

## Elizabeth's first interview

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3 **Interviewer:** I'd like to start by asking you what you believe about God.

4 **Elizabeth:** Um – He's like – it's a question that could – um – that you could  
5 say a lot, but I guess the main things are, number one, that it's a  
6 – um – a loving God, that, the caring, loving God that, y'know,  
7 it's a – he's there to – not to, y'know, to help – um – y'know, not  
8 to – not to be this force in the sky that dictates, y'know, what you  
9 have to do and that you have to appease. Um, so, got that, but  
10 also – um – so there's the help aspect and – um – also, there  
11 kind of as a guide – um – of the – how you should live your life  
12 to – how you should live your life – um – and also the thing of  
13 forgiveness. Um – of course, y'not gonna, y'not gonna be able  
14 to do everything right an' everything, so – um – basically I'm  
15 trying to say is – um – it's a force that's like far greater than any  
16 of us so, y'know, so different that you can't even understand –  
17 um – that – um – that is there to – not – to help, or to , or to  
18 guide and help and, yeah, he's pretty cool.

19 **Interviewer:** That's a very good answer. Have you always thought of God in  
20 that way?

21 **Elizabeth:** Um – well, being like brought up in – in the Church – um – I  
22 s'pose it has always been this. When you're younger you kind  
23 of just – y'know – you listen to the stories and you say, you say  
24 your prayers at night with your parents, but it's not that much of  
25 a big thing. But for as far back as I can remember, I've always  
26 kind of prayed when I felt upset, or in trouble, or like I needed  
27 help, but I think it – that got more meaning, or I felt that it  
28 actually worked more as I got a bit older, like was so that – um –  
29 like the image, the image of God is for me like a father, a father-  
30 type figure which has always been like that. But – um – but now  
31 it's starting to – but I'm starting to make myself kind of look at  
32 the other aspects.

33 **Interviewer:** Such as?

34 **Elizabeth:** Um – like it's not just, it's not just a thing of – you have to put  
35 effort into it, too, to be like – try and do the best that you can do,  
36 not just getting everything – It's not – it's not an easy thing.

37 **Interviewer:** Could you say more about this "father" image?

38 **Elizabeth:** Um – when I, when I did journalling in RE, the same image of  
39 always came out of – like a hand, holding in a massive hand, or,  
40 um, or just like a – or even a mother or father holding a little  
41 baby, or on the shoulder – um, y'know, carrying, warm and safe.  
42 Um – well, y'know, the thing of guiding, with holding the hand,  
43 guiding and helping. That's the biggest image -

44 **Interviewer:** Has that image been with you all the time?

- 45 **Elizabeth:** Yep!
- 46 **Interviewer:** Even when you were little?
- 47 **Elizabeth:** As far back as I can remember.
- 48 **Interviewer:** Do you know why that image has stayed with you?
- 49 **Elizabeth:** Ah, it could be – it could be a parent thing. I don't know if that's  
50 – I – I don't – I wouldn't know where it came from. Yeah.
- 51 **Interviewer:** That's okay. I think for most of us, we're not sure where our  
52 images come from when it comes to God. But the important  
53 thing is that image has been with you for as long as you can  
54 remember.
- 55 **Elizabeth:** Yep.
- 56 **Interviewer:** So, is there one word you would use to describe God?
- 57 **Elizabeth:** Yeah, "father."
- 58 **Interviewer:** Does that mean for you God has gender?
- 59 **Elizabeth:** Yes. Not as a – not as a – um – a big issue, but it's accepted as  
60 a – you can't understand him. It's not – you can't put words to it,  
61 like we can put words to – like – can't distinguish it, so just use  
62 the "he" as in – yeah.
- 63 **Interviewer:** So if we passed a rule at Teresa College so that from now on  
64 we're going to call God "she"?
- 65 **Elizabeth:** I'd probably – I don't know – I don't know if I'd be upset. I'd  
66 probably feel kind of unnerved, or something –
- 67 **Interviewer:** So if the image has stayed the same for you, how has your faith  
68 changed, if at all?
- 69 **Elizabeth:** Ooh, it's – it's gone from, um, from a thing of always, y'know,  
70 just having God there as a father to rely on, to – like I'm realizing  
71 now that you have to – um - that there's other aspects that  
72 you've gotta work towards, or – like you've gotta try to be the  
73 best you can, not just keep saying "Sorry, sorry, sorry." So, like,  
74 and trying to understand, whereas before I'd just dismiss the  
75 passages in the Bible that showed God as a – y'know –  
76 revengeful thing, trying to understand it more, or, you know, or  
77 explore something –
- 78 **Interviewer:** So what do you do with those images now?
- 79 **Elizabeth:** Ah, sometimes I just dismiss them. But, but, um, I don't know,  
80 but maybe go discuss it with someone, or just – I know it's hard,  
81 like, the Old Testament's hard.
- 82 **Interviewer:** What about Jesus? Is Jesus different from God?
- 83 **Elizabeth:** That's a hard one.
- 84 **Interviewer:** It is, isn't it.

- 85 **Elizabeth:** It – it comes down to the thing of for me – um, it's too – it's a  
86 very hard thing to try to distinguish the three parts in the one, the  
87 one person. But, in the end, like, I just think you can't, you can't  
88 try to understand it. And, and, even if it were like – you wouldn't  
89 want a God you could understand, 'cause he'd only be as great  
90 as us. So – um – I know it's – I know he's different. I think he's  
91 kinda the same, like, yeah ... I can't see, like, I can't distinguish  
92 any, any great difference, like "God is greater than Jesus" type  
93 thing, or, I don't know ....
- 94 **Interviewer:** So when you read a story about Jesus in the Gospels, are you  
95 thinking of Jesus as a man, or ...?
- 96 **Elizabeth:** Yeah, 'coz that's, that's when he was a man. Like, it's hard to  
97 think of Jesus in heaven as a man.
- 98 **Interviewer:** So when you go to heaven, what would you be?
- 99 **Elizabeth:** I don't know. See, that's the thing. You don't know. That'd be  
100 the difference – the, just that like on – on earth. The thing of 'on  
101 earth' in the Bible, it's on earth – that's easily distinguishable in  
102 the Bible.
- 103 **Interviewer:** But heaven is a different matter for you?
- 104 **Elizabeth:** Mm.
- 105 **Interviewer:** What about the Holy Spirit?
- 106 **Elizabeth:** That's even harder. The Holy Spirit is like the – it'd be like the –  
107 um – bit of God in us, kind of – the thing that makes you .... I  
108 don't know. I know what I've been told about it. Things like that  
109 it's – it's the – it's not conscience type thing, but something like  
110 that. But – yeah – that's even harder.
- 111 **Interviewer:** If you just think of someone in your Year that you talk to a lot: if  
112 you had to explain about the Holy Spirit to that person, is there  
113 anything that you would want to add to what you've said?
- 114 **Elizabeth:** Mm, I think I'd – yeah, I'd say the thing of – "y'kind of understand  
115 it; don't stress over it" type thing, but, um, that it's – it's kind of  
116 like – just like – maybe "God or – a little bit in us that makes us  
117 good people" type thing. Yeah. Not – not – not really a bit of God  
118 in us, but basically the thing, the thing of –
- 119 **Interviewer:** So, what do you believe about the Holy Spirit and yourself?
- 120 **Elizabeth:** These are hard questions. You can't describe it. Y'kinda know  
121 it. So basically a thing in me. It's like faith ... kind of. Yeah.
- 122 **Interviewer:** Okay. And do you have an image that goes with that?
- 123 **Elizabeth:** With the Holy Spirit?
- 124 **Interviewer:** Yes.
- 125 **Elizabeth:** Only the flame image from the Bible.

- 126 **Interviewer:** So, what do you think of that image?
- 127 **Elizabeth:** It's like a thing of burning that like if you have this – like  
128 emotions can be real strong and like kind of control like if you're  
129 really, really angry they'd be – you start shaking and stuff, type  
130 of like a burning kind of thing in you – yeah – so the burning of  
131 the fire in you to be doing the God stuff.
- 132 **Interviewer:** Do you have experiences that tell you what you're saying is  
133 true?
- 134 **Elizabeth:** Ah – as in, y'know, like a burning thing to do good type of thing?  
135 I s'pose you've got your conscience type thing. Um – when I get  
136 really, really guilty. I hate feeling guilty.
- 137 **Interviewer:** Can you talk a bit more about that?
- 138 **Elizabeth:** Feeling guilty?
- 139 **Interviewer:** Yeah, and hating feeling guilty.
- 140 **Elizabeth:** I feel guilty for the littlest, smallest things. When everyone's  
141 going "It's alright. I don't care" but just like letting someone else  
142 down – yeah. So – um – yeah, when you know like it's like a big  
143 power struggle inside you. When you know like you're trying to  
144 do these things and it's so hard to do 'em, like talk to your  
145 friends, or just say to your friends ....
- 146 **Interviewer:** Believing in God, does that help you with that struggle?
- 147 **Elizabeth:** Yeah, it does. Um – it's just the thing of like you keep all y' – it  
148 keeps being burned in you that you've got to try. You never –  
149 um, basically the thing of that it'll work out, it'll work out because  
150 like he's guiding everything.
- 151 **Interviewer:** So you're back to that image of the hand and being held and  
152 guided?
- 153 **Elizabeth:** Yeah.
- 154 **Interviewer:** Have you always believed that?
- 155 **Elizabeth:** Believed what?
- 156 **Interviewer:** That God is always there for you, particularly when you've got  
157 to make decisions in your life.
- 158 **Elizabeth:** There was one moment in my life when I had a thing of panic.  
159 My whole life I've been "Y'know, it's alright. Pray." But it was  
160 one moment and I remember exactly – I was driving. I wasn't  
161 driving. I was sitting in the car and like thinking about  
162 problems, or whatever and it was like panic because what if it's  
163 not true. What if it's not, y'know, what if it's all lies. But that  
164 didn't last long. It lasted only a few seconds, and then it came.
- 165 **Interviewer:** What came?

- 166 **Elizabeth:** The thing of guiding and being in – like – um, held in just safe,  
167 secure ... yeah.
- 168 **Interviewer:** What about prayer? Do you pray?
- 169 **Elizabeth:** Yep.
- 170 **Interviewer:** And is it to God? Or to Jesus? Or the Holy Spirit?
- 171 **Elizabeth:** Not to the Holy Spirit. I s'pose it would be to God, God-Jesus  
172 type together thing. Yeah.
- 173 **Interviewer:** Do you have regular times for prayer?
- 174 **Elizabeth:** When I go to bed and like before we eat dinner, and just like if I  
175 think of something any time during the day, or it anything  
176 happens. Yeah.
- 177 **Interviewer:** So, do you think you're a religious person?
- 178 **Elizabeth:** I reckon.
- 179 **Interviewer:** How does your belief in God influence or shape the way you live  
180 your life?
- 181 **Elizabeth:** Like, it's this with the good and right struggle again, the good –  
182 the good and bad struggle – um – like it's so easy to just live to –  
183 um – even society's rules like not breaking the law, "I'm not  
184 hurting anyone", but you know that you are. Or you're hurting  
185 yourself. So it does, like it does guide heaps – like everything  
186 you do. Yeah, yeah. You've got the conscience thing coming  
187 back. Or you know that it's right or wrong.
- 188 **Interviewer:** So, what are you saying to me about some of society's laws?
- 189 **Elizabeth:** Things like, y'know, it's not, it's not against the law to – um call  
190 someone – that's stu-, that's not really right – um – like you can,  
191 there's no laws for – for, y'know, how you – how you treat  
192 people in small ways, like – yeah. – All the – all the examples I  
193 can think of aren't quite right, like things like just helping a  
194 person with their groceries, or something. There's no law. Or  
195 the thing of not – not helping is – or standing around and letting  
196 something bad happen is as bad as doing it. Like that's not,  
197 that's definitely not a – society says, "It's not my fault, I just saw  
198 it happen."
- 199 **Interviewer:** Have you always thought that way? Or can you think of a time  
200 when you started to think that way?
- 201 **Elizabeth:** Like there'd be lots of times and lots of examples, like around  
202 the school yard – it's real easy – like just something or  
203 sometimes, or someone just saying, someone else talking  
204 behind you, y'know, some boys that you don't usually associate  
205 with, you don't want to turn around and say, "Excuse me, that's  
206 not quite right." Sometimes I see them, but it's hard. Um – and –  
207 I don't know, I suppose when I was younger I didn't really think

208 about it that much from the perspective like “It’s not my fault, he  
209 started it.”

210 **Interviewer:** So can you remember being like that?

211 **Elizabeth:** Yeah, when I was younger.

212 **Interviewer:** You’re not like that now?

213 **Elizabeth:** I try not to be.

214 **Interviewer:** So do you know when you first became aware of these things?  
215 Or can you pinpoint a time in your life when you started to  
216 change?

217 **Elizabeth:** It’d have to be before Year 6 ’cause in Year 6 this boy used to  
218 get teased a lot and I used to play cars with him in the sand pit  
219 and I hated it ’cause it was boring. But no one would play with  
220 him and I – yeah – and I’d stick up for him, like, I don’t know, I  
221 can’t really think of a time before that.

222 **Interviewer:** So, would you have gone home and talked it over with your  
223 parents?

224 **Elizabeth:** Yeah, I did.

225 **Interviewer:** Okay, you can recall that?

226 **Elizabeth:** Yep.

227 **Interviewer:** What are some of the things you recall from that time?

228 **Elizabeth:** Um – my parents were probably just – um – y’know, “Don’t – just  
229 don’t listen to the - ” the same thing that any family would say.  
230 Just don’t listen to the girls that were being mean ’cause they’d  
231 be mean to me. Yeah.

232 **Interviewer:** So you lived through all that – being teased?

233 **Elizabeth:** And I gave him a Christmas card – and – and one of the girls  
234 snatched it off and read it and was laughing. Then I snatched it  
235 back!

236 **Interviewer:** What about your attitude towards suffering?

237 **Elizabeth:** Um – that was always a – a subject that you just – another –  
238 another one that you didn’t understand – that I didn’t  
239 understand, so I just didn’t think much, but – um one of Dad’s  
240 sermons cleared it up pretty well. And that was –um – for it –  
241 there was – there was – I can’t remember all the points, but the  
242 basic ones were like it wasn’t – it wasn’t God’s original plan.  
243 You had the Garden of Eden, but – um – the main thing was  
244 God didn’t just want puppets. He didn’t want these – y’know,  
245 these beings who are just praising God and being because they  
246 can’t do wrong, so, so you give them choice that, you know,  
247 gave them choice to do good or bad, so then with the choice that  
248 when – when the – um – the people do good it actually means  
249 something. It’s not just them – um – doing, just doing the only

250 thing they can do. It actually means something. And also, like  
251 Jesus knows, like Jesus went through it all. And like the thing of  
252 – um – life on earth isn't very long compared to like eternity in  
253 heaven.

254 **Interviewer:** How old do you think you were when you heard that sermon  
255 from your Dad?

256 **Elizabeth:** That was – that was within a year ago. Yeah. Not very long.

257 **Interviewer:** So, up to that point, it was something you didn't understand?

258 **Elizabeth:** I kind of did, but not – I didn't have the right words to be able to  
259 say it easily.

260 **Interviewer:** And so what did you do? Just push it away?

261 **Elizabeth:** Yeah. Just didn't talk about it.

262 **Interviewer:** Alright. What about death?

263 **Elizabeth:** In – in – in what I think of it?

264 **Interviewer:** Yeah.

265 **Elizabeth:** Like, I'm not scared of it or anything. It's just, yeah, it's just the  
266 thing of – um – I'm scared of it in that my friends and family  
267 might die, but I'm not scared of it for me. Um – yeah, like the  
268 thing of going to heaven that's pretty ...

269 **Interviewer:** So how long has that been with you?

270 **Elizabeth:** oh, that's all my life.

271 **Interviewer:** Okay. So you could be a martyr?

272 **Elizabeth:** A martyr?

273 **Interviewer:** It wouldn't bother you?

274 **Elizabeth:** That'd be hard.

275 **Interviewer:** Why? What's the difference between being a martyr and talking  
276 about death like this?

277 **Elizabeth:** Because – um – 'cause the thing of like saying – standing up to  
278 people. Not just like – like just suddenly dying, or having an  
279 illness, or something. I'd like to be a martyr.

280 **Interviewer:** Why?

281 **Elizabeth:** 'Cause it'd be pretty cool.

282 **Interviewer:** What's cool about being a martyr?

283 **Elizabeth:** I don't know. RE students study your life?

284 **Interviewer:** So you'd like to be St Elizabeth? I've been listening to you talk  
285 about your faith and I get this sense of it giving your life a sense  
286 of purpose and fulfilment. Could you talk a bit about that?

- 287 **Elizabeth:** Well, the thing of like the – like not just meaningless, like people  
288 could spend their whole life searching for meaning or just waste  
289 it away thinking “Why should I bother doing that?” y’know,  
290 there’s no, no point, but, I think – um – I don’t know, you’re here  
291 to make the most of it, type thing. Like just be the best person  
292 you can be and have fun.
- 293 **Interviewer:** And with all the people you associate with at school, in Year 12,  
294 are there any there who wouldn’t have this sort of faith that you  
295 have?
- 296 **Elizabeth:** Wouldn’t have the faith?
- 297 **Interviewer:** Yeah, the sort of faith you have.
- 298 **Elizabeth:** Yeah, there’s heaps.
- 299 **Interviewer:** So if you think about people who are close to you, are there  
300 people who are struggling to find meaning and purpose?
- 301 **Elizabeth:** Um – amongst my friends?
- 302 **Interviewer:** Yeah.
- 303 **Elizabeth:** I reckon.
- 304 **Interviewer:** Yeah.
- 305 **Elizabeth:** Yeah. Like – or just – just – be – because its – because it’s a  
306 real thing of it’s too hard to understand or explore ... that  
307 Christianity’s just too hard or they just think “As, that’s just  
308 stupid” type thing.
- 309 **Interviewer:** But what do you think?
- 310 **Elizabeth:** I don’t think it’s stupid. Yeah.
- 311 **Interviewer:** Were there any events in your life that helped you to deepen  
312 your relationship with God?
- 313 **Elizabeth:** Um – there’s a couple recent ones that like – um – I’ll just say it  
314 first. One was when I was in bed. It was really – it was about –  
315 probably about two, three o’clock in the morning. And I was  
316 upset about something, I can’t remember what, but I was crying  
317 y’know and tossing and turning and I had the thing of like I  
318 thought, “Aw yeah, pray about it” or whatever, but that didn’t  
319 help. And so I was thinking like “This sucks” ’cause like you  
320 know that God’s there ’n’ everything but it’s not like a physical  
321 thing. Like I think – like “Why can’t he just come down and give  
322 me a hug.” And I thought, “This sucks! That’s crap!” But THEN  
323 my Mum came in and – and like ‘cause she – she used to kind  
324 of come check on us ev’ry night when we were little but she  
325 stopped. So my Mum came in – I don’t even know why – but she  
326 came in and lay down with me and like held me until I went to  
327 sleep. And that was a – that was a real like – you know – of



328 course, you know that God has the person in that to do that job.  
329 But that was – that was too much of a coincidence.

330 **Interviewer:** So your prayer was answered?

331 **Elizabeth:** Immediately. And the other one was that I was worried about  
332 something – um – for ages and it – and then I thought, “This is  
333 stupid. So I’m just gonna – like I’m just gonna give it to God  
334 ’cause I can’t control it.” And, like actual physical like relief that I  
335 felt after I thought that was good. So that’s like two times.

336 **Interviewer:** In recent times?

337 **Elizabeth:** Yeah.

338 **Interviewer:** Okay. As a result of that, that whole notion of the hand of God  
339 that guides. the hand that takes your hand, is that an even  
340 stronger image?

341 **Elizabeth:** Yep.

342 **Interviewer:** When you were little when you tried to image God what did you  
343 image?

344 **Elizabeth:** I would’ve had the thing of a – um – a big – big guy with a big  
345 beard and a white dress.

346 **Interviewer:** Do you know why you would have had that?

347 **Elizabeth:** ’Cause that the – um – society’s image type thing? Or the – um  
348 – y’know, the pictures you see.

349 **Interviewer:** Is that you supposing it was like that or you remembering it was  
350 like that?

351 **Elizabeth:** Remembering it what?

352 **Interviewer:** Remembering it from your past; what you would have  
353 remembered of God.

354 **Elizabeth:** Don’t know.

355 **Interviewer:** You don’t know. Okay. Obviously your Mum – you spoke about  
356 your Mum coming in that night and lying down on the bed and  
357 cuddling you till you fell asleep – so, something your Mum did  
358 that helped to strengthen your relationship with God: it was an  
359 answer to a prayer. Are there other people in your life that have  
360 been important?

361 **Elizabeth:** Yeah. My Dad’s a – like a big one. Like being – obviously being  
362 a pastor. Um – with mostly just by example, I think. Yeah,  
363 ’cause he – he seems to like go about everything in much the  
364 right way or he has the – he has his – he’s always told even in  
365 Sem – um – that he was the best preacher. He’s the best  
366 preacher anyone’s ever heard ever. And – um – he’s like – he  
367 was real bad at school but that was one thing he was real good  
368 at. And he just – he al- - he knows – he knows how to say  
369 things an’ – and what to say to fix things. And also if he – if he

370                   stuffs up, he can always admit it and say so and fix it up. And so  
371                   – so he – and he’s helped me understand lots of things. Yeah.

372 **Interviewer:** Okay. Anyone else?

373 **Elizabeth:** Um – there – my sister like sh- - lots of – she’s got really strong  
374 morals that she sticks to no matter what. And she’s been a really  
375 good example to me, too. And a lot of – I find a lot of her words  
376 coming out of my mouth.

377 **Interviewer:** What about your faith? Has it grown stronger or weaker in the  
378 last twelve months?

379 **Elizabeth:** Um – I’d say stronger ‘cause like – um – not in a marked  
380 difference like as in someone who just kind of just discovered, or  
381 whatever, but just because I’m generally always thinking like  
382 trying to think or looking for answers more. Yeah.

383 **Interviewer:** Okay. Now I’ve used the word “stronger”. Is there another word  
384 that you would use?

385 **Elizabeth:** Probably more based like not just blind blindly following – it still  
386 is obviously but also you’ve got trying to find – um – like  
387 meanings for things more or reasons. Yeah. I try to read the  
388 Bible. I don’t always, but I try. I go to – um – youth camps. I  
389 lead – um – I’m a leader at youth camps and I run some. And –  
390 um – at – there – that’s the place mostly. Yeah.

391 **Interviewer:** So, when you read the Bible, do you tend to read the Old  
392 Testament or the New Testament?

393 **Elizabeth:** The New Testament.

394 **Interviewer:** Okay. Why not the Old Testament?

395 **Elizabeth:** It’s hard. It’s harder. My Bible’s got like footnotes type things  
396 that explain things. It takes ages to read a bit and then read all  
397 the footnotes.

398 **Interviewer:** Okay.

399 **Elizabeth:** Also Church.

400 **Interviewer:** Can you tell me more about Church.

401 **Elizabeth:** I mainly go for sermons. I hate it when I have to do Sunday  
402 School ‘cause then I miss out. Like – um – yeah, just whatever  
403 Dad’s talkin’ about I have a little think about.

404 **Interviewer:** So how long have you been doing Sunday School?

405 **Elizabeth:** Um – since I was in about Year 9. I don’t – I don’t do it so often  
406 now. But you just got – you got the book, the Sunday School  
407 book and – and you just like read the story and say the Bible  
408 mission prayer and you make a little thing type thing.

409 **Interviewer:** And Sunday School happens while ... ?

410 **Elizabeth:** The second half of the Church service.

- 411 **Interviewer:** What happens in the first half?
- 412 **Elizabeth:** Um – you’ve got the – y’know, you’ve got singing and  
413 confession. Um – the children’s dress – um – all the – I don’t –  
414 all the first bit.
- 415 **Interviewer:** In the second bit you have what we call the liturgy of the word,  
416 the readings from scripture?
- 417 **Elizabeth:** The readings are in the first bit and then you’ve got – then the  
418 kids go and then you’ve got the sermon, the prayers, and  
419 communion – and that’s about it. Yeah.
- 420 **Interviewer:** Do you know why you got involved with Sunday School?
- 421 **Elizabeth:** ‘Cause no one else was gonna do it. No it’s not – but I was  
422 happy to do it. And there are – there are people. We kinda  
423 share it.
- 424 **Interviewer:** So right back in Year 9 you made the decision to get involved.
- 425 **Elizabeth:** I started – first I started helping and then I – you don’t do it very  
426 often. You got a roster.
- 427 **Interviewer:** So you’re rostered on. It’s part of your duties.
- 428 **Elizabeth:** Yeah.
- 429 **Interviewer:** So the music doesn’t attract you?
- 430 **Elizabeth:** Um – sometimes I play the guitar. Um – with my sister-in-law  
431 and another lady Um – but y’know, they got a music roster as  
432 well. Dad phased the organ out, but – um – sometimes it’s just  
433 not that good but like it’s not a very big congregation. Some  
434 people don’t like singing. Sometimes it’s good. And – and some  
435 of the songs you’ve heard so many times that you know them –  
436 like it’s all right. I like it and everything but I only go for the  
437 sermon.
- 438 **Interviewer:** All right. How does the influence of your mother differ from that  
439 of your father?
- 440 **Elizabeth:** Mum’s more of – my Mum’s more of like a feeling type person.  
441 My Dad’s more of a thinking type person. So my Mum’s – um –  
442 my Dad had the more – like you learn through – proper, like  
443 sitting down and teaching type thing. Um – and my Mum was  
444 more just a feeling, like her – her trust in God type thing. Like all  
445 – you – you know. So – so her – her influence was more like a  
446 just a trust in God. Yeah. Where Dad’s was an example of –  
447 setting an example and actual, proper teaching type thing.
- 448 **Interviewer:** So your Mum would teach you as you went along doing things?
- 449 **Elizabeth:** She – like – teach me in what way?
- 450 **Interviewer:** Ah, for instance, do you cook?
- 451 **Elizabeth:** Yeah.

452 **Interviewer:** So she would as she was preparing a meal show you how to do  
453 things and eventually you get to the point where you can do it by  
454 yourself.

455 **Elizabeth:** Yep.

456 **Interviewer:** Whereas your Dad would be the one who would say, "Well this  
457 is what the recipe says."

458 **Elizabeth:** Yeah, probably.

459 **Interviewer:** Are there any other stories that you have that might describe  
460 that relationship that you have?

461 **Elizabeth:** When I came – when I sometimes come home from school real  
462 annoyed at something Catholic that some one of my teachers  
463 had told me, I'd go home and start saying it to Dad and he would  
464 defend the Catholics!

465 **Interviewer:** Why do you think your Dad would do that?

466 **Elizabeth:** I don't know. Just – ah, I got real annoyed at him. Um – maybe  
467 it's again it's this thing of him being the type of person that's,  
468 y'know, accepting or – or just – just trying like this thing of "Well,  
469 there's no one here to defend them, so I'll defend them."

470 **Interviewer:** In what way then is your Dad like God? Do you think that's the  
471 way God is?

472 **Elizabeth:** Yep. To defend people. Yeah.

473 **Interviewer:** And do you tend to do that?

474 **Elizabeth:** Yeah.

475 **Interviewer:** So what conclusion can you draw from that?

476 **Elizabeth:** That my Dad has taught me some stuff.