

Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on the themes from Pastor Pett's sermon from Sunday, June 14, 2026, the Third Sunday After Pentecost:

5-Day Devotional: From Guilt to Grace

Day 1: The Weight of Sin and the Gift of Relief

Reading: [Romans 5:12-14](#)

Devotional: From Adam to Moses, humanity lived under the crushing weight of sin without complete relief. For thousands of years, people experienced guilt, shame, and separation from God with only promises to sustain them. Consider how long that crisis lasted—5,000 years of waiting for true freedom. Today, we live on the other side of the cross. The relief we desperately need has already been provided through Jesus Christ. When guilt threatens to overwhelm you, remember: you were born after the crisis was resolved. The work is finished. Your relief isn't found in your own efforts to fix yourself, but in turning to the One who has already paid the price. The free gift awaits your acceptance.

Reflection: What guilt are you carrying that Jesus has already paid for? How can you release it to Him today?

Day 2: Christ Died While We Were Still Sinners

Reading: [Romans 5:6-8](#)

Devotional: God didn't wait for you to clean yourself up. He didn't demand you become righteous first. "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." This is the stunning reality of divine love—Jesus came at exactly the right time, when we were at our worst, most ungodly state. He didn't say "DIY—figure it out yourself." Instead, He hired Himself as the right person for the job. When you feel unworthy of God's love, remember that worthiness was never the requirement. His love isn't based on your performance but on His character. The cross proves that God's love reaches you in your mess, not after you've cleaned it up. Relief comes not from becoming better, but from believing you are loved.

Reflection: In what areas do you feel too "ungodly" for God's love? How does knowing Christ died for you while you were still a sinner change that?

Day 3: Two Destinations, One Savior

Reading: [Romans 5:9-11](#)

Devotional: The reality is stark: there are only two eternal destinations. The enemy wants you to believe death is simply the end, that there are no consequences, no judgment, no eternity. But Scripture is clear—we face either the wrath of God or reconciliation with Him. This isn't meant to terrify but to clarify why we desperately need Jesus. We cannot reach heaven on our own; it's impossible. That's precisely why Jesus came. Through His blood, we are justified—declared righteous. Through Him, we are saved from wrath. This is why belief matters. This is why faith is essential. Without Jesus, our sins remain on us. With Jesus, we receive complete forgiveness and eternal hope. The choice is urgent and eternal.

Reflection: Do you live with the urgency of eternity in mind? How does understanding the reality of heaven and hell affect your daily faith?

Day 4: The Abundance of Grace

Reading: [Romans 5:15-17](#)

Devotional: Paul emphasizes a beautiful truth: "the free gift is not like the trespass." While one man's sin brought death to many, God's response through Jesus brought something far greater—abounding grace for many. Notice the word "abounded"—it means overflowing, more than enough, exceeding all measure. God's grace isn't a mere counterbalance to sin; it's an overwhelming flood of mercy that far surpasses our failure. Like sour cream bringing instant relief to a painful sunburn, God's grace brings immediate comfort to our sin-scorched souls. But unlike temporary physical relief, the grace of Jesus brings eternal healing. You don't earn it, you don't deserve it, and you can't repay it. You simply receive it by faith and rejoice in its abundance.

Reflection: Where do you need to experience the abundance of God's grace today? Are you trying to earn what He freely offers?

Day 5: Finding Relief in Jesus

Reading: [Romans 5:18-21](#)

Devotional: When guilt, shame, remorse, or grief threaten to overwhelm you, there is only one source of true relief: Jesus. Not self-help strategies, not numbing distractions, not even religious rituals—Jesus Himself. He loves you and wants to bring you relief as quickly as possible, as completely as necessary. The question is: will you turn to Him? Coming into God's presence through worship, prayer, and His Word isn't about religious duty; it's about receiving the healing relief your soul desperately needs. You were created with a conscience to recognize sin, but you were redeemed by grace to experience forgiveness. Hold both truths: acknowledge your need for a Savior, then rejoice in the Savior you have. In Jesus, crisis becomes comfort, and guilt gives way to grace.

Reflection: What would it look like to turn immediately to Jesus the next time you feel guilt or shame? How can you make this your first response rather than your last resort?