



## Summer Newsletter 2024

Here at the Elisabeth Elliot Foundation, we are wishing you a wonderful summer!

We hope you will enjoy Elisabeth's reflection about a time in Ecuador when she was challenged to make clay pots with the Indian woman. Her experience reminded her of Paul's imagery in 2 Corinthians 4, and she encouraged her readers with humility and grace. May we embrace our role as God's beloved "jars of clay" as we trust in the light and glory of the Gospel.

Here's the excerpt, "Clay Pots" originally published in her newsletter in July 1997.

*"The Indians of Ecuador make clay pots of very simple design with no ornamentation or glaze. The women challenged me to try shaping them as they did, rolling "snakes" of wet clay and then coiling them round and round until they had a perfectly smooth and balanced vessel. It looked rather easy so I decided to have a go at it. Alas, I found that it was a highly developed skill.*

*Clearly mine was not a master hand. My attempts to imitate it provided some hilarious entertainment for my jungle friends, as did just about everything else I tried.*

*The next step was to build a very hot fire of thorns and brushwood and bake the pot. It was then ready for use, to carry water from the river or to cook in. Nobody gave two hoots about the pots themselves. They were all made of the same old clay from the same old river. What mattered was what was inside.*

*The apostle Paul likens us to mere clay pots (2 Cor. 4:7). The Potter has formed us, shaped us into a useful vessel, put us through the fires of testing that we might be fit to hold a priceless treasure: “The light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ” (v.6, NIV).*

*Many a night found me sitting in my hammock by the fire, pondering those words after everyone had long since gone to sleep. What spiritual treasures God had given me, from my earliest memory, and here I was, charged with the task of sharing them somehow with my neighbors. To the Indians I was merely a freak, a foreigner, and a liability. I couldn't even manage to make a pot, and they had no idea that I actually was one — a pot made of common human clay, holding a treasure of which they as yet knew nothing. Never did a missionary feel more useless and helpless than did I in those days as I struggled desperately with the unwritten Auca language. What was I doing here? How strange were the ways of God!*

*I can think of no clearer analogy of our place in God's service, and no more accurate picture of the relative merits of who we are and what we have to offer. We shall always be common clay pots, “to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.” May we never forget that.*

*Love, Paul said in another passage (1 Cor. 13:7), “is neither anxious to impress nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own desire.”*

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## Announcements

We are near the release of a teaser video for the new documentary about Elisabeth's life journey, and we'll let you know when it's available to view. Laura Waters Hinson, the award-winning director of the documentary about missionary Liliias Trotter, is heading up the project for us!

If you'll be

Are you an audiobook listener? The following books by Elisabeth have been released on audio:

*Love Has a Price Tag*

*Mark of a Man*

*Lamp Unto My Feet*

*On Asking God Why*

*Path of Loneliness*

*Keep a Quiet Heart*

*The Journals of Jim Elliot*

*A Chance to Die - Amy*

anywhere are near the Georgia-Alabama area this fall, the Biblical History Center is hosting the Elisabeth Elliot traveling exhibit in September!

Carmichael's Biography read by Elisabeth's Granddaughter!

Browse the Audiobooks [Here!](#)

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We are excited to introduce the newest individual cards with our Elisabeth's quotes from DaySpring. They are a lovely even framable inspiration and they are available at your nearest Christian retailer!

## Word from the Board

When I think of our entire Elisabeth Elliot Foundation Board, I am awed at the variety of life experiences and skills each one brings to the table. What is even more amazing is that despite these differences, we each have some profound things in common: our love for the Lord, our love for each other, and our desire to see Elisabeth's legacy stewarded



as she would have wanted it to be.

In June, we celebrated four years since we became a Foundation. We continue to be humbled, awed, and amazed by God's blessings as He encourages a new generation through Elisabeth's words. God gave our Elisabeth a mission, not only as a literal missionary in the jungles of Ecuador, but as an author, speaker, and someone we could count on to lead us to the foot of the Cross. In her introduction to her 1985 title *Lamp Unto My Feet*, she shared her heart. Her words continue to resonate today: "If you only have 5 minutes a day, don't read one of my books, read God's. It will be a lamp unto your feet."

We want to say a special thank you to each of you for joining us at the Elisabeth Elliot Foundation these last four years. From four likes on our first Instagram posts in 2020 to thousands of contacts today, we give God all the glory!

Grace & Peace,  
Kathy Reeg

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# From the Scrapbook

## *Summer Days*

We hope you enjoy this collection of Elisabeth's beautiful Summertime views from Strawberry Cove!

