

Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on the themes from Pastor Pett's sermon from Sunday, June 21, 2026, the Fourth Sunday After Pentecost:

5-Day Devotional: From Slavery to Freedom in Christ

Day 1: The Reality of Our Bondage

Reading: [Romans 6:16-18](#)

Devotional: We all serve someone. This uncomfortable truth confronts us daily: either we are slaves to sin, leading to death, or servants of righteousness, leading to life. Like those born into slavery with no means of escape, we entered this world bound by sin, inherited from Adam and Eve. We cannot free ourselves through willpower, good intentions, or moral effort. The chains are too strong; the debt too great. Acknowledging this reality is the first step toward freedom. Today, honestly examine your life. What masters compete for your allegiance—money, power, approval, comfort? Recognizing our helplessness apart from Christ is not defeat; it is the beginning of true liberation.

Day 2: The Price of Our Freedom

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

Devotional: Abraham Lincoln gave everything in his pockets to purchase one slave girl's freedom. Jesus gave infinitely more—His very life, His last breath, every ounce of His being on the cross. But unlike Lincoln's limited resources, Jesus' perfect, sinless life possessed infinite value. His sacrifice could purchase not just one person, but all of humanity for all time. The cross wasn't Plan B; it was God's determined plan from eternity. With absolute resolve, despite the agony, Jesus signed our emancipation proclamation in His own blood. You were not redeemed with perishable things, but with the precious blood of Christ. Let this truth settle deep: you are worth everything to God. Your freedom cost Him His Son.

Day 3: Obedience from the Heart

Reading: [Romans 6:17-18](#); [John 14:15-21](#)

Devotional: True obedience springs not from obligation but from transformation. When the freed slave girl asked Lincoln if she could serve him, she wasn't compelled—she was compelled by gratitude and love. This is "obedience from the heart" that Paul describes: faith-driven commitment, not fear-based compliance. The Holy Spirit works through God's Word to transform our desires, making us want what God wants. We don't serve Christ to earn freedom; we serve because we've been freed. This distinction changes everything. Examine your spiritual life today. Is your obedience motivated by fear of punishment or love for your Liberator? Ask the Holy Spirit to deepen your heart-level commitment to Christ, moving beyond mere behavioral modification to genuine transformation.

Day 4: The Fruit of Two Masters

Reading: [Romans 6:20-22](#); [Galatians 5:16-25](#)

Devotional: Every master produces fruit in their servants' lives. Sin promises freedom but delivers only shame and death—eternal separation from God. We see this celebrated in our culture: "Do whatever you want, live however you want." But what fruit comes from that garden? Emptiness, brokenness, and ultimately hell. Conversely, submitting to God as willing servants produces sanctification—becoming more like Christ—and its end is eternal life. The fruit of the Spirit grows in soil watered by grace. Today, honestly assess the fruit in your life. What are your choices producing? Are there areas where you're still clinging to sin's empty promises? Remember, you're free to choose your master, but each master determines your harvest. Choose the one who gives life.

Day 5: The Complete Gift

Reading: [Romans 6:23](#); [Ephesians 2:4-9](#)

Devotional: "The wages of sin is death"—but don't stop at the comma. "But the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." This is the most misquoted verse because people often proclaim law without grace, judgment without hope. Jesus didn't just solve the sin problem through His death; He conquered death itself through His resurrection. Christ is risen! This complete work—death and resurrection—secures not just forgiveness but eternal life. It's entirely a gift, received through faith alone. You cannot earn it, achieve it, or deserve it. Today, rest in this finished work. If you've been striving to prove yourself worthy, stop. If you've been paralyzed by past failures, rise. Jesus has set you free. Now live as His grateful, willing servant.