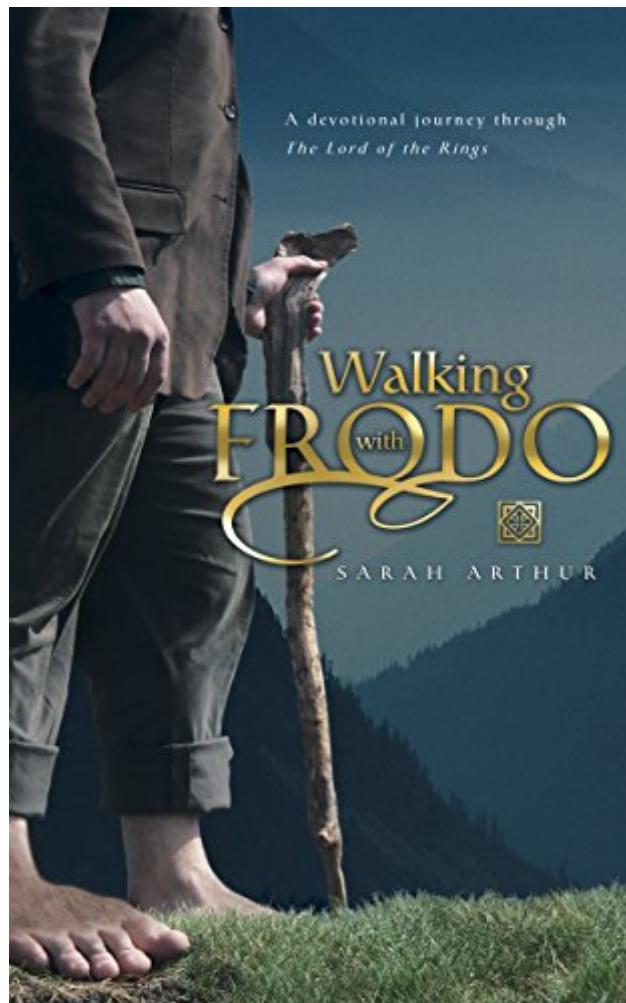


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# Walking With Frodo: A Devotional Journey Through The Lord Of The Rings (Thirsty)



## Synopsis

Tolkien's Lord of the Rings epic tale has long captivated readers with its parallels to biblical truth. And now, *Walking with Frodo* looks at the biblical themes found in the classic Lord of the Rings trilogy. The 18 devotions pair vices and virtues (deception vs. honesty, light vs. darkness, good vs. evil) displayed by characters in *The Lord of the Rings* and bring to light what the Bible has to say. A must-have for longtime and new series fans.

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## Customer Reviews

\*\*\*\* For decades, *Lord of the Rings*, *The Hobbit*, and all things Middle Earth have captured the hearts and imaginations of young and old alike. Despite J.R.R. Tolkien's insistence that it was not an allegory, millions of Christians see the greatest story ever told just beneath the surface, as if runic words inscribed its pages. Whether or not you read that into this modern mythos, it can not be denied that Aragorn, Gandalf, and the rest of the Fellowship captured the meaning of virtue in their lives. From wisdom to loyalty to graciousness, they were examples of what we should be. Likewise, in Denethor, Grima, Sauron, etc, we see what we should strive not to be. In this book, the author takes these traits two by two, the good and the evil, and shows us how it played out in Middle Earth,

in the Bible, and how to carry it into life. Given the popularity of this saga, it works with great efficiency. It would be a wonderful cross generational Bible study, especially since she takes the time to clue readers in on the teen jargon's meaning. For that alone, parents should invest in this book. It's a book designed to be read over several weeks, but you will have to exercise restraint not to sail through it in one sitting, so readable is it. \*\*\*\*Reviewed by Amanda Killgore for Huntress Reviews.

Sarah Arthur's "Walking with Frodo" blew me away. I received it as a gift and thought it was merely an attempt to cash in on the LOTL craze. I was wrong. This book is an excellent devotional or small group study guide. And you don't have to be a total LOTL fan to "get it" ... Eminently readable and biblical without being heavy handed ... I loved it. Even those who don't consider themselves Christians can enjoy the thought-provoking and well realized chapters. Those who are "Bible-shy" can understand the author's points by following her references to The Lord of the Rings. Well done! I can't wait to see what Sarah Arthur does next.

I read this devotional over the phone this summer with my nephew. We enjoyed the time spent together with the discussion questions. My nephew could relate to the choices laid out and benefitted by the study. The best chapter was Week 9, choosing hope vs despair. As the author Sarah Arthur states, "Put your hope in the Author of our story, His promises will not fail!"

Walking With Frodo: A Devotional Journey Through "The Lord of the Rings" is a spiritual devotional by freelance writer and Lord of the Rings enthusiast Sarah Arthur draws wisdom from both Christian Scripture and the popular "Lord of the Rings" fantasy novels by J. R. R. Tolkien (who was himself a devout believer in Christ). Guiding us through the perilous choices of life, revealing what the Bible has to say about them, and explaining what readers can learn from Tolkien's classic parables, Walking With Frodo offers a unique and highly recommended exploration of the depths of faith and the meaning of spirituality.

You don't have to be a LOTR fan to enjoy this book. This book can appeal and speak to teenagers and adults alike. In fact, I recommend it for everyone! Sarah Arthur does of marvelous job of using the lush backdrop of Tolkien's fairy tale to speak truth of character from a Christ-like perspective with scriptures as support. It's an easy read, yet deep - leading to thought provoking questions for discussions at the end of each chapter. I love the chapter on Integrity! Hats off and well done Sarah

Arthur - truth in character without ever sounding trite!

I got this book just because I like Lord of the Rings and I thought it sounded cool. I never knew how good it would really be! The author does a really good job of getting into the character's minds and motives and applying their situations and choices to real-life situations. This book was written for high school and college students, but I would recommend it to adults too. How much spiritual truth can you learn from a pop culture phenomenon? You will be very surprised!

I only read this book of my daughter's out of curiosity. Imagine my surprise and delight to find much more than a "young adult" spin on the current LOTR fanaticism - and I highly recommend this book for all ages as a true understanding of Tolkien's subtle Christian message in his epic novels. Being a LOTR fan since the early 70's, this book helped me revisit the moral underpinnings of the story as well as my own Christian beliefs. Hats off to Ms. Arthur for a job well done.

I'm not a huge fan of the daily devotional book (mostly derived from the books of C.S. Lewis), so while I may enjoy this book, particularly since someone took the time to find the best of the many lines of wisdom written by Tolkien, his work is a little ambiguous compared to someone like Lewis, who wrote straight apologetics. You can fairly easily derive the wisdom of the works of Lewis; Tolkien is a little more difficult, especially if you aren't very conversant in fantasy literature. My mom, for example, cannot, for the life of her, see the Christian themes in Tolkien's work. I've tried to explain it to her, but she refuses to read any of Tolkien's work at length, particularly The Silmarillion (which she seems to think is heretical, even though her explanation is that she just doesn't understand how it applies to Christian theology). Still, while it's not as edifying as the Lewis books of the same kind, it can help you have a better understanding of Tolkien's beliefs.

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