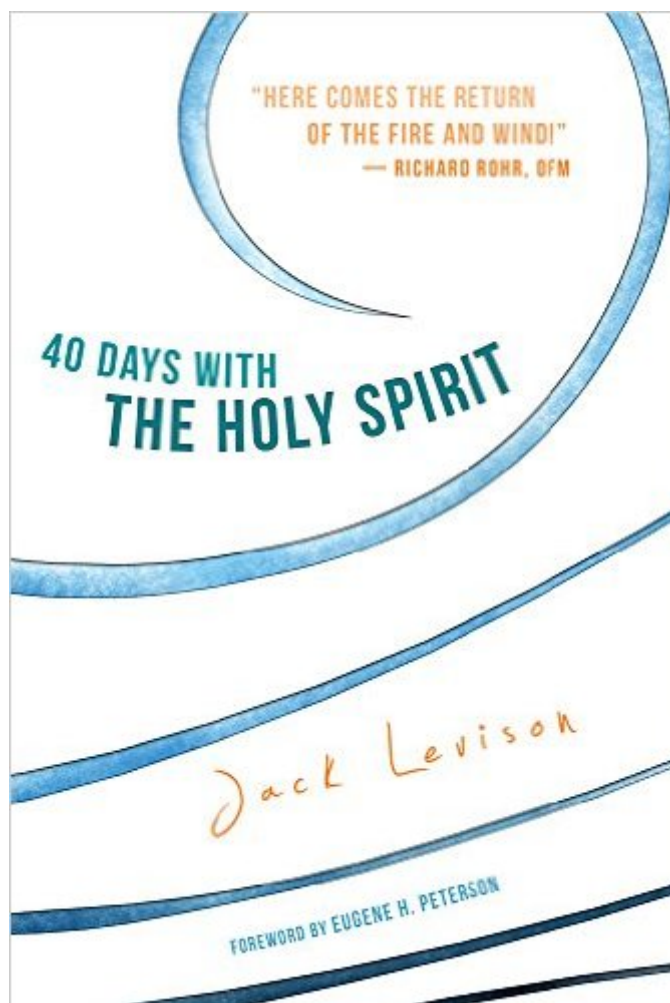


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# 40 Days With The Holy Spirit: Fresh Air For Every Day



## Synopsis

40 Days with the Holy Spirit will inspire you to encounter God in fresh and surprising ways. You will develop stronger spiritual muscles as you breathe, read, reflect, and pray—all with an eye to cultivating a relationship with the least familiar member of the Trinity. The book is interactive, offering the opportunity to write and pray each day; intelligent, rooted in a rigorous study of scripture, from Genesis to Revelation; and inviting, with 40 insightful, well-planned 20-30 minute daily exercises; and prayerful, with 40 original prayers that capture each day's insight into the deep, spiritual work of the Holy Spirit.

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40 Days with the Holy Spirit by Jack Levison If you know Jack Levison, you know that he is chalk full of good writing on the Holy Spirit. In his new book, 40 Days with the Holy Spirit, he boils down some very good devotions for us to meditate on the Holy Spirit. The book combines scriptural passages, prayers, even exercises for us to work through, giving us a fully orbed view of the Holy Spirit. Overall, the book is simple yet profound, small but weighty, challenging yet understandable. Jack gives us grace here, challenges us to see the Spirit's work as overwhelming, but also reigns us in to see how the Bible comes alive with witness to the Spirit. Jack gets to the uneasiness of sonship and slavery by writing, "I'm not so sure I understand this contrast because sometimes I am stuck in the middle between sonship and slavery, like a domestic on a British landowner's estate, consigned to drudgery downstairs in order to serve people upstairs. I'm not quite a slavey but not exactly a son, I inhabit a world where I am free to go but also obligated to stay, to get

the job done day in and day outâ |Godâ ™s passion for you isnâ ™t a response to your expert attention to obligations. Godâ ™s passion lies in a primal love for us, sons and daughters who respond in faith with only one word that matters: Abba (39-40)!â • Jack gets to the heart of the weightiness of lifeâ ™s frenetic pace and our familial relationship to God with this quote. Yet, he brings us back to Godâ ™s love. Jack points us to a wonderful thing in speaking about the Spirit and truth on Day 19. He writes, â œJesus teaches that study and spirituality, a vibrant spiritual life and a life of learning, go hand in hand (71).â • Should we pray earnestly for fruits of the spirit and spiritual gifts? Yes.

A few years ago I read Jack Levison's Fresh Air: The Holy Spirit for the Inspired Life. I wrote a gushing review of it. My enthusiasm for that book was due in part to the way Levison unfolded the mystery of the Spirit's presence in scripture in a number of ways, and connected it to everyday life. While my previous run-ins with the Holy Spirit focused on his role in convicting us for sin, empowering us for mission, and ecstatic experience, Levison helped me enlarge my frame to see how the Spirit sustains us with his breath, and is active not only through 'events' but through habits, decisions (and a lifetime of decisions), and meditation. Levison also explored how the Spirit poured himself out on God's people (not just individuals but communities). While Fresh Air was a popular level book but full of rich insights It is about three years later and I am again reading Levison. This time it is a devotional, 40 Days with the Holy Spirit. In forty daily readings, Levison reflects on Spirit's presence and activity in the Bible through seven verbs: Breathing-- the ruach, Spirit Breath, which sustains each of us. Praying--the listening, receiving and Abba-whisper of the Spirit. Practicing--the long-haul of Spiritual formation. Learning--the way meditating ( gnawing) on the Scripture opens us up to a deeper experience of the Spirit. Leading--How the Spirit inspires, equips, sustains, empowers leaders. Building--How the Spirit forms (and re-forms) vibrant communities of faith. Blossoming--How the Spirit transforms us into what we were meant to be. Each of the forty entries begins with a scripture, a brief meditation from Levison on the theme, a space for personal reflection and a space to 'breathe'--a short prayer to the Holy Spirit.

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