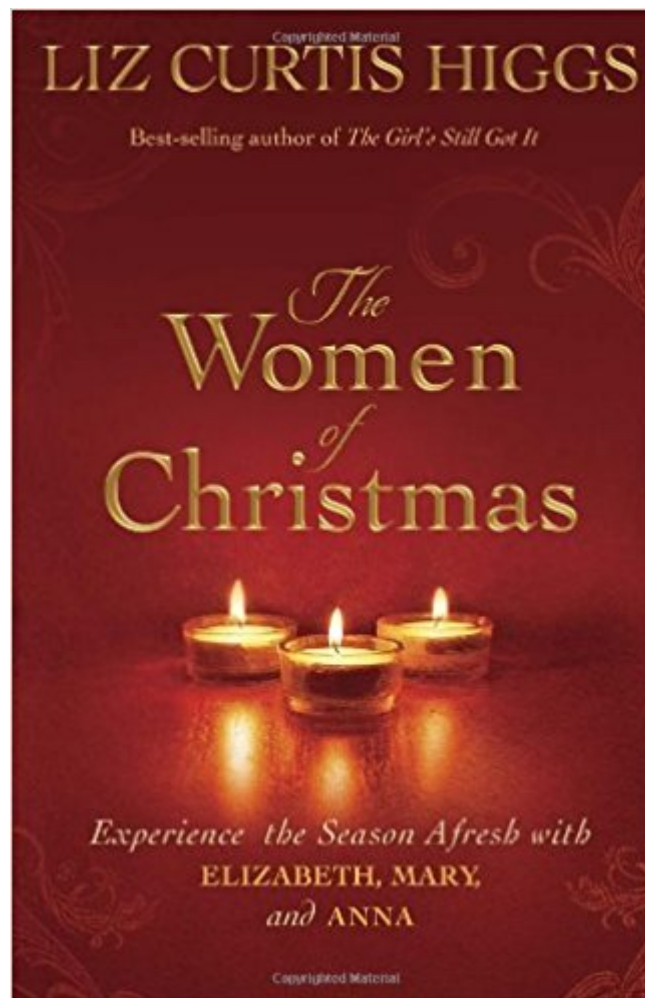




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The Women Of Christmas: Experience The Season Afresh With Elizabeth, Mary, And Anna



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God Reached Down from Heaven with the Best Gift of All – A sacred season is about to unfold for three women whose hearts belong to God. Elizabeth is barren, yet her trust in God remains fertile. Mary is betrothed in marriage, yet she is willing to bear God’s Son. Anna is a widow full of years, yet she waits patiently, prayerfully for the Messiah to appear in the temple courts. Following in their footsteps, you too can prepare for the Savior to enter your heart, your mind, and your life in a vibrant, new way. Best-selling author Liz Curtis Higgs explores the biblical stories of Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna, unwrapping each verse with tender care and introducing you afresh to The Women of Christmas.

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Praise for The Women of Christmas – “Breathtaking! The Women of Christmas is tender and joy filled and funny and faithful. With genuine warmth, profound wisdom, and refreshing wonder, Liz Curtis Higgs offers up a perfect seasonal blend – just what every woman in the midst of Christmas needs. I savored every word.” – Ann Voskamp, author of the New York Times bestseller One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are – “Liz Curtis Higgs ably mines the Scriptures, revealing undiscovered treasures in the familiar story. Through the pages of this powerful little book, we get to peer into the hearts of these women and find our own hearts melting at the beauty of God’s grace.” – Nancy Guthrie, author of the Bible study series Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament – “This season delight your friends with

an early gift of *The Women of Christmas*, inviting them to see how Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna were part of God's great plan to rescue us. As Liz puts it, "Never doubt for a moment that women matter to the Almighty." •Dee Brestin, author of *Idol Lies: Facing the Truth About Our Deepest Desires* "The Women of Christmas invites us to steal away with our Savior during the hustle and bustle of one of the busiest seasons of the year. In her warm and welcoming voice, Liz Curtis Higgs draws us into the compelling stories of the women who surrounded our Messiah's birth and encourages us to consider our own relationship with him. An inspirational and biblically rich devotional. What a wonderful way to experience Christmas!" •Kelly Minter, author of *Nehemiah: A Heart That Can Break*

Liz Curtis Higgs is a popular conference speaker, who has presented inspirational programs for audiences in all fifty United States and fourteen foreign countries. She is also the author of more than thirty books, with 4.5 million copies in print, including her nonfiction study of Ruth, *The Girl's Still Got It*, her best-selling series, *Bad Girls of the Bible*, *Really Bad Girls of the Bible*, *Unveiling Mary Magdalene*, and *Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible*, her award-winning Scottish historical novella, *A Wreath of Snow*; and a series of children's books, including *The Pine Tree Parable*. Liz is happily married to Bill Higgs, who serves as director of operations for her speaking and writing office. They share their life together in a nineteenth-century farmhouse near Louisville, Kentucky.

The Women of Christmas: Experience the Season Afresh with Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna This book is a very interesting study of several women involved in the Christmas Story. Liz writes in an informative, yet very entertaining way. She shows how we can incorporate lessons learned from these Biblical women into our own lives. Liz examines the lives of Elizabeth, Mary and Anna and their relationship to the birth of Christ. She does a wonderful job of digging deep into the Scriptures and the cultural background of the times, to give us glimpses into these women's lives. I learned so much about the culture and how it affected the lives of these women. There is a study guide in the back that makes it useful for individual or group study. I would recommend this study to enrich your walk into the Christmas season. If you found this review to be helpful, please take a moment to mark it as such. Thanks!

I led my small group in this excellent study over the holiday season. I feel I can share on all of our behalf's and say that this was a very meaningful study. Liz Higgs takes a close look at the lives of

the three women of the Christmas story, Elizabeth, Mary and Anna. I loved the thought provoking insights that Ms Higgs had for each of the women, but I felt I could relate more with her in sights on Elizabeth. I recommend this study for small groups especially during the holiday season.

This book examines the lives of Elizabeth, Mary and Anna and their relationship to the birth of Christ. Liz Curtis Higgs does a wonderful job of digging deep into the Scriptures and the cultural background of the times, to give us glimpses into these women's lives. This book is a great way for women to prepare their own hearts for the Christmas season. There is a study guide in the back that makes it useful for individual or group study. I received this book for free from Blogging for Books for this review.

I led my Life Group (8 women) through this study for four (4) weeks, two chapters each week. We were all awestruck with Mary ... a baby herself, giving birth to the Lord of lords and King of kings. The discussion about her and how she felt when she held Him in her arms for the first time, parenting Him, raising and training Him, only to let Him go and do what God had sent Him to earth to do. Knowing your child's fate and not being able to control it. Powerful teaching. The question came up "Mary, did she know?" I believe she did .. because the Angel told her she found favor from God to be the Mother of our Savior .. so how could she not know His fate? This little book is full of wonderful insights into the three women .. Elizabeth, Mary and Anna. It amazes me what insight Liz Curtis Higgs brings to the table .. the in depth study she has done on these women. We can learn so much from young Mary. So much wisdom from a 12-1/2 year old. So much faith and immediate obedience. Oh wouldn't life be so much simpler if I were like Mary? Or Anna...who prayed continuously? Or Elizabeth who never gave up on her dream and prayed without ceasing and God honored her in her old age (what was old back then anyway)? Beautifully written. Inspiring. Must read for all.

When I spotted this Christmas book, my mind immediately went to a sweet friend that loves this author. I hurried online to order it as a Christmas gift. Lo and behold...sorry, had to do it...it's the season...I found a place that said if you gave the book as a gift, the author would bless you with a free copy. FREE...so I just had to get into that. Sorry, it's probably over. It was a while ago. So I was also blessed with a copy of this book. What a deal! Not expecting a great deal, I opened it and became fascinated with Liz Curtis Higgs take on the lives of Elizabeth, Mary and Anna. Tucked between the pages are scriptures and comments from ordinary ladies like myself. Some aren't really

deep but the fact is, the story touched each lady at her point of need and growth in God's word. Elizabeth, wife of Zechariah, who was barren, all of a sudden was pregnant while burdened with a husband who was struck dumb while ministering in the temple. Elizabeth, whose child in the womb jumped for joy when he heard the voice of his Savior's mother, was probably the first human to encourage the young, newly pregnant Mary. When Ms Higgs got to Mary, what a refreshing point of view! Not some super person but a girl that God knew would step up and say "yes". God never had to have a plan B! Anna, the prophetess, who saw the baby Jesus in the temple and hurried over. (She must have been a dimple pincher!) She was so plugged into the Holy Spirit, she couldn't help herself. Here was the redemption of Jerusalem and she wasn't going to miss it. Not content to see, she went away, telling all that would hear and encouraging all who longed for His coming. Whoa! At the end is a bonus study guide. I can't wait to finish that. I would recommend this to any lady this Christmas. My giftee called and she loved it so it makes a nice gift. Don't miss it.

I loved the conversational style of this book. It was amazing to literally take the story verse by verse. Liz brought out a lot of ideas that made me really think about some of the facts of the Christmas Story in a different way. I actually used this book at my church as an Advent Study and followed her suggestion of using the movie The Nativity as a companion video for the book. The actual book focused on three very important women within the Christmas story - Elizabeth, Mary and Anna. Her descriptions and explanations brought the characters to life and truly made you "walk" in their shoes. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to go deeper into the lives of those women within the Christmas Story. Thank you WaterBrook for sending me this copy in exchange for only my honest review.

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