

Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on the themes from Guest Pastor Jed McClellan's sermon from Sunday, July 26, 2026, the Ninth Sunday After Pentecost:

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Based on Romans 8: The Courtroom of Grace

Day 1: The Verdict Has Already Been Rendered

Reading: [Romans 8:1-4](#)

Devotional: The courtroom is silent. The gavel has fallen. The verdict is in — and it is not guilty. This is not because you have lived perfectly or argued your case well. It is because Jesus Christ stood in your place and absorbed every charge that could ever be brought against you. Romans 8:1-4 declares that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The law's righteous requirement has been fully met — not by you, but for you. Rest today in a verdict you did not earn and cannot lose.

Day 2: Called, Justified, Glorified

Reading: [Romans 8:28-30](#)

Devotional: Romans 8:28-30 traces a golden chain that begins before time and ends in glory. God foreknew you, predestined you, called you, justified you, and glorified you. Notice that every verb is past tense — even glorification, which has not yet arrived in your experience. God speaks of your future as though it is already accomplished because, in Christ, it is. You are not drifting through life hoping things work out. You are held within a divine purpose that no circumstance can derail. Whatever today brings, you are moving toward glory, not away from it.

Day 3: If God Is For Us

Reading: [Romans 8:31-34](#)

Devotional: In his letter to the Roman church, the Apostle Paul asks a question that silences every fear: if God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31-34 reminds us that the God who did not withhold His own Son will withhold nothing good from His people. The accuser may bring charges. Guilt may rise within your own heart. But the only one with authority to condemn is Jesus Christ — and He has chosen instead to intercede. He is not a distant Savior who died and left you to manage on your own. He is risen, seated in authority, and actively speaking on your behalf today.

Day 4: More Than Conquerors in the Midst of Suffering

Reading: [Romans 8:35-37](#)

Devotional: Paul does not promise that suffering will be absent from the Christian life. He lists tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, danger, and sword — not as remote possibilities but as real experiences the people of God endure. Romans 8:35-37 does not remove the weight of these things. It reframes them. None of them can sever the bond between you and the love of Christ. In fact, in all of these things — not after them, not around them — you are more than a conqueror. Suffering does not signal abandonment. It is the very terrain on which Christ's love proves unbreakable.

Day 5: Nothing in All Creation

Reading: [Romans 8:38-39](#)

Devotional: Carry your deepest fear to its furthest and most frightening conclusion. Now hear Paul's answer: even there, the love of God in Christ Jesus holds. Romans 8:38-39 exhausts every category of threat — death, life, angels, rulers, the present, the future, height, depth, anything in all creation — and declares that none of it possesses the power to separate you from God's love. Death itself has been defeated by a risen Savior. Whatever you face today, you face it as someone who cannot be torn from the grip of a God who gave His Son to keep you close.