Notes May 30, 2010	ROCK CHURCH



Rock Church Devotional Readings May 31 - June 6 The Royal: Making Sense of the Bible

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"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood" 1 Peter 2:9-10

Using the guidelines below, here is a daily Bible text for you to READ, REFLECT and RESPOND.

MON – Genesis 4: Warriors (Biblical Narratives)

FRI – Genesis 37: Warriors (Biblical Narratives)

TUE – Genesis 14: Warriors (Biblical Narratives)

SAT – Exodus 3-4: Warriors (Biblical Narratives)

WED – Genesis 26: Warriors (Biblical Narratives)

SUN – **Exodus 5:** Warriors (*Biblical Narratives*)

THU – Genesis 27: Warriors (Biblical Narratives)



Read, pray and discover what God communicated to the people at the time of the writing. Read and research background information that you might find in the text itself.

Biblical Narrative Reading Rules: Read the text and background information and identify:

Setting – Time and place of the story.

Characters - God's friends & Satan's friends.

Drama – The plot: How are God's friends attempting to build God's kingdom and in what way are Satan's friends resisting them? The plot resolution: How does God, the hero, resolve the conflict by working through His friends?

Discovery – What is the intended message by the author to the original audience?



Reflect, pray and determine what is God communicating to us in the present?

Biblical Narrative Reflection Rules:

What does this narrative reveal about God's character? Satan's character? What are themes and life lessons that are communicated through the text? Is there a promise God is trying to fulfill in your life that your lack of faith is blocking? Describe it. Based on what you learned from the characters, how can you be more like God friends and/or less like Satan's friends?



Respond and do something!

Based on your reflections on what you determine God is communicating in the Bible text, pray and decide what God wants to do in and through you in the future? Identify the steps of faith you need to take in order to facilitate God's promises. What am I going to do to apply my faith to be more of who God wants me to be? Is there sin to repent of? Is there someone you need to forgive, serve or speak to?

Further applications. Send a challenge to people in your acquaintance. Be bold in what the Lord is showing you as a step of faith. Use social media to spread the Word of God (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Blog, email, etc.).

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