

17. Foot and mouth



Imagine that you are really competent sports teachers. A routine vaulting accident when you are 24 years old leaves you paralyzed from the neck down.

There go all dreams of career, physical prowess and romance. Complications from the condition and operations threaten your life- could you manage?

Tomihiko Hoshino did. He is now Japan's most prominent Christian. In adversity he met the Lord and was released into the gift of painting. A long torturous process, resulted in him using his mouth to efficiently and deftly use a paintbrush, to paint scenes

from creation and add scriptures to them. He now has an electric wheel chair that he operates from his chin- and he is married.

His exhibitions have been visited by millions of Japanese and his witness magnified. His poems and books of paintings have been translated and published worldwide.

So whatever setbacks and challenges face you at school or your teaching institution today, remember that God will enable you to triumph through them, but probably not via the recipe or the outcome you prescribe, for the ways of heaven are far higher and grander than ours.

Romans 15:5-6 *We know that all things work together for good to those who love God.*

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