

Joanne Ellison

Nationally Recognized Bible Teacher | Speaker | Author

“Joanne Ellison's ability to connect with so many is powerful . . . ”
-Jenny Sanford, Former First Lady of South Carolina

Founder of international nonprofit Drawing Near to God based in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., Joanne Ellison teaches women to make space for God so that God's presence keeps them from being overwhelmed with life.

Driven by a vision to motivate women to pursue a deeper relationship with God, Ellison founded Drawing Near to God in 2000 and has since reached tens of thousands of women through Christian radio and television, blogging, contributions to the Christian Broadcasting Network, social media, her weekly Bible teachings, livestreaming, speaking, books and other resources. She is the author of over 20 Bible study guides, the popular 365-day Bible devotional, *Drawing Near To God*, *Sitting at His Feet* devotional and *Tell Your Heart to Beat Again*.

She is a mother of three, grandmother of 11, great-grandmother of one and has been married for 45 years to Dr. Blount Ellison. Making her home in the Charleston area for most of her life, Ellison is a graduate of the College of Charleston and an active member of Saint Andrew's Church, Mount Pleasant, SC. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and traveling with her husband.

Ellison is an engaging speaker, writer and Bible teacher. Her speaking style includes both vulnerability and humor and is rooted in her passion for the Bible. She often incorporates stories about her children, grandchildren and travels into her teachings - cycling through Portugal and Copenhagen as well as hiking mountains all over the States have provided many challenges and adventures!

