear.

—**Elaine Wright Colvin**, Founder/Director of WIN India, WIN Communications, and Writers Information Network

Dr. Wolf shares his profound faith and his commitment to Jesus so that all who read this book can learn how to overcome the adversities we face in life. The strength he writes about is available to all if we are open to our Lord and Savior. Dr. Wolf's story offers us all hope. This is a must-read. Be prepared for a life-changing experience.

—**John E. Bodell, DO, OFS** (Secular Order of Franciscans), Associate Dean, Professor of Surgery, A. T. Still University, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine



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# Dr. David Wolf's Blog: Why a Book?

Sometime during our lifetime, many of us have had a desire, whether strong or faint, to write a book. When we were young and going to college it may have been a textbook about the area we were interested in, such as history. As we grew older maybe it was a desire to write about our life's journey—taking passages from our diary and putting those words into a book.

Some of you may have even pursued your dreams. Possibly some of you have not been able to write a complete textbook but have written chapters in textbooks. Doing this makes you feel worthwhile and most important contributing your acquired knowledge to help others.

Also, some have actually put their memoirs into a book but with minimal desire to market it. The important thing was their memoirs are in a book.

As all of you know, many dream about writing a book that becomes number one on the Amazon best-seller list; but in reality, most of the time our dreams are only that—just dreams.

I am sure I had dreams of writing chapters in obstetrics and gynecology textbooks—those who know me might say I was probably dreaming about writing a complete textbook. Those of you in the field of obstetrics and gynecology are most likely aware of a book called Williams Obstetrics. I think every OB/GYN physician has a copy of this great text in his or her medical library. For many years Dr. Norman Gant was the lead author. I had the honor of becoming friends with him. I admired him for many reasons, but one was because he was the lead author of this great textbook. The last edition of Williams Obstetrics authored by him was published a few years ago. I

was fortunate to get a copy signed by Dr. Gant. His words were “David, I hope this is easier for you to read than it was for me write.” Dr. Gant had more than a dream about writing a book. His knowledge will be remembered and shared by many for years to come because of his book.

As many of you know, I was involved in a serious go-kart racing accident on July 29, 2001, that rendered me paralyzed from the waist down. My world went from the top of the mountain to the bottom of the valley within a matter of seconds. As I lay in Neuro ICU fighting for my life, God started talking to me. He told me that He would never leave me. He would carry me when I could not walk and pick me up when I fell. He also told me He was going to use me to glorify Him. I, of course, had no idea what that meant. I was just so grateful that the Man in charge of my life was going to be always there for me. How important that was when I thought I had lost everything.

As I started down my road to recovery, I began to realize some of His new plans for my life. While I was a patient at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan (RIM), He started utilizing me to encourage others. I had always been a positive thinker but this was somewhat new to me. At first I did not know exactly why I was encouraging my fellow patients to “press on” in their darkest days. Many at RIM thought there was not a tomorrow. They felt they had lost everything including, in some cases, even their loved ones. But there I was encouraging them to “press on” even though I was in their same situation.

God also started using me to tell others about hope in other venues. I started to get requests from churches and social

organizations to talk on hope. The audiences ranged from just a few up to a thousand people at any one time. My talks always centered on hope and His grace.

He, however, was not done using me to glorify Him. I was asked to talk to the men at my church on a Saturday several years ago. It was a special day for all. My heart was filled with Jesus and His grace, and many men in the audience had tears in their eyes. After my talk a missionary from Paris came up to me and suggested that my message of hope was so powerful that a broader audience should hear it. He suggested I write a book on encouraging others in their time of despair.

WOW! It was hard for me to believe that God wanted me to not only give hope to those in a rehab hospital, to those in churches and social organizations, but now to thousands in the form of a book. This was a little overwhelming to me, especially since I was trying to overcome my own tragedy.

God continued using my heart to glorify Him. Several special situations reinforced the missionary's message of writing a book. Because of His love and encouragement, approximately seven years ago *The Gift Is You* was begun with Connie Hurn.

The launch date for *The Gift Is You* is July 29, 2014—exactly thirteen years from my accident. I have no idea what the impact of the book will be for those seeking hope during life's tough times. Only He knows. However, I can't wait to find out. I am very excited to watch His miracles in the coming months.

Finally, I am so thankful He has asked me to be a part of His special plan for all!

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## Cuts hurt paralysis rehab

Insurers' limits put lives at risk, critics say

By Margarita Bouza  
 The Detroit News

**DETROIT** — Advances in technology mean the odds of surviving a spinal cord injury suffered in a diving accident or car crash look brighter now than ever before.

But even if they have medical insurance, those who suffer traumatic injuries face an uphill battle getting long-term physical therapy, equipment and medications.

Cost-cutting efforts have led to quicker discharges from hospitals and impede rehabilitation facilities, which critics say can require new hospital stays and even prove fatal.

It's an issue that physical rehabilitation professionals against an increasingly competitive managed-care industry. As insurers limit coverage for long-term care needs, doctors are left to grapple with difficult decisions.

Complications after a heavy discharge can wipe out any savings from sending a patient home early, some doctors argue. And in extreme cases, the trend can shorten the lifespan of those initially saved by the best technology modern medicine has to offer.

"People are now finding their insurance companies are ill-equipped or unwilling to provide them what we in the business believe are appropriate goods and services," said Dr. Edward Nisbhoff at the Detroit Medical Center.

Nisbhoff, who treats spinal cord injury patients, is himself paralyzed below the waist from a 1978 diving accident. He believes while declining changes in care since his injury.

Therapist **Jaime Heath** helps paralysis victim **Dr. David Wolf** exercise. **The physician has learned first-hand that insurance often doesn't cover some recovery expenses.**

**Hospital stays**  
 The average time spent by a traumatic spinal cord or brain injury patient in a hospital and rehab facility has declined nationwide since the 1970s.

Year	Number of days
1977	145
1983	97
1989	79
1992	78
1999	48
2000	Less than 20

**More patients return**  
 As patients spend less time initially at a hospital or rehab center, the rate of those readmitted to a hospital rises.

Readmission rate	24 days	30 days	60 days
1970	25%	25%	25%
1980	25%	25%	25%
1990	25%	25%	25%
2000	25%	25%	25%

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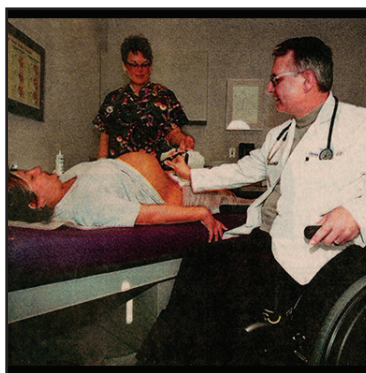
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