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 Read: Mark 9:14-29

 Genre: Biblical Narrative/Gospel (read like a novel)

 Setting:

 Place – Jerusalem

 Time – AD 30

 Key People:

 Author – Mark

 Audience – Christian Gentiles living in Rome

 Characters:

 God's Friend – Father of girl and daughter

 Satan's friend – The demon possessed boy's father

 Drama:

 Plot – Demons are tormenting the boy

 Plot Resolution – God, the hero casts out the demon

READ - {Mark 9:14-22} Discovery: Jesus wants us to bring our problems to Him.

REFLECT - We need to share all of our burdens with Jesus.

RESPOND - Confess <u>everything</u> with Jesus.

READ - {Mark 9:23-24} Discovery: Jesus requires us to exercise faith in Him.

REFLECT - Our lack of faith hinders the miracles in our lives.

RESPOND - Identify and <u>admit</u> your doubt and unbelief.

READ - {Mark 9:28-29} Discovery: All authority in heaven and earth belong to Jesus.

REFLECT - There is unlimited power available to you.

RESPOND - Fast and <u>pray</u> for God's hand to move in your life.

"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** 1 Samuel 17: Warriors (Biblical Narratives) **TUE – 2 Samuel 11:** Warriors (Biblical Narratives) WED – 1 Kings 11: Warriors (Biblical Narratives)
 - FRI 2 Kings 22-23: Warriors (Biblical Narratives) SAT – Daniel 3: Warriors (Biblical Narratives)
 - SUN Daniel 6: Warriors (Biblical Narratives)



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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? God's promises? What are themes and life lessons that are communicated through the text? Is there a promise God is making evident to you?



Respond and do something!

Do something by praying and deciding 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.).

Devotional necessities: A Bible, pen or pencil, notebook or journal, a quiet place, a regular time, a prayerful heart of faith

BOOK ONE: WARRIORS

WARRIORS: **BIBLICAL** NARRATIVE

{Biblical Narratives are stories about real people in real time involved in real drama}

GENRE – Biblical Narrative (read it like a novel)

READING RULES – When reading identify:

Characters:

- · God Friends Vessels who are attempting to build God's kingdom
- · Satan's Friends Tools of Satan who oppose God's friends
- (People, Angels, Demons, Animals, Perceptions, Personal Attributes)
- Satan God's enemy
- God The hero

Plot: How are God's friends attempting to build God's Kingdom and in what way are Satan's friends resisting them?

Plot Resolution: How does God, the hero, save the day?

Dialogue: The drama is developed with words and actions. Characters develop and grow throughout the story.