

Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on the themes from Pastor Pett's sermon from Sunday, May 3, 2026, the Fifth Sunday of Easter:

5-Day Devotional: Living Stones in God's Spiritual House

Day 1: Chosen and Precious

Reading: [1 Peter 2:4-10](#)

Devotional: God didn't randomly select you for His kingdom—He meticulously chose you, just as a builder carefully selects each stone for its perfect place in a wall. You are precious in His sight, not because of what you do, but because of who you are. Jesus, the living stone rejected by men but chosen by God, became the cornerstone of our salvation. In choosing Him, the Father chose you too. Today, reflect on this truth: God reached into the pile of humanity and said, "I want that one." You are not an accident or an afterthought. You are deliberately placed, purposefully chosen, and deeply loved. Let this identity shape how you see yourself and serve others today.

Day 2: Built Together

Reading: [Ephesians 2:19-22](#)

Devotional: No stone stands alone in a wall. Each depends on those around it—supporting some, being supported by others. You are part of God's spiritual house, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ as the cornerstone. This means your faith journey isn't solitary. Look around at your faith community. Who supports you? Whose faith strengthens yours when you're weak? Equally important, who depends on your support? Your unique gifts, encouragement, and presence matter to the body of Christ. The wall is incomplete without you in your God-ordained place. Today, reach out to someone in your faith community. Offer support or express gratitude for theirs. We're all in this together.

Day 3: The Rejected Stone

Reading: [Acts 7:51-60](#); [Psalm 118:22-24](#)

Devotional: Throughout history, God's messengers have been rejected. The prophets were persecuted. Stephen was stoned. Jesus Himself was crucified. The pattern of rejection continues today as the world scorns the name of Christ. Yet the stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone—the very foundation of our salvation. This paradox reveals God's redemptive power: what the world discards, God exalts. When you face rejection for your faith, remember you're in good company. Jesus knows the sting of being unwanted, misunderstood, and cast aside. But rejection by the world means acceptance by God. His "yes" over your life matters infinitely more than the world's "no." Stand firm in this truth today.

Day 4: Craving Spiritual Nourishment

Reading: [1 Peter 2:1-3](#); [Psalm 42:1-2](#)

Devotional: A baby doesn't politely wait for nourishment—she reaches, grasps, and cries out for what sustains her life. Do you crave God's Word with that same intensity? Pure spiritual milk isn't optional for growth; it's essential. We live in a world offering countless substitutes—entertainment, success, comfort, approval—but only God's Word truly satisfies and strengthens our souls. Without regular nourishment from Scripture, we become weak, vulnerable, and ineffective in our calling as living stones. Today, honestly assess your spiritual appetite. Do you long for God's Word, or has it become routine? Ask the Holy Spirit to renew your hunger. Reach for Scripture with the urgency of a newborn reaching for milk. Your spiritual vitality depends on it.

Day 5: A Holy Priesthood

Reading: [Revelation 1:4-6](#); [Romans 12:1-2](#)

Devotional: You are not merely a spectator in God's kingdom—you are a priest, called to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. This royal priesthood isn't reserved for clergy; it's the identity of every believer. Your prayers matter. Your worship counts. Your service glorifies God. What spiritual sacrifice is God calling you to offer today? Perhaps it's surrendering a dream, extending forgiveness, serving sacrificially, or speaking truth in love. Only you know what God has uniquely created you to give. As you serve in your God-given place—whether leading worship, encouraging others, or faithfully working behind the scenes—you fulfill your priestly calling. You are precious, chosen, and positioned perfectly to honor the One who gave everything for you. Serve Him joyfully today.