

Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on the themes from Pastor Pett's sermon from Sunday, April 19, 2026, the Third Sunday of Easter:

5-Day Devotional: Ransomed by Precious Blood

Day 1: The Price of Freedom

Reading: [1 Peter 1:18-21](#)

Devotional:

You were not ransomed with silver or gold—those perishable things we chase after—but with something infinitely more valuable: the precious blood of Christ. Consider the weight of this truth: the purest substance ever to flow on this planet was poured out specifically for you. Your slavery to sin, your captivity to brokenness, required a ransom you could never pay. But Jesus did. His blood was enough—not just sufficient, but abundantly powerful to set you completely free. This wasn't a reluctant transaction; it was love in its most sacrificial form. How does knowing the specific price paid for your freedom change how you view yourself today? Let gratitude rise from your heart, not as obligation, but as the natural response to extravagant love.

Day 2: Inherited Futility, Inherited Freedom

Reading: [John 8:31-36](#); [Isaiah 40:6-8](#)

Devotional:

We inherit much from our forefathers—DNA, traditions, family traits. But we also inherit something darker: futile ways, patterns of sin, and slavery to brokenness. Like discovering your ancestry through DNA testing, examining your spiritual heritage reveals a universal truth: every generation has been enslaved to sin. But here's the glorious reversal—through Christ, you've been born again into a new inheritance. The grass withers, the flower falls, and every human legacy fades. But the Word of the Lord endures forever, and through it, you've received an imperishable inheritance. You are no longer defined by your family's failures or your own past. In Christ, you're a new creation with a new bloodline—the bloodline of the Lamb.

Day 3: Obedience as Faith

Reading: [1 Peter 1:22-23](#); [Romans 1:5](#)

Devotional:

"Obedience to the truth" sounds like a works-based religion until you understand what it truly means: faith. This isn't about striving to earn God's favor through perfect behavior. It's about trusting the truth of the Gospel—that Christ's blood was enough, that His sacrifice was complete, that you are fully loved and fully saved. This faith purifies your soul, not through your effort, but through God's work. And this purified heart naturally overflows into sincere love for others. Faith isn't passive; it's the most active force in the universe. It transforms how you see people, how you engage with suffering, and how you love earnestly from a pure heart. Your faith—your obedience to the truth—is both gift and response, both receiving and giving.

Day 4: Loving Earnestly While There's Time

Reading: [James 5:7-11](#); [Ecclesiastes 9:10](#)

Devotional:

Life is fleeting. The grass withers, the flower falls, and we never know when our opportunity to love someone will vanish. Peter's call to "love one another earnestly" carries urgency—not panic, but purpose. Think of someone in your life walking the wrong path. Time is short. The earnestness Peter describes isn't casual or convenient; it's urgent, intentional, and sacrificial. It means sharing the living and abiding Word of God while you still can. It means having difficult conversations, extending uncomfortable grace, and persistently pointing people toward the only thing that lasts forever. Don't wait for the perfect moment. The perfect moment is now. Who needs to hear about the ransom paid for them? Love them earnestly today, because tomorrow isn't guaranteed.

Day 5: The Living and Abiding Word

Reading: [Hebrews 4:12-13](#); [2 Timothy 3:14-17](#)

Devotional:

In a world where everything fades—possessions, beauty, health, even life itself—one thing remains: God's Word. It's not just information; it's living and active, powerful enough to change hearts, transform eternities, and bring hope in every situation. You possess something of infinite value. The question is: what will you do with it? God's Word in your hands is meant to be shared, not hoarded. It's the imperishable seed through which people are born again. When you share Scripture with someone, you're not just offering advice or religious platitudes—you're extending life itself. The Gospel preached to you is the same Gospel that can rescue others. Let the living Word flow through you today. Who needs to encounter its life-changing power through your witness?