

Public Speaker, Resilience Expert,  
Gemologist, and Fantasy Writer

*Elizabeth  
Van Tassel*  
Author and Speaker  
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**Elizabeth Van Tassel** has lived with diamonds, wildfires and miracles. The Graduate Gemologist and communication specialist writes middle grade fantasy adventures with heart. From South Sea pearls to South American emeralds, her work in gemology and writing have brought exciting travels. But life is rarely all sparkle. In one night, her family lost their home, possessions, and community in a terrible wildfire. Determined to thrive, over time she developed an outlook that spots potential even in loss. Her creative eye and stories help audiences and readers rise above circumstances, finding hope and courage. Using her background in gemology, ten years in corporate marketing and PR, and youth ministry, Elizabeth speaks and blogs for adults and kids on living a diamond-resilient life. Her products and interviews have appeared on CBS and Fox News, and she shares hope with moms, parents, teens, and women in both faith and corporate settings.

**PRAISE FOR ELIZABETH:**

*"Elizabeth has an uncanny ability to see a broader picture and the energy and generosity of heart to share it with wit and wisdom. To say she lit up our audience is an understatement."*

Sandra Esch | President, San Diego, CA  
American Christian Fiction Writers

*"Our NCWA writers group had the pleasure of hearing Elizabeth. She was professional, fun and delightful. Her talk took us through disaster, storytelling skills drawing us in, and fabulous pictures holding us. She pulled our hearts along with her family, helping us relive their ashes, then lifting us and turning our eyes toward hope. I hope your group is as blessed by her words as ours has been."*

Kathleen Freeman | Northwest Christian Writers  
Association Speaker Coordinator, Seattle WA

*"Elizabeth's life is a testimony and tribute to her wisely walked words of wisdom. She IS RESILIENT in every sense of the word."*

Pam Farrel | Speaker and Author of 51 books

*"Elizabeth exudes infectious enthusiasm! There is no smell of smoke, no after effect of ash, no char from the flames that claimed all her worldly possessions. Hers is a joy genuinely journeyed. Her remarkable story of resilience will leave you forever changed."*

Soncee Partida | Maranatha Christian Schools

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*"Elizabeth is the real thing. She radiates joy inside and out. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, and it's evidenced by joy. That's the message she lives and delivers."*

Tina Radcliffe | Harlequin Love Inspired Author

*"Elizabeth's passion for the life story God's given her helps youth and parents alike to rise above the weight of this world."*

Nadine Brandes | Young Adult Author



### PRAISE FOR ELIZABETH:

*"During her children's young years, Elizabeth was a compassionate leader and helped Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) moms by sharing her stories of endurance and miracles. When she spoke to us, her hope to rise above difficult circumstances encouraged many."*

Debbie Hamer, San Diego MOPS Mentor Director

*"Elizabeth and her family have faced great challenges and refused to let their light dim. We've walked in their home's ashes and witnessed their medical miracles first-hand. What Elizabeth has crafted helps others live with more resilience whatever they've faced and will help this generation with great hope."*

Bob Hamer, 30-year undercover FBI agent and multi-published fiction and nonfiction author

*"I'd like to see you here often in 10 years. For the firm to have changed because of your ideas. You need to clone yourself and teach others your skills."*

Fortune 100 Company Partner, Texas

### SPEAKING TOPICS:

#### Becoming A Resilient Mother

*Elizabeth arrived at MOPS in one of her few sets of clothes. She sat there numb and overcome as gifts were set before her. It seemed like yesterday that she spoke at the annual tea, and celebrated her infant son surviving a life-threatening medical trial. She dried a tear as it trickled down her cheek, wishing she could wipe away the fact she'd just lost her home in a horrific wildfire a couple weeks earlier. Instead of leading as she had for five years, now MOPS would become her family during this critical time.*

*As weeks flew by, people asked how her family remained close and seemed joyful. The reality of "beauty from ashes" truly happened. In this session, Elizabeth shares tips for gaining a sense of purpose beyond circumstances and tapping into greater meaning in life that helps moms persevere through trials.*

#### Raising Resilient Kids and The Power of Story

*As she entered the local grocery, police surrounded a man and woman next to Elizabeth and her young son. Her son was responsive to her shouting "Get DOWN!" and listened well to her direction as three groups of professional thieves were caught in their midst. When asked why he remained so calm, her son said it was like the book they were listening to on audio - and he wanted to protect her and keep her safe.*

*The power of story has really helped Elizabeth teach her children to face challenges like bullying, anguish over moving a lot and repeatedly losing their "stuff" to thieves and a wildfire. What if the stories you listen to and the atmosphere you create at home could help save your life at a critical moment - and shape character into your loved ones?*

#### Follow The Dragonfly - Living The Writer's Life With Expectancy

*How do you follow your dreams when unwanted twists and turns come? Elizabeth shares her stories as a wildfire survivor and resilience expert to help authors catch a fresh breath of faith for the journey. When the doorbell rang, and her neighbors said she had five minutes to pack or risk flames across the street, Elizabeth was forced to live life totally open-handed, and ready for adventures outside her comfort zone in that place of dependence on the Lord for the next word, the next provision, and her next home-base. She had to change and be agile, much like the dragonfly.*

*Learn how to create a place to shelter your writing journey and life objectives. In that place, miracles can happen and hope can arise from the ashes.*