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## *Winter 2023 Newsletter*



2023 is under way! The beginning of a new year may have inspired some of you reading these words to pursue fresh experiences and ambitions. Others may feel just the opposite—too weary to make any resolutions at all.

Elisabeth offered helpful, hopeful words whether we're feeling strong or weak as we move into this year. She taught a grace-centered definition of greatness. She was most inspired by men and women who were not necessarily heroes by the world's standards, but who considered God's grace worthy of everything they could give. People like Amy Carmichael, George MacDonald, Liliias Trotter, and Betty Scott Stam were servants of God who lived out their greatness by stewarding their gifts for His glory. Elisabeth found inspiration from those who walked according to the example of the Apostle Paul, of the saints in Hebrews 11, and that of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Her heroes lived a life of treasuring the Gospel.

This season, we are honored to offer you Elisabeth's teaching about her heroes of the faith. She revered those who were humble servants of our glorious God, and she was eager to encourage others to learn from their examples as well.

Whether you find yourself motivated and ambitious or weak and weary, you will take heart in Elisabeth's definition of a hero as one who humbly depends on Jesus, drawing on His strength to face every challenge in service to Him. May you find His strength carrying you as you continue to walk into 2023.

### ***A Prayer of Relinquishment***

***"Lord, I give up all my own plans and purposes, all my own desires and hopes, and accept Thy will for my life. I give myself, my life, my all utterly to Thee to be Thine forever. Fill me and seal me with Thy Holy Spirit. Use me as Thou wilt, send me where Thou wilt, work out Thy whole will in my life at any cost, now and forever."***

***-Betty Scott Stam***

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## News & Updates

***\*\*2023 brings lots of excitement for the publishers of Elisabeth's materials! We are***

*thrilled to share a glimpse into these new year endeavors!\*\*\**

You'll want to greet the new season in March by getting your copy of a freshly repackaged version of Elisabeth's classic, ***The Shaping of a Christian Family***.

You can pre-order your copy through Baker Revell [here](#).

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The ***Museum of the Bible*** in Washington, DC will be hosting a special exhibit devoted to Elisabeth's life and legacy this spring! Stay tuned for details!

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*Film fans!* A renowned team is working on a ***documentary on Elisabeth's life***. And we're anticipating an updated version this spring of the ***Torchlighters classic "The Jim Elliot Story"***. We'll share information about both film projects as the release dates draw nearer. We are grateful that these projects are in the works—all for the glory of God.

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We are very excited to be partnering with the exemplary ***Spanish publisher Poema***. They will be releasing two more of Elisabeth's titles, ***Through Gates of Splendor*** and ***Let Me Be a Woman***, in print and audio for our ever-growing Spanish-speaking audience!

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***ONE Audio***'s team has taken up the charge from the EE Foundation to bring Elisabeth's books in audio format to a new generation of listeners this year, as well as giving long-time friends a new way to engage with her content. We'll have more information coming soon about how you can listen to her beloved books!

## Teachings of the Season

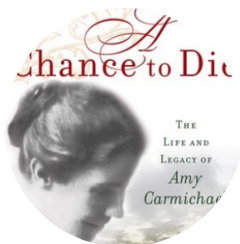
### ***Heroes of the Faith***

*"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace." Acts 20:24*

- ***A Chance to Die***- A biography of Amy Carmichael written by Elisabeth. In her book, she tells the story of the Irish missionary and writer who spent fifty-three years in south India without furlough. Amy's life of obedience and courage is a

model for believers in Jesus.

- ***GTJ - Stewards of God's Gifts: Heroes***- An insightful “Gateway to Joy” talk in which Elisabeth explains Jesus’ call to greatness is one of humble servanthood and godly stewardship.
- ***Additional Gateway to Joy Series***:- Two series in which Elisabeth shares stories and wisdom from the life of her heroes, [Amy Carmichael](#) and [Gladys Aylward](#).
- ***My Life for Yours***- A March 1987 newsletter in which Elisabeth shares examples of some who selflessly gave up their lives for the cause of Christ.



*The Book*



*Gateway to Joy*



*Newsletter*

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## Word from the Board

As I reflected on our Winter newsletter theme of “Heroes,” you might think I would name Elisabeth as a hero—but I know full well she would have abhorred the thought of being considered as such! No, she would have told me to keep my eyes focused solely on God, not a human as flawed and frail as she was. She may not have seen herself as a hero, but she continues to be for many—including me—both an influencer and an inspiration. She lived with a single purpose: to glorify God alone.

I remember the last sweet days I spent with Elisabeth. She and Lars had come to stay with my husband and I in Charleston, SC for the week. It was mid-February, 2015, and flowers were beginning to bud in the warmer Southern climate. Elisabeth was physically weak and wheelchair bound, and she needed to be spoon-fed by her two precious caregivers who tended to her every need. She often appeared unaware, yet I am convinced she was taking it all in. She was just unable to clearly express herself. Though her aging body was nearly spent, the power of the Holy Spirit within her remained palpable. Her example to me in

those days was precious, and continues to bring me comfort today as I know that in whatever state we find our weak earthly bodies, the Holy Spirit will never leave us nor forsake us. (Ephesians 1:13-14)

The weather had warmed up one day during that final visit, and we decided to take a walk in some lovely gardens nearby. Elisabeth loved the beauty of the outdoors, and brisk walks in any climate were always on her agenda when she had been fit and able. On our way to the garden path, I noticed a woman watching us wheel Elisabeth toward the walkway. The woman asked if the woman in the wheelchair was my mother. I answered, “No, she’s just a very dear friend.”

I noticed the woman’s British accent and asked where in England she was from. We chatted for a few moments, and I saw she continued to keep her eyes fixed on Elisabeth. I told her my treasured friend’s name was Elisabeth Elliot.

The woman began to weep. She walked over to Elisabeth’s wheelchair, bent down on one knee, looked into Elisabeth’s eyes through her tears and said, “You will never know how deeply you have influenced my faith and life, and what an honor it is to meet you!”

Elisabeth’s example of willing, humble service to God continues to inspire and challenge me, and prompt me to ask each one of us reading this newsletter to consider the kind of legacy of faithful service to God we are creating in our own lives here and now. Even when we are at our weakest, our testimony of faith can shine brightly—just as it did eight years ago on that garden path with Elisabeth.

Grace, Peace & Blessings,  
Kathy Reeg  
President of the Elisabeth Elliot Foundation

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***We hope you enjoy this poem written by Amy Carmichael that Elisabeth shared in her Gateway to Joy Series on Amy’s poetry.***

*From prayer that asks that I may be  
Sheltered from winds that beat on Thee,  
From fearing when I should aspire,*

*From faltering when I should climb higher,  
From silken self, O Captain, free  
Thy soldier who would follow Thee.  
From subtle love of softening things,  
From easy choices, weakenings,  
Not thus are spirits fortified,  
Not this way went the Crucified;  
From all that dims Thy Calvary,  
O Lamb of God, deliver me.  
Give me the love that leads the way,  
The faith that nothing can dismay,  
The hope no disappointments tire,  
The passion that will burn like fire;  
Let me not sink to be a clod;  
Make me Thy fuel, Flame of God.*

~ Amy Carmichael~

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## From the Scrapbook

### *Daily Life*

Often a Hero is defined by one mighty act, but for Elisabeth, what made her so esteemed was the daily surrender to Christ and that she always did “the next thing”. Here we share the common, every day moments of our friend, Elisabeth Elliot.





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