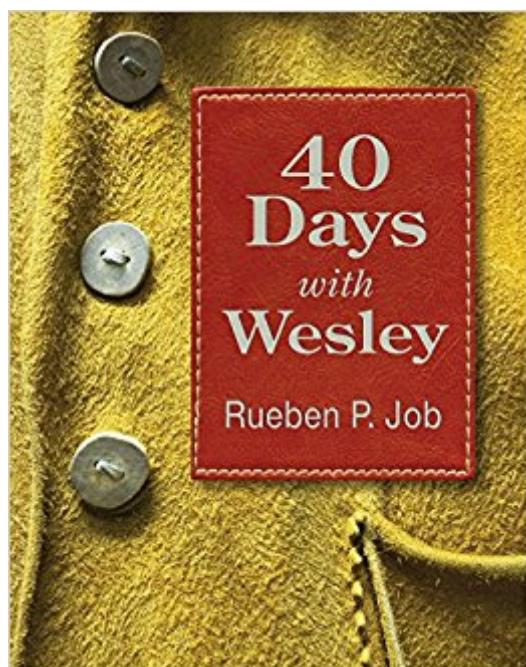


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# 40 Days With Wesley: A Daily Devotional Journey



## **Synopsis**

In an accessible, inviting format, this forty-day devotional experience weaves inspirational readings on faith and prayer with quotes and excerpts from John Wesley. Each selection offers a simple daily pattern of reflection with a prayer, scripture, a short reading, quotes from John Wesley, and a blessing to take with you through the day. Even those new to Wesley or a daily prayer guide will find this book an easy read for reassurance and inspiration during the Lent and Easter season. Those familiar with Rueben Job's writing will be delighted to find selections of his writing from the past two decades in a new format. Packaged in a flexible, soft-cover binding with a ribbon bookmark making it perfect for gifts.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Rueben P. Job was a United Methodist bishop, pastor and acclaimed author and served as World Editor of The Upper Room publishing program. Best-known for the classic book, *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living*, he also authored or co-authored A Guide to Prayer for Ministers and Other Servants, *A Wesleyan Spiritual Reader*, Living Fully, Dying Well, Listen, and co-edited *Finding Our Way: Love and Law in The United Methodist Church*. Bishop Job also chaired the Hymnal Revision Committee that developed the 1989 United Methodist Hymnal.

looking forward to a great 40 days

Rueben captures the spirit of Wesley. Highly recommend.

Enjoying this very much.

Well organized- very Wesleyan.

Great

I would give "40 Days with Wesley: A Daily Devotional Journey" by Reuben P. Job 4 stars. I like the soft cover style, with easy to wipe clean cover, and the size at approximately 5 1/2 inches by 7 1/4 inches fits easily in a purse, briefcase or backpack; there is even a ribbon bookmark. It is a good price point for a devotional at \$10.11 on . I like the concept of a 40 day devotional; perfect for Lent but also useful for any time that you want to delve a little deeper into your relationship with God and put in some time in prayer, study and reflection. The format is the same for each of the 40 days, this "Daily Pattern" consists of: Prayer of Presence, Scripture, First Wesley Reading, Reflections, Second Wesley Reading, Time for Silent Reflection and Journaling and a Blessing. Each day is focused on a different topic, i.e., Day 1 is The True God and other days include God's Grace, Living Prayerfully, Forgiveness, Doing Good, etc. I was not familiar with Wesley's writings before reading this book. Taken on their own, the language is a bit stilted, reflecting the difference in language style from his time to ours, but he has a message that is still meaningful today. I was grateful for the format that included Rueben Job's Reflection on Wesley after the first reading each day. Job's experience as a chaplain, pastor, and author is helpful in getting the message across in a thoughtful, scholarly manner. His sincere respect for Wesley's thoughts is evident. You could spend 5 minutes a day on each devotional or much more, depending on your time for personal reflection and journaling. This is a good resource for deepening your faith life and daily practice.

This is an entirely lovely and encouraging and challenging and inspiring and otherwise deeply rewarding little book. It's a walk with Wesley through key Scriptures and prayers and themes that offer a wide perspective on his many contributions. This isn't a feel good just as you are book, a text of pseudo-Christian encouragements that serve to simply boost self-esteem. No, this is a devotional that challenges as it invites, pushes and pulls with grace and hope, drawing the reader into a daily selection of passages that serve as a filling meal, without getting so weighty or overwhelming at any step. Rueben Job was a bishop in the United Methodist Church, and his love for Wesley's words

and understanding them as the call for a transformative life resonate throughout this text. Each 'day' has an introductory/orienting prayer, many though not all drawn from the Psalms, a short Scripture reading with diverse focus, a short passage from one of Wesley's works, a reflection written by Rueben Job (about a page long), another short Wesley passage, and an ending blessing. This is a very pastoral devotional in the fullest sense of that word, encouraging and exhorting, pulling together a wonderful selection for each day. Also has a nice red bookmark that makes starting each day an easy exercise. Definitely worthwhile!

I am not a Methodist and know nothing of John Wesley. I chose this book out of curiosity. If you are a Methodist or simply a student of John Wesley, you should not be disappointed with this book. A lovely small volume that would make a lovely gift, the layout and design is very attractive. The scripture quotations are taken from the Common English Bible (with which I am not familiar) as well as the New Revised Standard Version (which I am also not familiar with). The book has a forward that tells us about the author of this book, Rueben P Job. This is followed by an Introduction. A page is devoted to describing the Daily Pattern (Prayer of Presence, Scripture, First Wesley Reading, Reflections, Second Wesley Reading, Time for Silent Reflection and Journaling, and Blessing). This devotional covers 40 days. Topics for each day include: Listening for God; God's Beloved Children; Forgiveness; Saving Faith; Searching the Scriptures - and the like. At the back of the book is a Guide to each day's readings, followed by a picture and page devoted to Bishop Rueben P Job, who died in 2015. There is an attached red ribbon bookmark to help you keep your place each day. This is a lovely book for your own daily devotions as well as a thoughtful gift.

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