

**St. Therese Adult Study Series**  
**Spiritual Warfare with Father Andrie & Brendan McInerny**

Reflection Questions for Chapter *The Extraordinary Activity of the Devil*

For the next session, please read the fourth chapter on pages 31-43 in the *Exorcism* book. Begin with this or another prayer of your choice: "*Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him! As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before fire, let the wicked perish before God!*" (Pg. 151 Psalm 68)

Your reflections will be shared **October 17<sup>th</sup>** in your small group. Your group may not get to all the questions. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to those questions most important for your group.

NOTE: Each week we will begin our small group sessions as a large group using the Lectio Divina prayer format with the Sunday Gospel. This will be provided each week on your tables.

**1. What are your thoughts on the first category of attacks, demonic infestation, when evil is manifesting in a particular location?**

**2. Do you know anyone who has experienced a restless spirit in their residence? What was done to solve this situation? Who helped them with this?**

**3. The first category of attacks can connect evil to an object. Do you think that items like Ouija boards, tarot cards, and other "games" like this pose a concern or create an opening to evil? How?**

**4. Demonic vexation is the second attack form of evil. What are some ways you believe that people open themselves up to this type of attack? Do you**

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**personally know someone that has had a priest break the curse/spell on them?  
What was the outcome?**

**5. We read on pages 36-37 about demonic oppression. How can we relate this to Job in the Bible? Or the woman afflicted by a spirit of infirmity in Luke 13?**

**6. Demonic obsession is defined as influence from outside of the obsessed person. It may be described as the devil's extraordinary power to hamper and, if possible, prevent spiritual good for souls. Share your thoughts on demonic obsession as described on pages 38-39?**

**7. The final attack is demonic possession. In the Old Testament there is only one instance of what can be called demonic possession. In the 1 Kings 16:14, "an evil spirit from the Lord troubled" Saul. This was seen because of his envious hatred of David whom he tried to murder. As soon as we get to the New Testament, this changes. Possession is an integral part of biblical history. It can be found that when the Gospel was preached among certain people, the devil became very active in resisting this Good News. Here are some passages: Luke 8:2; Matthew 4:21; Mark 1:32; Luke 4:41; Mark 5:3-4; Mark 12:43; Matthew 8:29; and Acts 16:16-18. What do these all have in common? Where have you seen this in the world today?**

**7. What other points stood out to you as you read this chapter?**

Close your time with this prayer:

*"Mary, Mother of God, obtain from your divine Son the grace we need to recognize the work of the evil spirit in human lives. We ask you to intercede for us that we may not be afraid of the devil who is so active in our day."*

*"Mary, Queen of Angels, pray for us."*