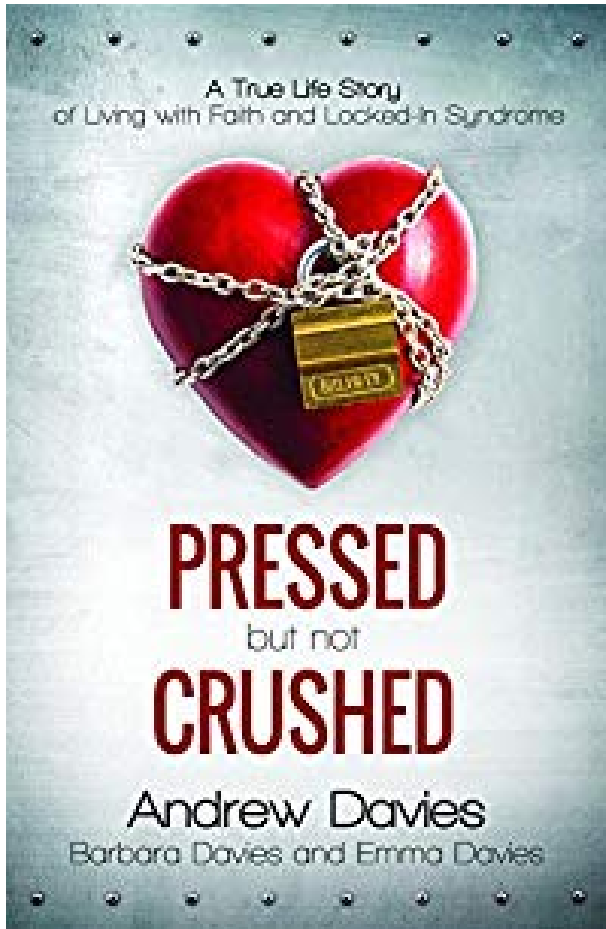


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'Andy has had a major stroke in the brain stem, the control centre of the brain. This has left him with Locked-in syndrome which means his entire body has shut down, but the cognitive part of his brain is undamaged. He retains all his knowledge, understanding and intellect; his personality and character are unchanged and he knows exactly what has happened. His condition is critical and, if he survives, the Locked-in syndrome means he is unlikely to be able to live any form of independent life again, totally dependent on others for everything. In which case Andy may not wish to go on...' Thirty-three years old, happily married to a lovely wife, a great job in dentistry, a strong Christian faith...life seemed just about perfect for Andy Davies. But then, shockingly, Andy suffered a massive stroke, leaving him with 'Locked-in syndrome'. Paralysed and only able to communicate by a series of blinks, Andy's life, and that of his family, was changed forever.