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Elizabeth Fisher (00:00):

Elizabeth Fisher. I live at 623 Deepdene Road.

Jay Fisher (00:04):

Jay Fisher, 623 Deepdene Road.

Elizabeth Fisher (00:08):

Well, we have a wonderful Jack Russel, Sampson, and we have Molly, she's a Border Collie mix and they are the love of my life, of course, next to Jay. I worked at a department store in Towson and Jay worked right across the street, Department of Social Services and used to walk through there every day. And he saw me and he walked over to me one day and asked me out.

Jay Fisher (00:34):

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She had the most radiant smile. So I had to go over and speak to her. I saw her away from her work site one day and I just had to say something to her. We started going out and...

Elizabeth Fisher (00:45):

We got married four months later.

Jay Fisher (00:48):

We found a stone and it was almost perfect. But when you looked at it under the jeweler's microscope, it had one little black dot in it, you could see. It just seemed like a good symbol for our marriage, our life. You have to have a little imperfection.

Elizabeth Fisher (01:12):

I have epilepsy and there's so many different types of seizures out there, from the most severe grand mal, which people think when they hear the word seizure, to maybe just stopping and staring, like I do. But of course that's going to prevent me from driving, because that's probably just as bad as someone being drunk behind the wheel. Even though it might be just a couple seconds, I still can't, I'm not conscious. So this is the bike. If I have a seizure and pass out, it doesn't flip.

Speaker 3 (01:46):

It's like a recliner chair that has two bike wheels in the front, and one in the back.

Elizabeth Fisher (01:51):

Right. I'll go this way.

Jay Fisher (01:55):

It's been a privilege to be on this journey with Betsy, with this. And she's an inspiration and people that know her, generally think that too.