



Fall 2022 Newsletter



Thanksgiving and Christmas are upon us! The pursuit of joy will be evident

everywhere we look. Our world defines joy in all kinds of different and often contradictory ways, especially during this season. We remain grateful for the truth that Elisabeth faithfully taught: Real, eternal joy is found in the Person and work of Jesus and in a life of obedience to Him.

Elisabeth knew true joy was not fleeting, but solid and unchanging. She wrote, "Joy is the keynote of the Christian life. It is not something that happens. It is a gift given to us in the coming of Christ." God brings joy to the world through the reality that the Lord has come. We can live that joy as we live in obedience to him. Jesus said, "If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love... that your **joy** may be complete" (John 15:9-11).

Jesus endured the cross for the "joy set before Him" (Hebrews 12:2). He died in our place so that we could experience the eternal joy of knowing Him. Throughout her ministry, Elisabeth said that anything in one's life that is surrendered to Him can be the gateway to joy. Even when she faced circumstances in her life that were totally void of comfort or earthly happiness, Elisabeth entrusted herself to the God of everlasting joy as she held fast to His commandments.

This holiday season, whether your days are filled with cherished traditions or marked by deep emptiness, may you find real, unchanging joy in humble obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray He will meet you as you entrust yourself and your loved ones to Him this season and always.

News & Updates

We are thrilled to share that after a two-year waiting period, **the Elisabeth Elliot Foundation is officially approved as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization!** We are giving God the glory for this development, and plan to share more of the behind-the-scenes workings at the EE Foundation very soon!

Audiobooks are growing in popularity among our readers! We ask that you ***please join us in prayer*** as we seek to partner with a company that will commit all of Elisabeth's titles to audio. Until that time, visit our [Book Page](#) for all currently available formats.

It's our pleasure to announce the

At the Foundation's request, Baker/Revell will be republishing Elisabeth's book ***Made for the Journey*** in Fall of 2023. It will carry its original title, ***These Strange Ashes***. This book is a beautiful faith-filled account of Elisabeth's first year on the mission field. You can learn more about it [here](#).

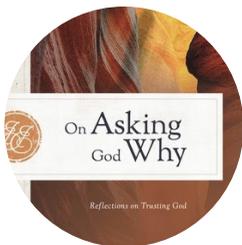
inclusion of Elisabeth's testimony in best-selling British author Levison Wood's newest anthology, ***Endurance: 100 Tales of Survival, Adventure, & Exploration***. This compelling book, released this summer in the United Kingdom, profiles the lives of historical figures from varying cultures and faiths. We pray that God uses Elisabeth's story to reach many for His glory.

Teachings of the Season

Joy in Obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ

As the Father has loved me, so here I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ~ John 15:9-11

- ***On Asking God Why***- This newly repackaged book is filled with a collection of Elisabeth's meditations on challenges in daily life that call for authentic, joyful obedience to God.
- ***"Hymns: Trust and Obey"***- This talk from Elisabeth's *Gateway to Joy* broadcast features her discussing the impact of hymns on her faith. She highlights the comforting truth in the hymn "Trust and Obey."
- ***"Joy to the World"***- A November 1996 newsletter highlights Elisabeth's teaching on the profound difference between earthly joy and the eternal joy we are given in Jesus Christ.



The Book



Gateway to Joy



Newsletter

Word from the Board

Dear Friends of the EEF,

This fall, we are grateful to share a reflection written by Gilbert Gleason, our fellow board member and the husband of Jim & Elisabeth's niece, Susan. Visit our Board Page [here](#) to learn more about Gilbert, and please enjoy his reflection on an Elliott family member, known as "Auntie Frostie," and her relationship with Jim and Jane Elliot.

The presence of "Auntie Frostie" in Jim Elliott's childhood home was a mixed blessing as far as the children were concerned. Mom Elliott invited the ailing English lady to live in the Elliott family home while she nursed Auntie Frostie back to health.

Auntie Frostie stayed for twenty years and died in the home. She helped keep the household functioning while Mom Elliott maintained her medical practice and Dad Elliott traveled on his itinerant preaching trips. As Jim's older brother Bert put it, "She was trying her hardest to bring a little of her British good manners into our laid-back American family."

When she was in her early teens, Jim's younger sister Jane was on the receiving end of a round of stiff criticism from Auntie Frostie. Her words stung. Jane cornered Jim, who was five years her senior, in the kitchen and unloaded her frustrations and hurt regarding Auntie Frostie. Jim simply responded, "What you will be, you are becoming."

Jane took Jim's words to heart. She just celebrated her ninetieth birthday this past August. The words of Proverbs 31:25-26, 30b describe her faithful life:

"Strength and dignity are her clothing,

And she smiles at the future.

She opens her mouth in wisdom,

*And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue...
...a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised."*

As the wife of Dr. Gerald Hawthorne, a Wheaton College Greek professor, she focused her life on raising their three children and hosting thousands of college students in their home through the years. Many have commented on the profound influence Gerry and Jane had on their lives.

Jim's words are just as relevant to our lives as they were to Jane's: "What you will be, you are becoming." Our choices, attitudes, behaviors, values, goals, and aspirations all factor into who we are becoming each day.

Lord, help us to be willing to submit our daily choices to You so we will become who You intended us to be. Amen.

Embraced by His love,

Gilbert Gleason

Board Member, Elisabeth Elliot Foundation

Author, *Love So Amazing: The Missionary Biography of Bert and Colleen Elliot*

Elisabeth spoke often of the ways hymns shaped her theology and devotion to God. In her "Gateway to Joy" series on hymns found [here](#), she shared that the hymn title Trust and Obey "tells everything about the Christian life in two words." We hope you enjoy the lyrics of this beautiful hymn that explain how the "happiness in Jesus. . . the joy He bestows" is for those who would trust and obey.

***Trust and Obey
by John H. Sammis***

When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way

to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey. [Refrain]

But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows,
for the joy he bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey. [Refrain]

Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey.

From the Scrapbook

Serving with Joy in Obedience

Jim & Elisabeth during their years of ministry to the people of Ecuador...



