



Summer 2022 Newsletter



We would be hard-pressed to find a more essential lesson of the Christian life than learning to trust Jesus in our sufferings. Nothing quite magnifies the sufficiency, grace, and presence of God like a believer who trusts Christ amidst their pain and loss.

As one familiar with grief and sorrow, Elisabeth pointed others to the Savior who suffered on our behalf. She once wrote, "The deepest things that I have learned in my own life have

come from the deepest suffering. And out of the deepest waters and the hottest fires have come the deepest things I know about God.” Elisabeth taught of the blessing, peace, and worship we are given through faith in Christ—even when our circumstances make no earthly sense, when prayers seem unanswered, relationships are wounded, when healing does not come – Jesus Christ is still the same, yesterday, today and forever. As she pursued Christ in every area of her life, she was able to point others to the strong, unwavering presence of Jesus in all things.

This month, we are grateful to be able to share the treasury of wisdom Elisabeth poured out throughout her life that points us to the hope of Christ in suffering.

News & Updates

Brighten your end of Summer days with this long awaited re-release of a treasured perpetual calendar, ***A Heart for God***. We've heard from many of you that your original copy from the 1990's is well loved and worn out. Click [here](#) to find this lovely new edition, which will be released by DaySpring on August 29th!

We are thrilled to announce that Elisabeth's never-before published devotional, ***Heart of God: 31 Days to Discover God's Love For You***, is being released on September 20th, 2022! You can pre-order [here](#). We pray that as you read this 31-day devotional you would be drawn ever closer to the heart of God.

Website Update: Our trusty Website Developers have partnered with our International Book Agents to bring a new aspect to the [Book Page](#) at ElisabethElliot.org. The page will provide links to Elisabeth's translated books published throughout the world! Stay tuned for this exciting addition for our international audience!

Christianity Today has [featured an article](#) this month on the EE Foundation's special find of the new ***Heart of God*** devotional... AND **World Magazine** has written [this lovely article](#), about Valerie Elliot Shepard's life as Jim & Elisabeth's only child.

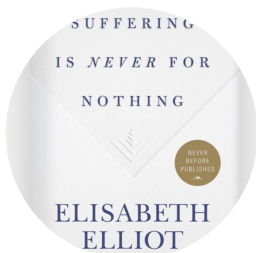
Teachings of the Season

The Hope of Christ in Our Suffering

*"Though the fig tree does not bud
and there are no grapes on the vines,
though the olive crop fails
and the fields produce no food,
though there are no sheep in the pen
and no cattle in the stalls,
yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will be joyful in God my Savior.
The Sovereign Lord is my strength;
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
he enables me to tread on the heights."*

Habakkuk 3:17-19

- ***Suffering is Never for Nothing***- This powerful book was published in 2019, and includes content derived from Elisabeth's teachings on God's love and mercy to us in our times of suffering. This title is also available in Spanish!
- ***"A Path Through Suffering: Job"***- A "Gateway to Joy" talk in which Elisabeth uses the book of Job as an example to speak about suffering and the ways God comforts us with His presence.
- ***The Grand Lesson***- A newsletter from September 2000 in which Elisabeth shares wisdom and practical helps from the life of the Apostle Paul and his experience of God's grace in suffering.



Word from the Board

Dear Friends of the EEF,

This summer, we are grateful to share a piece written by Elisabeth's dear friend and our fellow board member, Arlita Winston. She gives us a glimpse of Elisabeth's comfort in her life during a time of suffering.

I called her Betty. We were comfortable with one another—in silence, when talking, or when we were both talking at the same time! We were “closer than kin.” So it was with an anxious look that she asked our daughter, Sarah, why she hadn’t heard from me in weeks. Sarah replied, “Aunt Betty, mom is going through a really difficult time right now.”

“And she hasn’t called me?” Betty responded. There was an edge to her voice. “Perhaps that should tell you how deep her suffering is, Aunt Betty.”

It’s true. There is suffering so bewildering, that one’s closest friend might not understand. But because of our relationship she did the next best thing. She wrote a short note to me and attached one of Amy Carmichael’s poems. She prefaced the poem with these words: ***Arlita, I was just with Sarah. Perhaps Amy's words will be a balm to your soul.***

And so to you, my fellow-sufferer, I want to share Amy Carmichael’s poem from her book, *Rose From Briar*. Betty knew these words would be just what I needed. Perhaps they’ll be what you need today, too.

Nothing In The House

"Thy servant, Lord, hath nothing in the house,

Not even one small pot of common oil;

For he who never cometh but to spoil

Hath raided my poor house again, again —

That ruthless strong man, armed, whom men call PAIN.

*I thought that I had courage in the house,
And patience to be quiet and endure,
And sometimes happy songs. Now I am sure
They servant truly hath not anything.
And see, my songbird hath a broken wing.*

*My servant, I have come into the house—
I who know Pain's extremity so well
That there can never be the need to tell
His power to make the flesh and spirit quail:
Have I not felt the scourge, the thorn, the nail?*

*And I, his Conqueror, am in the house,
Let not your heart be troubled — do not fear:
Why should thou, child of Mine, if I am here?
My touch will heal thy songbird's broken wing,
And he shall have a braver song to sing."*

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Forgiveness was the beginning of my healing. The Word of God, mixed with the balm of my friend's love, plus the ointment of truth spoken in poetry was what helped to set me free.

Grace and Peace,
Arlita Winston
Board Member
The Elisabeth Elliot Foundation

In the last chapter of her book, A Path Through Suffering, Elisabeth shared a profound and moving poem as she encouraged her readers to lift their gaze toward the Savior who suffered for them. We hope you are comforted by God's love in this timeless piece.

If we have never sought, we seek Thee now;

Thine eyes burn through the dark, our only stars;
We must have sight of thorn pricks on Thy brow,
We must have Thee, O Jesus of the Scars

The heavens frighten us, they are too calm.
In all the universe we have no place.
Our wounds are hurting us—where is the balm?
Lord Jesus, by Thy scars, we claim Thy grace

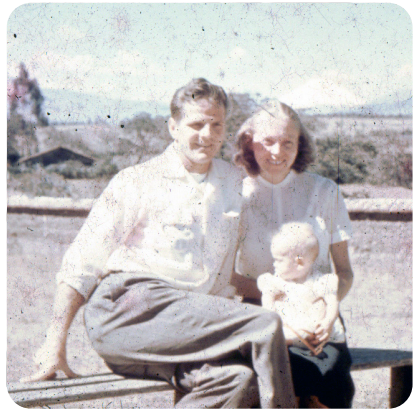
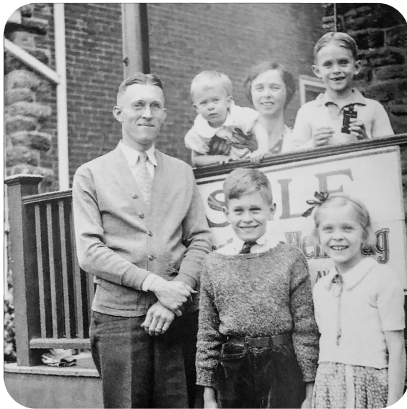
The other gods were strong, but Thou was weak.
They rode, but Thou didst stumble to a throne.
But to our wounds only God's wounds can speak
And not a god has wounds but Thou alone.

(Edward Shillito, source unknown)

From the Scrapbook

The Great Loves of Elisabeth's Life

Daughter to the Howards, Mother to Valerie, Wife to Jim, Addison, & Lars





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