

PORTRAITS OF FAITH

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A motorcycle accident left Wilson paralyzed. A year later his wife passed away. As a widower with two little girls, Wilson did not know what to do. He didn't know if there was a purpose in life. Wilson could have become bitter. Instead, he began searching for truth. CODY BELL, PHOTOGRAPHER

I had many questions. Why do bad things happen? I was going along trying to do the right things, and my wife was taken from me and I was left in a wheelchair. Then doctors had to operate on my daughter's head to remove a tumor. I began to think that there was no purpose in life.

I realized that I needed to find the truth. I investigated various religions and found The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I felt that it was the truth.

I now know that there is a purpose for being on earth. We are here as part of Heavenly Father's eternal plan. We have a Savior who overcame death and was resurrected. Knowing this gives me strength. Now, I strive to persevere and continue forward. I have a purpose and I know that as I try to live a worthy life, I can have an eternal family.

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