

# Ellie Lofaro



Ellie Lofaro's message is a wonderful blend of plainspoken truth, common sense practicality and disarming humor. Drawing from the context of real life, she deftly handles the Word of God and steadily directs her audiences to consider what concerns them in light of God's timeless truths. With her trademark quick wit and convincing demeanor, she pairs Biblical principles with life's deeper questions. The result? An audience who willingly joins Ellie in the journey toward better understanding and applying God's grace and truth to their lives.

Equally comfortable sharing the "Great News" alongside acclaimed teachers at national conferences, on a television broadcast, or roaming the halls during a midnight search for chocolate at a women's retreat, Ellie effuses a natural ease and engaging warmth. As her friend Patsy Clairmont once said about meeting Ellie for the first time; "she is the kind of person you immediately hope will always be your friend."

Ellie is a first generation American and the second of five children in a "very Italian" family. A native New Yorker, she speaks of being brought up "with the *awareness* of God, but not the *experience* of God." However, when she encountered a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, she realized her new identity as a "Capital C Christian;" "*highly flawed, fully forgiven and greatly favored.*"

Completely convinced of God's love and His mandate to "go and tell," Ellie has committed her life to using her time and talent to inspire others with His goodness and grace.

*"After all, when you fall in love, you tell people. When you get married, you tell people. When you have a baby, you tell people. And when you find out there's a way to live a life of purpose now and to live in Paradise forever and ever ... well, you just don't keep that kind of thing to yourself."*

*--Leap of Faith*

A serious student of Scripture and a keen observer of the culture, Ellie has developed a unique teaching style that touches the heart, stimulates the mind, and nourishes the soul—thus inspiring her to found **Heart Mind & Soul Ministries** ([www.ellielofaro.com](http://www.ellielofaro.com)). In "the old days," Ellie wore the hats of youth group leader, public high school English teacher, women's ministry coordinator and Christian radio talk show host. She continues to be blessed with a broad array of opportunities to communicate her passion for Christ. **Heart Mind & Soul Ministries** involves international speaking engagements, (Ellie has had the privilege of teaching on five continents), authoring books, appearing on radio and television, and teaching a local, weekly interdenominational Bible Study.

Ellie's newest book will expound on the joys and heartaches of raising teenagers. (Release date TBD.) ***Battle Scars to Beauty Marks*** contains remarkable true stories of women who turned trials into triumphs. Ellie co-authored ***Spaghetti for the Soul; A Celebration of the Abundant Life***, which examines Biblical truth about faith, hope, and love for the modern woman. ***Leap of Faith***, endorsed by Chuck Colson, encourages us to fully embrace the life God promises. Ellie has also authored ***Slices of Life*** and ***Bonding with the Blonde Women***; collections of both serious and humorous (but always encouraging) essays. She has also written for Today's Christian Woman, Women of Faith's Connection Magazine, Crosswalk.com and has contributed to compilations from seven publishing houses. Ellie has been featured on Focus on the Family, Life Today, CBN's Living the Life, The Harvest Show --- as well as The Moody, Salem, Bott and Le Sea Broadcasting Networks. Ellie's two day message on the Focus on the Family broadcast was the third most requested CD of the year.

Ellie and her husband, Frank (President and CEO of the Christian Leadership Alliance), reside near the nation's capital. They have three grown children:

Paris –named for the *City of Light*;  
Jordan –named for the *River of Life*,  
Capri –named for the *Isle of Love*.

Ellie loves eating but dislikes cooking.

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