

Liz Curtis Higgs

On the Platform: Women of Faith, Women of Joy, Extraordinary Women, Among Friends, Time Out for Women, Moody Women, Women of Virtue, Win-some Women, Women's Journey of Faith, Women Who Worship, Christian Women Communicating International—if it's a conference for and about women, Liz Curtis Higgs is honored to be there. She has spoken at more than 1,800 conferences in all 50 states of the U.S. and 15 foreign countries, including South Africa, Indonesia, Germany, Ecuador, and Japan.

Her messages are biblical, encouraging, down-to-earth, and profoundly funny, helping both sisters and seekers embrace the truth of God's amazing, unchanging grace.

Liz's dedication to platform ministry has not gone unnoticed. In 1995 the National Speakers Association honored Liz with their Council of Peers Award of Excellence. Her alma mater, Bellarmine University, presented her with a Distinguished Alumni Award in 2005. And she received an Honorary Doctorate from Georgetown College in 2010.

But what Liz cares about most are the women seated in front of her, first row to last.

On the Page: Liz is the author of 37 books, with 4.6 million copies in print. Her latest release, *31 Proverbs to Light Your Path*, shows how thirty-one nuggets of truth reveal God's faithfulness: "I will instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths" (Proverbs 4:11). In another recent devotional, *31 Verses to Write on Your Heart*, Liz explores 31 favorite verses chosen by more than a thousand women. Other books include *The Women of Christmas*, *The Women of Easter*, *It's Good to Be Queen*, *The Girl's Still Got It*, & the best-selling *Bad Girls of the Bible* series, where Liz breathes new life into ancient tales about the most infamous—and intriguing—women in history, from Jezebel to Mary Magdalene. Scripturally sound and cutting-edge fresh, these popular titles have helped more than one million women around the world experience God's grace anew.

Liz spent a decade as an award-winning columnist for *Today's Christian Woman* magazine. Her articles have also appeared in *Faith&Friends* in Canada, *WomanAlive* in Great Britain, and *Enhance* in Australia. Liz has also written award-winning contemporary and historical fiction, along with five books for children.

More than 4,500 churches nationwide are using Liz's video Bible study series, *Loved by God*.

On the Air: Before she took a leap of faith to full-time speaking, Liz spent nearly a decade as a popular radio personality, moving town to town, up and down the dial. Since moving to the platform in 1986, Liz has been interviewed on more than 600 radio and television stations, including guest appearances on PBS, A&E, MS•NBC, NPR, CBC Canada, BBC Radio Scotland, Shine TV New Zealand, Radio Pulpit South Africa, Focus on the Family, Life Today with James Robison, 100 Huntley Street, and Midday Connection on the Moody Network. Feature articles about Liz have appeared in more than 250 major newspapers and magazines, as well as on Salon.com, Beliefnet.com, Spirituality.com, HopeforWomenMag.com, Kyria.com, and many other websites.

At Home: Liz grew up in Pennsylvania as the youngest of six children. She is married to Bill Higgs, Ph.D., who serves as Director of Operations for her speaking and writing office. Liz and Bill enjoy their old Kentucky home, a nineteenth-century farmhouse in Louisville, and are the proud (and relieved!) parents of two college grads, Matthew and Lillian. Bill and Liz recently celebrated their silver anniversary and enjoy singing in the Chancel Choir of their home church. If you want to make Liz a happy woman, ask about her twin tabby cats, Boaz and Samson.

At Heart: "I have three abiding passions: encouraging my sisters in Christ, exploring the stories of women in the Bible, and writing novels set in Scotland of old. When I'm not traveling, speaking, or spinning a story, I connect with readers online, take copious photos, read historical novels, watch period films, and immerse myself in research—the more books, the merrier. I'm a lame housekeeper, a marginal cook, and a mediocre gardener, but home is still my favorite place to land." – Liz

Tambra Combs

Tambra Combs is a Christian Humorist from Chattanooga, TN. Tambra began singing and performing at a young age in church and school. She studied the Arts in college and continued to perform at the local community theater. She is a member of Third Baptist Church where she shares her gift of worship in the choir and praise team. She also taught children's choir and life groups for several years.

Tambra enjoys sharing the Word of God through humor caricature with her best friend, Thelma Lou. Thelma Lou shares Christian humor based on her real-life stories. Thelma Lou also loves to sing and will sometimes bring along her hubby, Bubba, to join her for a song or two.

One of Tambra's favorite bible verses is Proverbs 17:22, "A joyful heart is good medicine..." Tambra says, "It is a joy and blessing to me to see people who are struggling with something, or just having a bad day, break a smile."

Tambra currently resides in Murfreesboro, TN with her precious husband, Carroll.