



THE CHOICE

A D O C U D R A M A M I N I S E R I E S

Dare to Believe

Bestseller

WORKING TITLE: The Choice (Inspired by the biography:
'The Choice' by Elizabeth Robertson Campbell)

FORMAT: Limited Docudrama Series 4 x 45"

GENRE: Romantic/Drama

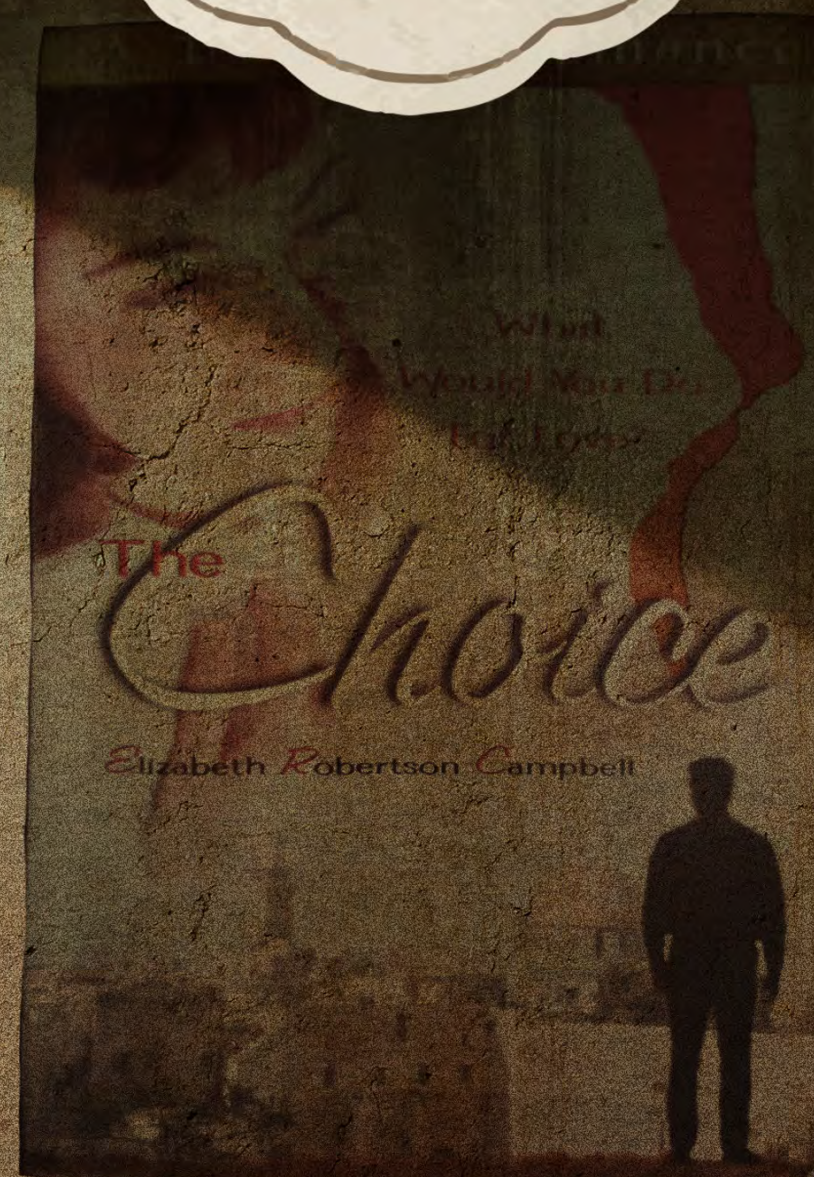
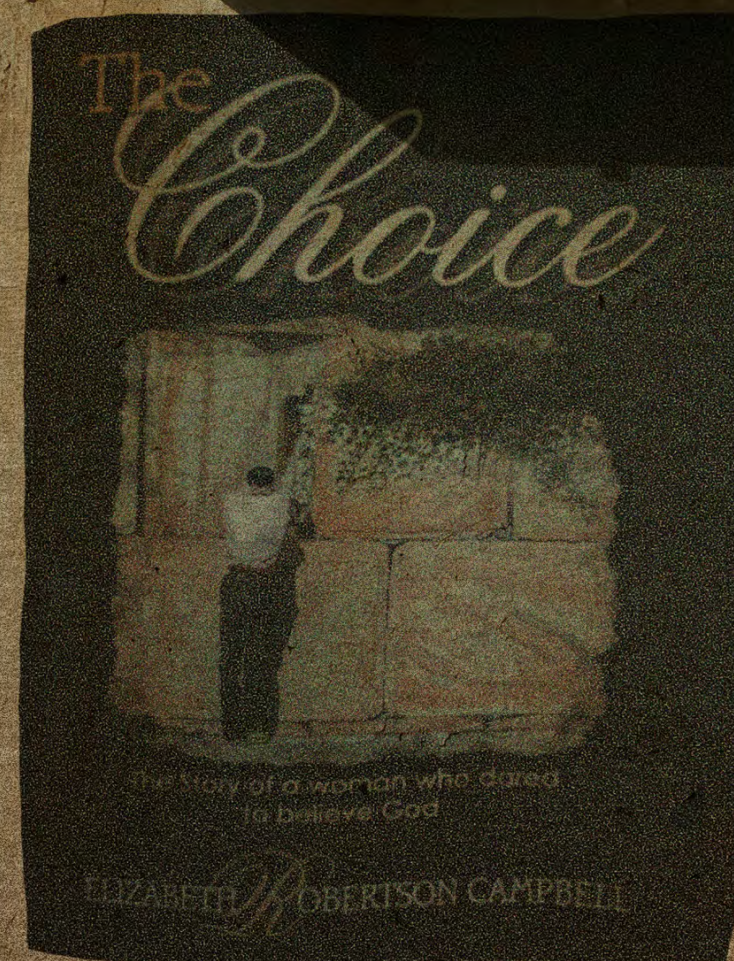
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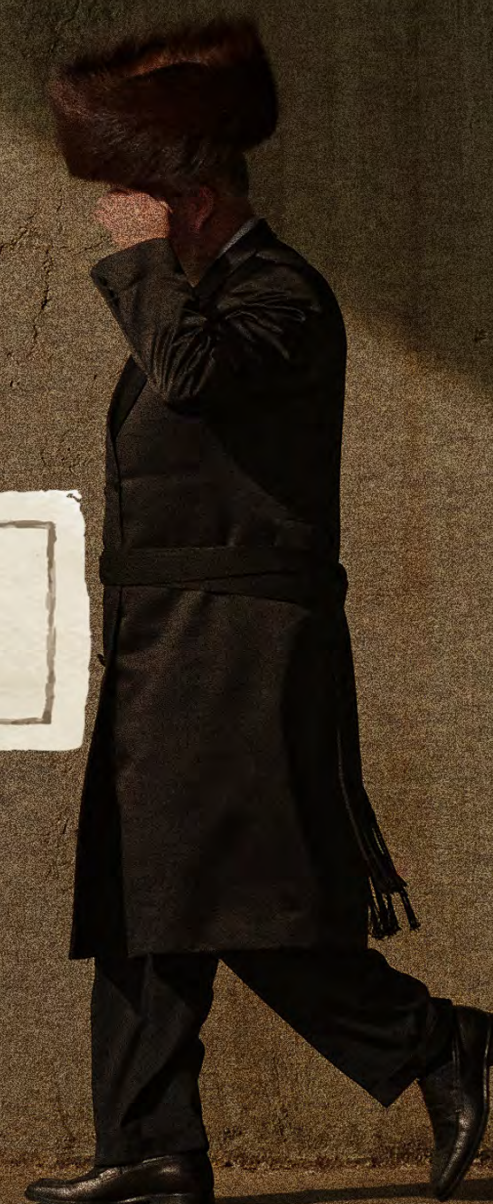
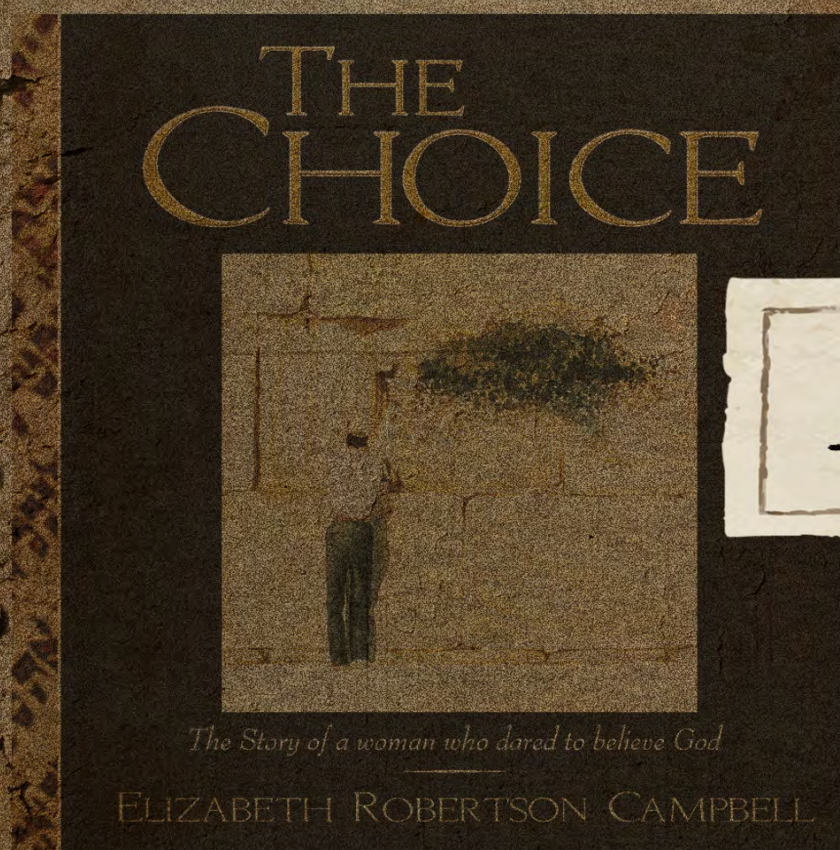
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*What would you do
for Love?*

inspired by the biography



Logline

Liz, an art student of 19, experiences an unexpected antisemitic attack from her lecturer, after she painted Jerusalem. This motivated her to return to Israel working at the Bureau of Christian Unity for Israel in Jerusalem as their artist.. Against all odds, she falls in love with, an Orthodox Jewish Scholar, their romance defying prejudice, persecution, and separation. Put to the ultimate test hours before their wedding day, Liz is forced to make... **The Choice.** A tale of true love and a woman following her heart to divine calling.

Approach

Imagine, When Harry Met Sally, in Jerusalem, over 500 days of Falafels and Faith! Through gripping interviews with key players on this journey, expert opinions given from various faiths that challenge or support decisions made or protocols followed, this docudrama unpacks the course of events that led Liz to making it her life mission to unite Jew and Gentile, and ultimately impact those of different beliefs.



Jerusalem Welcome enter

Liz, a talented artist living and working in Jerusalem, is confronted by Aaron, a devout Israeli who angrily demands she and her 'type' leave 'his' city and country. In typical red-headed fashion, she argues back, explaining her purpose and love for all that seems 'his'. An unlikely spark ignites.

Over several encounters, the pair clash and spar over beliefs and their feelings, until the unimaginable happens: they fall in love. Through their love they discover the mystery of the union of their two beliefs, but their growing love is cut short when Liz is deported back to South Africa.

Not to be denied their union, Liz begins a process of conversion to Judaism to marry Aaron, who himself finds that the teachings of the New Testament's Messiah do not contradict his own. As the day of their wedding dawns, Aaron travels to South Africa to reunite with his love. Soon after his arrival, Liz is faced with an unexpected and shocking question from the Rabbinical court before being allowed to complete her conversion. Liz is given four hours to give her reply, as to "Who is Jesus to you?" Her answer shocks everyone present resulting in life changing events for all involved.



Liz

Characters

Aaron

Mid 20s. Long, fiery red hair with an artist's free-spirited heart. Dressing freely in a mix of Bohemian and Bedouin Mid-East flair, she wears head bands, dangly earrings, and sandals. A bubbly personality bursting with humor, she is also deeply spiritual and sensitive. She sees life as an adventure, her idealism and naivety at times landing her in trouble with life's often harsh realities.

Early 30s. Dark hair, piercing eyes, and with cropped beard and moustache. He is sturdily built and wears the simple clothes of an Orthodox Jewish man. He is the picture of a gentleman scholar, with the inner will and strength of a lion. His stern, unbending principles and decisiveness clashes often with those who find comfort and ease in the shades of grey.

Rusty

Early 60's. Liz's Mother. A red headed beauty in her day, she still carries herself with grace and is full of charm. With an unspoken complex against those highly educated or learned, she often puts her foot in it.



Jamie

Late 40's. Handsome, well-built and tanned, with eyes that work their way deep into one's heart. Carrying a raw, unpretentious honesty, he can come across intrusive, yet once embraced, he is like a diamond in the rough.



Ruben

Late 50's. Aaron's beloved father. A strict Orthodox Jew with a long grey beard and a black hat always worn in public. An extremely intelligent and gentle soul, he has enjoyed a close relationship with AARON, priding himself in his son's achievements.



Rabbi Kushner

Late 50's, a family man, tall slender and dark hair with a very ingratiating personality. Everyone loved Rabbi Kushner, and the community was alive with amazing lectures and functions that made everyone feel they belonged and connected.

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Episode Breakdown

NARRATION

The narrator's opening statement sets the tone of unification. Visuals from the Western Wall, to the mosque on the Temple mount and the Mount of Olives, to modern day spirituality is the backdrop to the narrator's words. Endeavouring to live at peace with all humankind, are explained. The Divine thread for peace is picked up from the story line and commented upon by various people of different cultures who were involved and the narrator ties up with a brief VO on each of those delicate issues. Ultimately this global love story is between Jew and Gentile, a clear message of love, hope and the long awaited respect and tolerance for one another that is so lacking today.

EPISODE 1

48 hours before their nuptials, and in order to complete her conversion, LIZ is asked by her RABBI: "Who is Jesus to you?" Liz's world is turned upside down as she is given 4 hours to provide an answer. Her journey of meeting AARON, the love of her life, flashes before her eyes.

REAL LIZ, shares her early years with us, how her father impacted her life, when she as an art student experienced anti-semitism for the first time and how she, being Dyslexic, would never have imagined writing a book, let alone having a film made, because of it. Present day, REAL RABBI, shares his perspective of that fateful day.

Liz, at work, is confronted by Aaron, who demands her 'type' leave 'his' people and country alone. Liz fights back. A spark is ignited between them. Curiosity drives Aaron to accept an invitation to attend an evening church service with Liz. Shocked by what he witnesses, Aaron bolts out in a rage, leaving a distraught Liz in the darkened streets of Jerusalem.

Liz wonders if she'll ever see Aaron again. Meanwhile Aaron searches scriptures for answers. Concluding the unimaginable, he shares his discovery with Liz. Aaron's family and synagogue are unforgiving of Aaron's conclusions. Interviews with experts and family amplify the emotional turmoil.

Religious police are asked to rid their community of the 'dangerous' Liz which only drives Aaron and Liz closer. Aaron's family decides to meet “the woman” who has brought so much panic to their lives. But the event has far reaching and unexpected consequences. Liz decides to convert to Judaism, setting an appointment with the Rabbinical court.

EPISODE
2



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In a final bid to 'save' Aaron, the religious authorities get Liz deported back to South Africa, but Liz and Aaron refuse to submit. Liz starts her conversion in South Africa brimming with her knowledge as the process is expedited and a wedding date set. Aaron arrives in South Africa to marry Liz, 48 hours before their nuptials, and in order to complete her conversion, Liz is asked: **“Who is Jesus to you?”**

Liz is given 4 hours to make The Choice. Agonizing over her decision, Liz finally chooses the truth in her heart. Unable to deny it she loses in an instant everything she desperately loved for her faith. Liz is left feeling totally abandoned spiritually and physically by most of her friends for many years, until a supernatural encounter happened that jolted her back onto her divine destiny.

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Episode 3

A few years later, Liz returns to Jerusalem, but ends up in a jail cell, and sent packed back to South Africa. An encounter with a TEXAN MAN on the plane, plants the seed to write a book about her tumultuous journey.

Liz only pursues this 4 years later after a chance encounter with a RANDOM MAN in a coffee shop. Liz is introduced to then publisher, JAMIE CAMPBELL, who reads the manuscript and thinks: What a story and what a God! Never envisaging falling in love.

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Episode 4

Jamie and Liz, now married, make it their life's work to unite Jew and Gentile. Through their Jerusalem-Woven Destiny concerts, in partnership with EREZ SHAKED, teaming up the Jewish and Gentile musicians, Liz and Jamie continue to spread hope and touch hearts through the Arts.

Liz's continuous love and passion for God's Word and the Jewish nation, earns her the position of being the first woman to head up an all Christian group called RUTH BRANCH, a division of WIZO (Women's International Zionist Organisation) which is an all Jewish Organization. It is the largest social welfare organization in Israel. Episode four will consist of interviews with key players solidifying the power of Liz's story and the message of unification. We are taken back to the moment of that hateful antisemitic attack and eventual question, **"Who is Jesus to you?"**. The catalyst of Liz meeting the intended love of her life, and the path laid out for her from the beginning.





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Vlokkie Gordon, CEO of Advantage Entertainment, has a career spanning over 35 years in the entertainment industry, with more than 58 motion picture, TV movies and television series credits to her name. Vlokkie is one of South Africa's most accomplished Line Producers and highly sought after supervising producer/co-producer of international and South African productions, and has built up a strong team of South Africa's most skilled management, technical crew, and production personnel.

Advantage
ENTERTAINMENT



DIRECTOR:

DORON ERAN

A well-established Israeli producer/director specializing in feature films, TV dramas and documentary films. As a film and television creator, he has created over 50 movies and TV films/series for the local and international markets.

Penny Lane Productions

IMDb

He's known for many films, among these: "White Night" ("Prix de la jeunesse" - Director's Fortnight, Cannes Film Festival, France), "Burning Land" (Berlin International Film Festival; "Best Jury Award" at Torino Film Festival, Italy), "Beyond The Walls II" ("Best Actor Award" at Valencia Film Festival, Spain), "Overdose" (Best Actor Award at Beijing Film Festival, China), "The Voice of Ein Harod" (CitaDel Vasto Film Festival), "God's Sandbox" (Karlovy Vary International Film Festival, Czech, "Best Director" and "Best Film" at the MFF 2002, USA; "Gold Special Jury Award" at the Worldfest Huston), "Nika" (Official Selection- Moscow International Film Festival; Best Foreign Film Award- Beijing International Film Festival), "Melting Away" (Special award for breakthrough performance to Hen Yanni in the Tel Aviv International LGBT Film Festival, 2012, and many more ,,,,,,

From this day onward, the prayer
of Ruth will always be mine: "Your
people are my people and your
God will be my God."

Elizabeth Robertson Campbell

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