

John Eldredge

Quotes

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The story of your life is the story of the long and brutal assault on your heart by the one who knows what you could be and fears it.

~John Eldredge

A wound that goes unacknowledged and unwept is a wound that cannot heal.

~John Eldredge

Deep in his heart, every man longs for a battle to fight, an adventure to live, and a beauty to rescue.

~John Eldredge

The true story of every person in this world is not the story you see, the external story. The true story of each person is the journey of his or her heart.

~John Eldredge

Security is not found in the absence of danger, but in the presence of Jesus.

~John Eldredge

Faith looks back and draws courage; hope looks ahead, and keeps desire alive.

~John Eldredge

She is the crescendo, the final, astonishing work of God. Woman. In one last flourish creation comes to a finish with Eve. She is the Master's finishing touch.

~John Eldredge

In the end, it doesn't matter how well we have performed or what we have accomplishedâ€”a life without heart is not worth living.

~John Eldredge

Caring for our own hearts isn't selfishness; it's how we begin to love.

~John Eldredge

A man's calling is written on his true heart, and he discovers it when he enters the frontier of his deep desires.

~John Eldredge

The most dangerous man on earth is the man who has reckoned with his own death. All men die; few men ever really live.

~John Eldredge

The point is the love story. We live in a love story in the midst of war.

~John Eldredge

I wasn't mean; I wasn't evil. I was nice. And let me tell you, a hesitant man is the last thing in the world a woman needs. She needs a lover and a warrior, not a Really Nice Guy.

~John Eldredge

If we can reawaken that fierce quality in a man, hook it up to a higher purpose, release the warrior within, then the boy can grow up and become truly masculine.

~John Eldredge

Worship is the act of the abandoned heart adoring its God

~John Eldredge

It is the thoughts and intents of the heart that shape a person's life.

~John Eldredge

Every man is a warrior inside. But the choice to fight is his own.

~John Eldredge

We are made in the image of God; we carry within us the desire for our

true life of intimacy and adventure. To say we want less than that is to lie.

~John Eldredge

If a man is ever to find out who he is and what he is here for, he has got to take that journey for himself. He has got to get his heart back.

~John Eldredge

You can't fight a battle you don't think exists.

~John Eldredge

It takes great courage to be vulnerable. It takes enormous strength to be a real woman.

~John Eldredge

Eve is a life giver; she is Adam's ally. It is to both of them that the charter for adventure is given. It will take both of them to sustain life. And they will both need to fight together.

~John Eldredge

Without the anticipation of better things ahead, we will have no heart for the journey.

~John Eldredge

I'm married. I have three children. I have a mortgage to pay. The plumbing breaks and the yard needs trimming. However, what my wife and children need most from me is my passion for them.

~John Eldredge

But a wound unfelt is a wound unhealed.

~John Eldredge

The meaning of our lives is revealed through experiences that at first seem at odds with each other--moments we wish would never end and

moments we wish had never begun.

~John Eldredge

For after years of living in a cage, a lion no longer even believes it is a lion . . . and a man no longer believes he is a man.

~John Eldredge

We are created for adventure, and if we cannot find one, we start blowing things out of proportion so it feels like we have one.

~John Eldredge

Adventure, with all its requisite danger and wildness, is a deeply spiritual longing written into the soul of man.

~John Eldredge

God endowed you with a glory when he created you, a glory so deep and mythic that all creation pales in comparison.

~John Eldredge

A man must have a battle to fight, a great mission to his life that involves and yet transcends even home and family.

~John Eldredge

I don't write anything that I haven't lived. In terms of integrity, you have to write what you live. And if you write beyond what you live, it is theory. And theory is not helpful. It is just not.

~John Eldredge

So long as man remains no real threat to the Enemy, Satan's line to him is 'You're fine'. But after you do take sides, it becomes 'Your heart is bad and you know it'.

~John Eldredge

If only Jesus' followers shared his personality. That one shift alone

would correct so many of the ridiculous and horrifying things that pass for popular Christianity.

~John Eldredge

To be in theater you have to be a kind of psychologist, for you're always trying to understand character and motives.

~John Eldredge

Story is the language of the heart.

~John Eldredge

We are not invitingâ€”we are guarded. Most of our energy is spent trying to hide our true selves, and control our worlds to have some sense of security.

~John Eldredge

A man does not go to a woman to get his strength; he goes to her to offer it.

~John Eldredge

Desire, both the whispers and the shouts, is the map we have been given to find the only life worth living.

~John Eldredge

You would not ask someone with a broken arm to swim the English Channel, so you cannot demand that the broken to live as if they were whole.

~John Eldredge

You live in a world at war. Spiritual attack must be a category you think in or you will misunderstand more than half of what happens in your marriage.

~John Eldredge

Eternal life is not primarily duration but quality of life, "life to the limit.

~John Eldredge

Henri Nouwen once asked Mother Teresa for spiritual direction. Spend one hour each day in adoration of your Lord, she said, and never do anything you know is wrong. Follow this and you'll be fine.

~John Eldredge

Desire reveals design, and design reveals destiny.

~John Eldredge

We don't live in the Garden. We live far from Eden. Every life is full of heartaches. Every life, frankly, is unspeakably sad.

~John Eldredge

There is something else I am after, out here in the wild. I am searching for an even more elusive prey . . . something that can only be found through the help of wilderness. I am looking for my heart.

~John Eldredge

Falling in love with God is the most important thing a person can do.

~John Eldredge

We don't see clearly because we don't see with the eyes of our heart.

~John Eldredge

A true knowledge of Jesus is our greatest need and our greatest happiness.

~John Eldredge

Most of what you encounter when you meet a man is a facade, an elaborate fig leaf, a brilliant disguise.

~John Eldredge

Truth be told, most of us are faking our way through life. We pick only those battles we are sure to win, only those adventures we are sure to handle, only those beauties we are sure to rescue.

~John Eldredge

They ignore what is deep and true to a man's heart, his real passions, and simply try to shape him up through various forms of pressure.

~John Eldredge

The real you is on the side of God against the false self

~John Eldredge

Every man carries a wound. I have never met a man without one. No matter how good your life may have seemed to you, you live in a broken world full of broken people.

~John Eldredge

When a woman forsakes her vulnerability because she's been hurt or because she lives in a dangerous world or doesn't want to be used, she loses something essential about being a woman.

~John Eldredge

Instead of asking, 'What should a woman do'—'what is her role?' it would be far more helpful to ask, 'What is a woman'—'what is her design?' and, 'Why did God place Woman in our midst?'

~John Eldredge

My heart matters to God. My heart has always mattered to him.

~John Eldredge

Am I really a man? Have I got what it takes when it counts?

~John Eldredge

Christianity has basically communicated to men that the reason God

put you on this Earth is to be a good boy. Mind your manners, be a nice guy. That's soul killing!

~John Eldredge

Contentment can only happen as we increase desire, let it run itself out toward its fulfillment, and carry us along with it.

~John Eldredge

Reading the Gospels, without the personality of Jesus, is like watching television with the sound turned off.

~John Eldredge

Mary had Joseph. Esther had Mordecai. Ruth had Boaz. We will not become the women God intends us to be without the guidance, counsel, wisdom, strength, and love of good men in our lives.

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