



Spring 2022 Newsletter



We wish you a joyful Spring from the Elisabeth Elliot Foundation!

This season, we share with you some insights and resources from Elisabeth Elliot's wisdom regarding ***Discipline***.

Elisabeth described discipline as a lifestyle of obedience, "the career of the disciple of Christ..." and a "whole-hearted 'yes' to the call of God." These

helpful threads run through all of Elisabeth's writings and teachings, and Christ was her source of hope. One of her favorite verses to quote was Isaiah 50:7, which prophesies of Jesus' resolute and disciplined nature as He faced the cross:

*"Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. **Therefore have I set my face like flint**, and I know I will not be put to shame." Isaiah 50:7 (NIV)*

Elisabeth reminds us that because of Jesus' obedience on our behalf, God has given us the grace to "do the next thing" as we cling to His loving, unwavering character. This message of gospel-driven discipline and obedience pierces through the foggy cultural climate of feelings, half-truths, and flippancy. Elisabeth teaches us a better anchor—the way of Jesus, who gave a "whole-hearted yes" to God and laid down His life for us.

In her life and ministry, Elisabeth "set her face like a flint" as she lived a life that beautifully testified to the worthiness of our Savior. We thank God for her legacy that has inspired countless disciples to respond with glad surrender and a whole-hearted 'yes' to the One who loved us and gave Himself for us.

News & Updates

Baker/Revell has refreshed and republished Elisabeth's ***Keep a Quiet Heart***, and it was released April 1st! Click [here](#) to learn more!

We've made some helpful and exciting changes to our website! Our improved **Search feature** (located in

We would love to remind you of our contact information for the Foundation & Lars Gren:
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Lars is no longer sending out written correspondence, but by

the top tool bar of our website)
makes looking for Elisabeth's
resources even easier!

COMING SOON!! Our web-developers are creating a space on ElisabethElliot.org where YOU can share your own story of how Elisabeth's ministry has impacted your life! Stay tuned for it's launch!

God's grace, he continues to be content in his circumstances and remains in excellent health at his home in Little Rock, AR.

We are excited to announce that **Museum of the Bible** in Washington, D.C. is making preparations & plans for the 2023 Opening of an exhibit on the Life & Ministry of Elisabeth in Ecuador! More details can be found [here](#) soon.

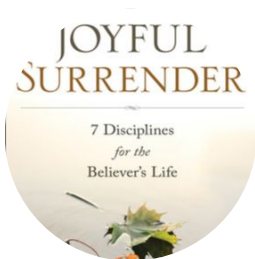
Teachings of the Season

Discipline, Obedience, & Joyful Surrender

"...Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters."

1 John 3:16

- *Joyful Surrender: 7 Disciplines for a Believers life*– Originally published under the title, "Discipline, the Glad Surrender," Elisabeth takes readers through Scripture, personal stories, and incisive observations of the world around her to help them discover the understanding that our fulfillment as human beings depends on our answer to God's call to obedience.
- *The Prayer of Faith: Some Helps Toward Prayer*– A "Gateway to Joy" talk in which Elisabeth speaks about the discipline of prayer.
- *What to Do Next*– A newsletter from January 1999 in which Elisabeth shares wisdom from scripture and her own life experience on "what to do next" when faced with trial and suffering.



The Book



Gateway to Joy



Newsletter

Word from the Board

Dear Friends of the EEF,

I first met Elisabeth Elliot on a sweltering day in the summer of 2002. She and Lars pulled into our driveway that afternoon and my family and I, dressed in casual summer attire, scrambled out to greet them. Elisabeth stepped out of the compact car she and Lars were traveling in, dressed in a high-necked blouse and long skirt, her hair pulled back in a meticulous bun.

Elisabeth and Lars had stopped by for lunch on their way back from visiting her daughter, Valerie. Their visit was intended to be an initial step in the establishment of a website devoted to Elisabeth's ministry. Some months earlier, my wife had met Elisabeth at a speaking event and volunteered me to build Elisabeth a website. Not surprisingly, Elisabeth's initial reaction was "what need would an old woman like me have for a website?" Alas, in the ensuing months, she and Lars discussed the matter further and determined that there might be some benefit to future generations if Elisabeth's work had a "home on the internet." So, over chicken salad and banana pudding, the initial plans for www.ElisabethElliot.org were discussed.

That afternoon, our entire family received a brief but powerful glimpse of the faith, drive, and discipline that had led Elisabeth to pour out her life for the sake of her beloved Savior. Elisabeth's life embodied the deepest things: the

trustworthiness of God, the blessings of obedience, and the hope of joy amid sorrow. As we said our goodbyes that day, it was clear that we had been in the presence of a woman whose life was marked by surrender to Jesus.

What none of us knew nor could have imagined that day was that the Lord would lead our family away from the life we knew to serve Him on the other side of the world a few short years later. Undergirding our family's response to God's call was a nascent surrender to Christ that had been modeled for us over many years in the life and work of Elisabeth Elliot.

In her book, *Discipline, The Glad Surrender*, Elisabeth wrote,

Discipline is the wholehearted yes to the call of God. When I know myself called, summoned, and addressed, taken possession of, known, acted upon, I have heard the Master. I put myself gladly, fully, and forever at His disposal, and to whatever He says my answer is yes.

“Not my will, but Thine” starts with surrender and the discipline to follow, not lead.

Here at The Elisabeth Elliot Foundation, it is our prayer that His Word and the example of those who have gone before us would drive you deeper into surrender to His will for your life. Start this season by asking Him “to what and where” is He leading you. And then trust Him by saying “yes.”

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3: 5-6

Grace and peace,

Curt Yeo
Treasurer & Board Member
The Elisabeth Elliot Foundation

As Christians strive to live a life of discipline amidst ever-changing

circumstances, many have been enlightened by Elisabeth's direction to "do the next thing." This phrase comes from an anonymous poem that she found in one of her mother's old notebooks. In Elisabeth's book, "The Shaping of a Christian Family," she provides a description of the poem as she details her experience exploring her mother's journals.

"A tattered mimeographed copy of an anonymous poem is pasted on the page of the notebook. It contains a maxim that mother found greatly comforting and fortifying in all kinds of circumstances, especially the kind that would tend toward the paralysis that self pity brings..."

(page 212)

We hope you are comforted by this timeless poem!

From an old English parsonage down by the sea
There came in the twilight a message for me;
Its quaint Saxon legend, deeply engraven,
Hath, as it seems to me, teaching from Heaven.
And on through the hours the quiet words ring,
Like a low inspiration: DO THE NEXT THING.

Many a questioning, many a fear,
Many a doubt, hath its quieting here.
Moment by moment let down from Heaven,
Time, opportunity, guidance, are given.
Fear not tomorrows, Child of the King,
Trust them with Jesus. DO THE NEXT THING.

Do it immediately; do it with prayer;
Do it reliantly, casting all care;
Do it with reverence, tracing His hand
Who placed it before thee with earnest command,
Stayed on Omnipotence, safe 'neath His wing,
Leave all resultings. DO THE NEXT THING.

Looking to Jesus, ever serener,
(Working or suffering) be thy demeanor.
In His dear presence, the rest of His calm,
The light of His countenance be thy psalm.
Strong in His faithfulness, praise and sing!
Then, as He beckons thee, DO THE NEXT THING.

From the Scrapbook

Elisabeth's Ministry Through the Years

Missionary, Writer, Speaker, & Encourager



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