

# THE ROYAL

PART 1: The Journey  
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Rock Church Devotional Readings May 2 - 8  
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The Royal is a story about a boy born into a royal family but orphaned soon after birth. A sage commits his life to mentor the Royal, that he may prepare him to take his rightful place as a ruler in his father's kingdom. The sage will train the Royal in the principles found in seven books left by his deceased father. Each book provides specialized instructions and preparations for the Royal. The Royal is you!!!!

1. A biblical genre is a literary style.
2. Reading the Bible literally means reading according to the rules of each literary style.

## BOOK 1: WARRIORS (Old Testament Narrative)

Old Testament Narratives are stories of the deliverance God provides as God's friends fight God's enemies in their attempt to build His kingdom.

## BOOK 2: LOYALTY (Old Testament Law)

The Old Testament Law was Israel's first glimpse of God's character designed to outline relationship guidelines for God's holy people.

## BOOK 3: SOUL FOOD (Poetic Literature)

Poetic language empowers us to express our heart toward God and live by the wisdom of God.

## BOOK 4: LAW ENFORCEMENT (Prophetic Literature)

God's prophets were God's *law enforcers* commissioned by God to challenge Israel to obey the law.

## BOOK 5: TWIST & TURN (Kingdom of God/Parables)

Parables are short earthly stories designed to twist your thinking about the Kingdom of God and turn your actions to match that new thinking.

## BOOK 6: LETTERS (Epistles)

Epistles are letters from apostles to groups and individuals of believers, designed to teach Kingdom of God principles for everyday life.

## BOOK 7: VISIONS (Apocalyptic)

Apocalyptic language is used to describe visions of God's hopeful and supernatural culmination of history.

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

## MONDAY – WARRIORS (Old Testament Narratives)

Old Testament Narratives are stories about God's involvement in the battles between God's friends and God's enemies. They are stories of ancient heroes where God was working through His people for eternal purposes.

**Read:** Genesis 39 How did the Lord use Joseph's faithfulness?

**Reflect:** Who is someone in your life that has been a person of integrity? What are areas of growth needed in your life to be a person of integrity?

**Respond:** Send an encouragement of appreciation to someone who has been an example of integrity (e.g. Facebook, email, letter, etc.).

## TUESDAY – WARRIORS (Old Testament Narratives)

**Read:** 1 Samuel 1 What was Hannah's personal battle?

**Reflect:** What is a burden of your heart that is worthy of diligently seeking the Lord in prayer?

**Respond:** Find a quiet place and pour out your heart to the Lord over this burden.

## WEDNESDAY – LOYALTY (Old Testament Law)

The Old Testament Law was Israel's first glimpse of God's character and how to live as His people. The Law provides guidelines for discipline and personal holiness.

**Read:** Leviticus 26 What can you learn about the character of God in this passage?

**Reflect:** What are some areas in your life where you need more obedience?

**Respond:** Write down a specific goal regarding one of these areas of growth that you will carry with you today for a prayer reminder.

## THURSDAY – LOYALTY (Old Testament Law)

**Read:** Deuteronomy 6 What can you learn about God's will for His people in this chapter?

**Reflect:** How do you live out verse 5 on a daily basis?

**Respond:** What is something in this chapter that you can take on as a personal challenge to do?

## FRIDAY – SOUL FOOD (Poetic Literature)

Poetic language empowers us to express our heart toward God about our joys, pains, thanksgiving and complaints. This genre also teaches us to live by the wisdom of God.

**Read:** Psalm 37 What are some of the repeated themes that David expresses in this Psalm?

**Reflect:** What are some of the themes in Psalm 37 that resonate with your current situation?

**Respond:** Copy a portion of this Psalm that you find most enriching and send it out to as many people as you can as an encouragement to their souls (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Blog, email, etc.).

## SATURDAY – SOUL FOOD (Poetic Literature)

**Read:** Proverbs 1 List 3 challenges in this chapter that were important to Solomon as a father.

**Reflect:** What are 3 of the verses in this chapter that most nourish your soul in your present situation?

**Respond:** Write out one of the verses that speaks strongly to you and commit it to memory today.