

Engage360 Episode 6: Elisa Morgan-Transformation Through the Unexpected

Introduction: Welcome to Engage360, Denver Seminary's Podcast. Join us as we explore the redemptive power of the gospel and the life-changing truth of Scripture at work in our culture today.

Dr. Don Payne: Hi. I'm Don Payne, I'm glad to be your host for Engage360. Here we explore what it looks like to engage our culture, and engage the needs of the world, with the redemptive power of the gospel and the life-changing truth of Scripture. And I'm really eager for you to hear from this week's guest who will help us with that very exploration. Now, the challenge in introducing our guest this week is not so much where to start, but where to stop. She was named by Christianity Today as one of the top 50 women influencing today's church and the culture. She's a highly sought after author, speaker, leader, has authored more than 25 books on mothering, spiritual formation, and Evangelism, most recent of which is the *Prayer Coin: Daring to Pray with Honest Abandoned*. For 20 years, she served as CEO of Mops International, Mothers of Preschoolers and under her leadership. Mops grew from over 350 to over 4000 groups. That would be a lot of groups throughout the United States and in 30 other countries influencing over a hundred thousand moms every year. So welcome Elisa Morgan.

Elisa Morgan: Hey Don, thanks for having me.

Dr. Don Payne: So glad to have you here. I want to give you a little more background on Elisa before we turn her loose. Elisa received a bachelor of science from the University of Texas. I've known that for a long time, but in, in what? By the way.

Elisa Morgan: Psychology.

Dr. Don Payne: Okay. I've always known you had that degree, but I never knew what you studied. She has a Master of Divinity from Denver Seminary where, thankfully, she now serves on the board of trustees. And parenthetically, I want to just give her a huge thanks and a shout out for that. Our board of trustees serve on a voluntary basis and their influence on all that we do at Denver Seminary is profound and often unrecognized, so I want to give her a great thanks. Elisa.

Elisa Morgan: Thanks, it's an honor. Thanks.

Dr. Don Payne: Elisa co-hosts the syndicated radio program, *Discover the Word*. She writes regularly for our *Daily Bread Devotional*. Married to Evan, has two grown children, two grandchildren, and I see something and you probably know, I pulled a lot of this. I pirated it from your website, but I had to footnote that you know, since in an academic environment, we're all into footnotes, so I had to

give you a verbal footnote there. So she's got a dog that I take it is some kind of, you call it a Rottweiler want to be?

Elisa Morgan: Yeah, he's a Rotty want to be. Yeah, Wilson. He's almost 13 and he's Roddy and shepherd mix and we just adopted another dog and his name is Coach and he's three years old and he's a Rottie beagle. A Regal.

Dr. Don Payne: Okay.

Elisa Morgan: I know right, let's go with that. Right?

Dr. Don Payne: Yeah, yes, right. So where did the name Wilson come from? Is that from the movie Castaway?

Elisa Morgan: You know, that's pretty cute, Don. Actually, when we adopted him, I couldn't figure out what to name him all day and he fell asleep like hours after we brought him home and this tennis ball fell out of his mouth. I hadn't realized he'd been carrying around all day and it said Wilson and I went, there you go.

Dr. Don Payne: Yeah, you and Tom Hanks. There you go. Well, so, you kind of like staying really, really busy, don't you?

Elisa Morgan: I do. I do. And in fact, Evan and I joke about it that if I'm not on high-speed, my other speed is off and I get bored in the off speed. So yeah, I like to keep busy.

Dr. Don Payne: Okay. Okay. What are you busy with currently?

Elisa Morgan: All the junk you just read, you know, most of that stuff. So I do a lot of content creation right now and you know, I think all of us in different seasons in our lives kind of ebb and flow between what we love to do and maybe what we're built to do. And then the practical of, well, what can we actually make a living doing? You know, and there's this kind of tension. So for me, recently I've been just processing with God about, I love doing what I'm doing, but I may need some more people in my life. Can we work on that? So just to kind of normalize it, you know, 40 years after I graduated from Denver Seminary, it's still kind of a puzzle piece of how do my strengths and the needs of the world come together and how can God use me.

Dr. Don Payne: I've had this conversation with a lot of our students through the years that our vocation, our calling is not something that we, we just figure out and kind of put in our pocket once for all, but it's like something that unfolds in paper thin layers, all throughout our lives.

Elisa Morgan: That's a great analogy, paper, thin layers and because it does form in that way, sometimes the changes in the callings, shifts are imperceptible to us and I think we just really have to stay attuned to ourselves and to our God.

Dr. Don Payne: Yeah, that's well put. Well put, I was looking at your website and for listeners you'll want to consult Elisa's website, ElisaMorgan.com and I noticed a some, some taglines that really caught my attention, living really and really living, on your website. Tell us a bit more about the backstory to that.

Elisa Morgan: Yeah. The website, the Elisa Morgan show, if you will, is only about 10 years old. God, you know, called me into different kinds of ministries. I thought it was going to be a hospital chaplain. Then ended up actually never actually doing that. Instead, I served as a Dean of women at a college and did some Bible studies in my neighborhood and then was invited to apply to become the first President of Mops where I served for 20 years, mothers of preschoolers. And after that, just felt like God was really asking me to take who he's made me to be and kind of put it as a shingle out there. And so if you know anything about branding, you know, Denver Seminary's brand is really about engagement, engaging the world with the life changing truths of the gospel. You know, that's Denver Seminary's brand. What is the Elisa Morgan brand? You know, all of us are branded in a relationship with God. Scripture says my love. They will know we're Christians by our love. You know, you know that your children of God from First John 4, by being the loved. But I was like, well, what's my deal there? And honestly, Don, I just processed and prayed for a long time and thought reality, authenticity, sang it like it is, as much as I can be honest, that's what I wanted to be about. And so thus this phrase, living really and really living.

Dr. Don Payne: And I take it that's the same with your blog, which is entitled. Really?

Elisa Morgan: Yes. Yes. And the blog is a fun thing. We do that once a week. It comes out every Tuesday. I love to platform other women and their voices. And so three weeks out of the month is a guest blogger, a woman who's either never been published and is passionate to begin to write or someone who is well known, and our audience would enjoy. And then it's me the rest of the time. Just a short kind of thought, not a devotional, so much as a a nugget to think about. And we do try to stay authentic and realistic in reality.

Dr. Don Payne: Well, I can tell you that comes across, it really does. And the speaking and in your writing, I want to commend to you.

Elisa Morgan: I hope it does. I just think we have way too many fakers out there and way too many kind of formulaic approaches to the Christian life when in reality we're all in flux all the time. You know, hopefully taking one step closer to Jesus every day, sometimes three back and then maybe a couple more close.

Dr. Don Payne: But a few forward here and there. Yeah. Well I said that comes through in your books and I have here in front of me a number of your books. These 25 books you've written, which of these is your favorite?

Elisa Morgan: Everyone was when I was writing it, or maybe I hated it when I was writing it. Yes, you're right. I'm grateful for all of them. They're all a snippet of my voice. I

think *She Did What She Could* has been, it's so cookies on the bottom shelf in terms of the story of Mary of Bethany that Jesus said she did what she could and her story is going to be told every time the gospel is proclaimed. And what she did was anoint Jesus in a moment. She recognized his deity out of her personal relationship with him and she proclaimed it to all who were there. And I love that reality of Jesus didn't praise Mary for doing all she could. And then falling, spent in a heap at his feet. He praised her for doing what she could and that what was unique and specific and just right in that moment. And that guides me forward every day. You know, what is the what, that I can offer in this moment?

Dr. Don Payne: On that theme of authenticity and being real. I've, I'm impressed at how you approach that, how you really reflected that in your most recent book, *The Prayer Coin*. Now I also have to make another confession. When I saw that title, I thought it was going in a different direction.

Elisa Morgan: What did you think?

Dr. Don Payne: That first blush, I thought it was going to be like some kind of a formula, the prayer coin. You drop the coin in the machine, you know, you get to punch the right button, get the right good that I got. And I saw the title and I thought, that doesn't sound like something Elisa would write, but it puzzled me. And then as I got into I was like, oh, okay, I now I get it now.

Elisa Morgan: That's great. That's great. I'm so glad you're straight up about that. It's interesting. It's only been out as a short while and we're actually looking at retitling it. I think people stumble on it. *The Prayer Coin* means daring to pray with honest and abandoned. It's a two-sided prayer that Jesus prayed in the garden Gethsemane where he prayed, take this cup. That's the honest side. I don't want to go to the cross. Yet, not my will. That's the abandoned side of, what do you want God? And when you look at that prayer and realize that Jesus prayed it repeatedly, three of the four gospels contain it and it's a repeated prayer. It's probably without a doubt the most often prayer we have of Jesus. We're thinking about retitling it. *When We Pray Like Jesus*, which also can be off putting because like how can I? But that's the point. Jesus invited his first century disciples in the garden to join him. Bless their sweet hearts. They dipped and dosed and were afraid, they were full, they were tired, they were, their heads were reeling. But he invited those first century disciples to join him in that prayer. And I think he invites us to as well so we can pray like, Jesus with this kind of honest and abandoned two-sided prayer coin kind of thing.

Dr. Don Payne: Well, I have to tell you, I was really, as I got into it, I was really moved by that and it's already begin to challenge my own prayer life in some really good ways. And it's clear from what you wrote and how you wrote it, that it was this was growing out of some transformative moments in your own prayer journey.

Elisa Morgan: It's expensive to learn anything without our prayer, you know. Yeah, I think we tend to pray one side or the other. We either pray honest all the time, blah,

blah, blah. God, this is what I want, blah, blah, blah. Or we pray abandon all the time. Oh God, it doesn't matter what I want. What do you want here? And I think Jesus model of praying both, and back and forth, flipping back and forth, take this cup yet, not my will, and then he prays again, take this cup, yet not my will, and he keeps doing that. As I began to practice that, I realized that, Jesus' prayer was forged in a crucible garden where he developed even greater intimacy with his father. And I think that's what he, that's why he prayed that model for us, that we would learn to spend that kind of currency to develop really an intimacy that he died to provide for us to enjoy.

- Dr. Don Payne: I have to tell you that as I got into the book, one word that captured my attention more than any other, early on, was on page 12. And it's the word, "ugh."
- Elisa Morgan: It's a very deep theological word.
- Dr. Don Payne: It is a deep theological word. It's a 50 cent theological word. I may use it in class today. Who knows?
- Elisa Morgan: You're welcome, it's not copywrited.
- Dr. Don Payne: But the, the prelude to the word you say in John 18, 1. Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them what they should always pray and not give up. We ratchet up our efforts with consistency and sincerity. Sometimes we see results, sometimes we don't. Ugh.
- Elisa Morgan: Yeah. And we think it's all about us doing it right. Which is why I'm glad you talked about that initial impression of is this a formulaic tokenism. That's what we have constantly reduce our Christian relationship to with Jesus, you know, kind of a tokenism, we're so into transaction. We're so into doing it right and seeing the results and wow. It's not that. It's all about intimacy. It's all about embracing what God has been literally dying to give us every day.
- Dr. Don Payne: Right. Right. All of this really and very obviously reflects a long journey where you've wrestled with these things. You've struggled through them in your own journey. You've struggled through them in ministry with other people.
- Elisa Morgan: Ugh.
- Dr. Don Payne: Ugh.
- Elisa Morgan: Maybe I'll write a book called *Ugh*.
- Dr. Don Payne: You know, you're welcome. That'll, that'll be the next book. How was it that you found your, and you can go back historically a little bit, how, how did you find your way to Seminary, to Denver Seminary? What did you think you'd be doing when you started that journey?

Elisa Morgan:

Yeah. Honestly, I, I'd known God all my life. My mom would drop us off at our local Presbyterian church in Houston, Texas. And I loved God. But it was when I was about 16 through the ministry of young life that I found out that I can actually have a relationship with God and how. And so I happily just lapped that up. I, I dated a guy all through high school and college. And to our surprise, we broke up at the end of college. It just was clear that we weren't to continue. And I was like, well, now what do I do? Kind of a thing. And I thought about what have I felt the most alive, and it was ironically when I was in college doing an independent study on death and dying. And I was assisting a hospital chaplain and I knew God had a hand in me and I thought, all right, I'm going to seek that out. And so I enrolled at Denver Seminary to become a hospital chaplain, which I actually never actually had been. I've done a lot of work in hospitals, but that's kind of how I, I come from a broken family, broken through divorce and alcoholism, and a bunch of other stuff. And so this part of the Elisa story, and it's, it's all in another book called the *Beauty of Broken*. I met and married Evan, my husband when I was a student at Seminary and we knew we couldn't have children biologically. So we began the process of adoption. We adopted first, one child and then another baby. And then when they were in their preschool years is when I began in the presidency of MOPS. Ironically, I thought, Lord, you can't possibly want me here when they called to see if I'd apply. And so I honestly doubled up my therapy sessions and I...

Dr. Don Payne:

To try to get out of it?

Elisa Morgan:

No, just to figure out what's this about God. And I found myself in the grocery store one day with my toddlers climbing out of the cart, and I felt the Lord nudging me and look said, looking at all those other moms around you, Elisa, you know, look at who they are. And I found the same kind of Swiss cheese holes in their souls that were in mine. And I sensed that God was saying to me, give me your deficits and I'll make them your offering. And that I didn't understand exactly what that would mean, that I didn't know how to be a mother. I'd never even been pregnant. You know, I'm a mother through adoption. I come from a broken family, but I began to climb up on what I called a platform of vulnerability, going, I don't know what the poop I'm doing? Poops, a good word in Mops, you know, we didn't know. Nobody knows what we're doing as parents. Every time we're first timers at it. And so I began to talk about that. And that's where the hunger was in the moms of just this acknowledgement. And so this authenticity, this honesty, this calling to a platform of just being who we are and quit faking it so much and then boom, when my own family began to fall and break, the Lord began to use me more even, then when I thought I was whole, I thought I could create it perfectly intact second family because I had Jesus, you know, I have the answer. And our family began to struggle through teen pregnancy, through addictions, through some legal issues, just through some suffering. And I began to understand, Oh, it took forever, like 10 years at least that God, when we give him our brokenness, which all of us have, I don't care how well you know Jesus, you're not insulated from the ough. Okay. We all have that. When we give him our brokenness instead

of disqualifying us, it can actually in his hands further qualify us. And that's what I began to understand.

Dr. Don Payne: And so most of your ministry or all of your ministry has in one way or another, been an unfolding of that. Various directions.

Elisa Morgan: It has. Yeah. Just I remember when I left MOPS, sensing that I had completed God's desire for me to contribute there and that it was time for the next generation of leaders to take the mantle, so to speak. I remember blogging about the dismantling of Elisa. It's just, it was so ironic and true and I struggled for a long time because I had been so attached to such a vibrant ministry. Where truly, millions of moms had been affected and I began to feel, I think what a lot of us feel when we leave a position of influence. Well now what and who am I now?

Dr. Don Payne: Yeah. Who am I?

Elisa Morgan: Yeah. And I sensed God showing me that I was trying to attach like Velcro to all these other things, to regain my stability and significance. And I sensed Him similar how He talked about my deficits early, early, early in my ministry. Now in my latter years of ministry, He was really willing me to attach myself to Him. So that's where I've been and he's, he's still using me with people and stuff, but there's been a reorientation inside me of where I belong, and from what my center is that I give out, you know, this connection, find a branch, kind of thing.

Dr. Don Payne: Okay. We've got a thread line going here. Pardon me, with some of the unexpected things that God uses to really transform us, certainly unwelcome things at times. I think that same thing happens in what we learn about ministry, what we learned about people through the active ministry. And let me explain that a little better, I hope. Whenever we engage in some form of service, some form of ministry, I think we discover things that we did not know were going to be there. We, you know, we go into various ministries, assuming we're going to be the giver, we have something that other people need, which may be true in some respects, but then the act of ministry, whatever the ministry is, unfolds what the real needs are. So teaches us something that we did not know. And I'm really curious, what have you learned about people? What have been the game changer moments for you as you have led, written, spoken around the world? How has that changed?

Elisa Morgan: Yeah. You know, they're zillions of lessons. In fact, when I left MOPS, I created a list of 20 lessons from 20 years about leadership and it was so helpful. I did keep track of them too, to kind of put them in one place and hold onto them that things like ministry and management and money all go together and you know, those kinds of things. So there's a list of leadership lessons, but probably the overarching formative lesson would be that God cares just as much, if not more, about what he's doing in us as what he's doing through us.

Dr. Don Payne: That was a surprise to you?

Elisa Morgan: Stunning. Yeah, because I'm, I'm an achiever on the Enneagram, if you will, and that's a personality test that shows our core direction we're pointed at, and I love to achieve. So I would think, and if you look at, you know, how we value people in our Americans, how we value people in our American society. It is a lot about results. But as I, as I began to lead and continued, and even led others and watched God forming them, it became abundantly clear to me that He cared just as much, if not more about what was happening inside me and who I was. And, and as, as we would launch other women and men into other ministries, you know, they'd steal them away from our staff kind of thing. I would just get incensed until the Lord began to show me. Yeah. This is part of the process. Every Christian ministry is about equipping people and sometimes your own staff will become pioneers and evangelists that are transplanting mission elsewhere. And so view people with great honor and care and love that, hold them loosely as I form them, maybe at your hand and form you as you relinquish. So yeah, it did surprise me and I'm really grateful for it now.

Dr. Don Payne: I think that may be one of the most difficult things for a lot of us to learn is to be open-handed with our ministries because we get attached to them. We grab onto them, for a variety of reasons and to be generative, to be open handed with those and realize that a part of our ministries is, well, maybe all of our ministry is always to be given away.

Elisa Morgan: I think we've been duped a little bit, especially in our society about, well, with all the nonprofits and para-church organizations, but even with churches and the legacy of these, we forget that our mission is not the mission. The mission, if you go back to Acts, yeah. If you go back to Acts and you look at all of the original missionaries and go back to Jesus and Luke and you know, all the places He talked about going out, sending us out, two by two or however, the mission is the gospel. So wherever we go, that's the core mission. And we do get, I think Don, as you're saying a little too attached to our little corner of the pie, you know, our little slice of the pie when that's part of it, but it's only a part of it.

Dr. Don Payne: Yeah. Let's talk a little bit, if we can, about your experience at Denver Seminary. You came to Seminary to be a hospital chaplain and never did it.

Elisa Morgan: Yeah.

Dr. Don Payne: And, that actually turns out to be very, very typical in my experience with people that come to seminary. God ends up using that as a platform, a launching point, perhaps an intersection that will go in an entirely different direction than what they had anticipated. How is it in your own reflections that, your seminary education has, has actually shaped what you have done rather than what you thought you would do?

Elisa Morgan: It's a little bit similar to what just talked about with the mission. You know that we are all called to Jesus. And then how do we express that call in our calling, you know, that we live out is very unique and not always the same from day to day and year to year. So I knew I was called to God and I thought to something, but it wasn't exactly, but yeah, I think, I remember coming up here to interview and Vernon Grounds was the President back in the day. And I remember meeting in his office with his cane stacked horizontally on the wall above his head. He had a collection of walking sticks and canes, and I knew nothing Don. I didn't, I couldn't even say the books of the Bible. I still can't. I'm so grateful there's an index in the Bible. But anyway, I didn't know anything. I didn't know words like homiletics or hermeneutics or even theology. And Vernon talked me to, you know, honestly, the program's full right now and I just, my, I was crest fallen. I thought that God was leading me here. And then twinkly eyed Vernon goes, but rules are made to be broken on this.

Dr. Don Payne: So vintage, Vernon.

Elisa Morgan: I know, right. And I moved up to Colorado from Houston and I didn't know even where I was going to live. And I was introduced through my relationship with Young Life to a couple from Dallas who actually were also beginning. And they invited me to live in their house with them as a single woman. And these step by step by step of God's provision has been amazing. And what's been really unique, I think about my experience with Denver Seminary is that while I went here for three years and got a degree, I married a man who was a student, who left the seminary, not completing his degree and went back into the secular workforce. He went into banking. But then when Haddon Robinson became the president after Vernon, Haddon called Evan to become his VP of Business. So Evan. Yeah. So Evan served here for 13 years as the VP of Business and then Advancement under Haddon Robinson. During that time, I was in between. I was at home waiting for kids, Haddon asked me if I would do a radio program for the Seminary, which I did for four years called *Considerations*. It was nationally syndicated, so I became the voice of the Seminary. Can't believe he would allow me to do that. He could've done it in 10 seconds, but he stewarded me and he mentored me every month. He met with me and went over all my scripts and released me. After that, I went to MOPS and served there. It's amazing. And now to look at this, I've been on the board here for eight years or so. In other words, I've had a 40-year relationship with Denver Seminary, who knew? I giggle when I drive up here to go to a board meeting. I think, don't they know I'm the girl from Texas who doesn't know the books of the Bible, you know?

Dr. Don Payne: I'm going to tell.

Elisa Morgan: Okay, you can, and actually Haddon, and Alice Matthews, were the co-hosts of Discover the Word.

Dr. Don Payne: I remember that.

Elisa Morgan: For 20 years. And as I segued into becoming a part of that ministry. So Denver Seminary has had a very long fingerprint and deep fingerprint on my life.

Dr. Don Payne: Well, your fingerprints are there too. I hope you know that. As you look ahead, what do you see down the road as some of the big challenges that are going to be facing the church, facing people who are headed into various forms of ministry, particularly as we think of what a redemptive engagement looks like. What do you think's ahead of us?

Elisa Morgan: I think culture is really challenging for the church and I think we need to be super careful to not get all tied up in knots over lifestyle, over societies, inclusion or exclusion. And I think we need to remember who we are, the beloved of God. And by that, that means we are people that God has chosen to love and rescue from our sin. And that means, as God's beloved, we are to be love in his world. That's hard. It's hard to love people who are different from us. It's hard to be so polarized in our world of right and wrongness. And so when it gets hard to be love in our world, I think we need to remember to be loved by our God. We don't have to change people. We don't have to control people. We don't have to fix people. We need to love people.

Dr. Don Payne: For task oriented people like you and me. That's a tough word to here.

Elisa Morgan: It is.

Dr. Don Payne: We don't have to fix people.

Elisa Morgan: It is, but it's the truth. And the older we get, maybe the more free this call and command can be to us, if we really want to engage the needs of our world, with the redemptive power of the gospel. Well, we need to live loved. We need to be what God says we are, beloved.

Dr. Don Payne: Well, what a great note to wind down on. Before we end, I want to ask you some really dumb questions.

Elisa Morgan: Okay?

Dr. Don Payne: Okay. This is my random irrelevant.

Elisa Morgan: Oh good. We've got to have this at the end of any podcast.

Dr. Don Payne: You know, you just do. You just do. Now at the risk of, putting yourself in the same predicament that former President Bush got in when he made a statement about broccoli. What is the food that you find most disgusting?

Elisa Morgan: Oh gosh. Hot dogs. It's a real girl thing to say. I know.

Dr. Don Payne: How dare you. I regret that I asked that question.

Elisa Morgan: Especially with sauerkraut. Yuck.

Dr. Don Payne: Wow. That's going to ruin my day.

Elisa Morgan: You know what's in them, right?

Dr. Don Payne: I do.

Elisa Morgan: Okay.

Dr. Don Payne: But I don't care.

Elisa Morgan: Good. Enjoy.

Dr. Don Payne: What do your friends love to make fun of you for?

Elisa Morgan: For my voices, I have a lot of sound effects. You know, like [sound effects] or that kind of thing beep beep. I love sound effects.

Dr. Don Payne: Those really work well when you speak in public.

Elisa Morgan: They do. I love to do that, you know, here's my, my secret ambition. I'm getting so old instead of having a secret, I say it almost every time I have the chance. Maybe one day it'll happen. I would love to be an animated voice in a cartoon. [animated voice]

Dr. Don Payne: Okay. That really answers the next question I was going to ask you, which is if you got to do something, anything other than what you currently do, what would it be?

Elisa Morgan: That would be it.

Dr. Don Payne: And that would be it, the animated voices.

Elisa Morgan: Yeah. Animated voices.

Dr. Don Payne: Well, that is too much fun. What's the most interesting place you've ever visited? Other than Texas?

Elisa Morgan: Yeah, other than Texas. You know, we just took a 40 year anniversary trip to the North side of France to Normandy and to Bayou France and, saw the beaches of Omaha and where the invasion was from the Allies. And it was really powerful and probably the most powerful and unsuspecting place we stood, along with all the expected ones, was a little church where paratroopers ended up parachuting in and the Germans were right there in shot everybody down. It was crazy. And two medics came from separate sides, to the church, put a red cross on it and attended to the wounded, both from the Allies and from the

Germans. And I was really impressed at the detail of God's care and his presence and the amazing courage of the men and women who really struggled for freedom there.

Dr. Don Payne: Oh, wow. That's, that's thick. Elisa, thank you for carving out this time with us.

Elisa Morgan: You bet, Don.

Dr. Don Payne: I always enjoy crossing paths with you because you encourage, just by your presence and your way. I want to encourage everybody to check out Elisa's website, ElisaMorgan.com and her blog, Really. This has been Engage360 from Denver Seminary. You can find us on your favorite podcast platform or connect with us through the Denver Seminary website, where you can also find out a lot more about who we are and what we do to train people to engage in the needs of the world with the redemptive power of the gospel and the life changing truth of scripture. Thanks for listening. We hope you'll check in next week for another conversation. Take care.