

# Elisabeth Elliot

Foundation

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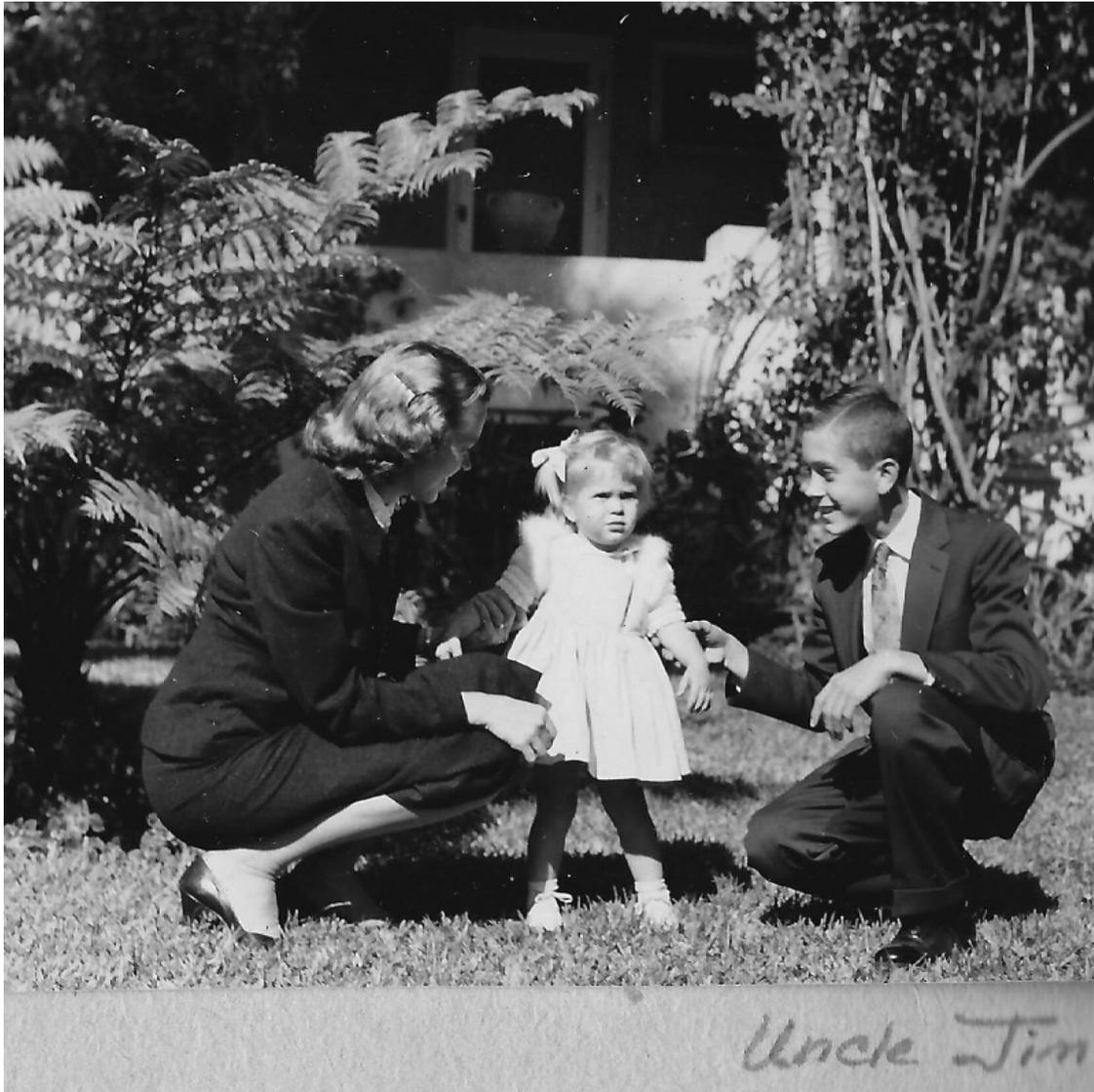


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***Greetings, friends of Elisabeth Elliot!***

What joy this Fall brings as The Elisabeth Elliot Foundation commemorated two special anniversaries in October: the 93rd anniversary of Jim Elliot's birth and Jim & Elisabeth's 67th wedding anniversary! For these occasions, we've

asked two of their dear family members to share memories of the special couple with you, our friends of The EE Foundation. We hope you enjoy...



***From Jim Howard – Elisabeth's Brother***

Memories of mine, from my childhood, of Jim Elliot...

He was, as you probably know, a close friend of my brother Dave, during their college years. Dave brought Jim with him to our home, in Moorestown, New Jersey, at Christmas time, either 1947 or '48. I was 7 or 8. He was like another big brother to me. I can visualize him and Dave in the kitchen after supper, cleaning up the dishes. A diversion from their chore was to pick me up and toss me back and forth to each other in the air like a ball.

Christmas morning, when we had opened some gifts, there was wrapping paper around the living room and some gifts. One of these was a small, metal

horse and wagon for me. It was one of those toys made very realistic, likely made in England. In the busyness and excitement of the morning, I stepped on my new toy and bent it out of shape. I was mortified. What could I do? Jim Elliot saw my consternation, and said, "I'll fix that for you". And he did. Whatever was bent he straightened and put my horse and wagon back into operation. I was so pleased. He was my hero for the moment.

Probably three years later, Jim came to visit in our home again. This would have been before he went to Ecuador as a missionary. My chronology may be a bit off. In any case, here's what I recall of that visit. I had to make a banner for some occasion in school. I was likely in fifth or sixth grade. As I had my banner spread out on the dining room table, part of the design I was working on was a star. I didn't seem to know how to make a symmetrical five-pointed star. Jim came along and offered to help me. So he applied his knowledge of geometry, showing me how we could make a very accurate star. I was grateful for his help. And of course such little instances were part of what caused me to look up to him.

Small instances, yes. Insignificant, in some ways. But for a child of my age at the time, each held an important place in my good memories of the man who became my big brother-in-law.

Joyce and I have the habit of reading the day's Scripture from the Daily Light on the Daily Path each morning. In the margin of a small leather-bound copy of this book, which was a gift to me from my parents when I was a junior in high school, 1956, I have various notes indicating birthdays and other important occasions. At the top of the page for October 8, I have the note, "Jim E's birthday". A fitting time to recall his life and legacy.



*Elliot family, 1946. Back row: Bob, Bert and Mother Elliot.  
Front row: Dad Elliot, Jane and Jim.*

***From Jane Elliot Hawthorne – Jim's Sister***

Auntie Frostie was an elderly English woman whom our chiropractor mother let live in the house while she nursed her back to health. She never moved out! Auntie Frostie helped run the household while Dr. Clara Elliot, our mother, ran her practice in the home. Auntie Frostie could be hard on us children. One time she had taken me, Jane, a teenager at the time, to task. I complained to my brother Jim. His powerful response to me was, "What you will be, you are becoming". Choices you make today shape who you will be tomorrow!

***Receive the Givens and the Not-Givens. "Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup, and have made my lot***

*secure" (Psalm 16:5).*

~ Excerpt from EE Newsletter, Jan/Feb 2000 ~

Valerie Elliot Shepard tells of her parents' legacy through  
*Devotedly: The Personal Letters and Love Story of Jim and Elisabeth Elliot.*



## News & Updates

We are excited to share with you first the soft launch of **Phase 2** of [ElisabethElliot.org](http://ElisabethElliot.org)! **The official launch will be November 2!** Now you are able to listen to, watch, or read thousands of Elisabeth's writings and teaching from one easy to navigate website!

Announcing the creation of **The EE Foundation YouTube Channel!** Watch encouraging and

Be sure to follow us on all of our Social Media accounts! Our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), & [YouTube](#) sites are constantly sharing inspirational words, nostalgic photos, and encouraging resources from Elisabeth & The Foundation.

A big thanks to **Mere Agency, Mike Cantrell, Jon Hanson, & countless others** for their long hours spent

inspirational videos about or from the Elliot family. Also, [subscribe](#) to the **Weekly EE Devotional** delivered right to your inbox!

preparing [ElisabethElliot.org](http://ElisabethElliot.org) for its' next phase! We are so thankful for them, and blessed by their God-given talents.

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## Teachings of the Season

### *Man of Courage*

This season, we find ourselves in a time where we are looking for men of courage and conviction, men and women who will stand up for Christ and passionately pursue the road less traveled... Jim Elliot was one such person, and his journals are a wonderful reflection of those convictions. We hope you find yourself challenged and encouraged by Jim's journals and other resources from ElisabethElliot.org.

- *The Journals of Jim Elliot* - published originally in 1978
- *Shadow of the Almighty* - a stirring talk on having confidence in the Almighty
- *Sept/Oct 1984 Newsletter* - Elisabeth imparts wisdom in "The World Must Be Shown" & "Reprove, Correct, Exhort"



*The Book*

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# Word from the Board

It is officially Autumn here in the United States, and with it we find ourselves in a kaleidoscope of natural beauty. Change is all around us – the air is more crisp, the leaves are turning to reds, oranges, and yellows, and the sky has changed to a deeper shade of blue. Even here at the EE Foundation the Autumn has brought change! The website is getting ready to roll out phase 2 and a much larger library of EE resources is being made available under one virtual roof than ever before! Change can be so good and so sweet. However, we also know that change can be painfully difficult, too. All we have to do is look back at our lives in 2020. Change can either be a delight or a difficulty. We at the Foundation have been asking, though, is it possible to delight IN the difficulty?

Jim and Elisabeth Elliot knew change, and they knew difficult change. Their lives were fraught with heart wrenching valleys of the shadow. Yet somehow they always seemed to find delight in the difficult. Their testimonies are ones of absolute acceptance in their sovereign God's will and plan regardless of the changes of life. The more we listen to Elisabeth's talks and read her writings, the more we see a common thread running throughout. It's here in her often repeated words of Amy Carmichael, *"In acceptance lieth peace."*

May this season of change and uncertainty in our homes, nations, and world find our hearts filled with an absolute and steadfast peace in our unchanging Lord. For we know and rest in the truth that *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."* Hebrews 13:8

Grace & Peace

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## From the Scrapbook

**Remembering Jim & Elisabeth**

*"And now these three remain:*

*faith, hope, and love.  
But the greatest of these is love." ~ 1 Cor. 13:13*



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