

Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on the themes from Pastor Pett's sermon from Sunday, June 7, 2026, the Second Sunday After Pentecost:

5-Day Devotional: Living by Faith in God's Promises

Day 1: The Foundation of Faith

Reading: [Romans 4:13-17](#)

Devotional: Abraham received God's promise not through law-keeping, but through faith. This distinction matters profoundly. When we try to earn God's favor through our own efforts, we turn grace into obligation and transform promise into transaction. God doesn't ask us to achieve perfection before He blesses us; He asks us to trust Him. Abraham had no track record with God, yet he believed. Today, we have centuries of God's faithfulness demonstrated throughout Scripture and culminating in Christ's resurrection. Where are you trying to earn what God freely offers? What promises of God do you need to simply receive by faith rather than achieve through works?

Day 2: When Hope Defies Circumstances

Reading: [Romans 4:18-22](#); [Genesis 15:1-6](#)

Devotional: Abraham "believed against hope"—his spiritual hope overcame his natural hopelessness. At one hundred years old with a barren wife, human possibility said "impossible." But faith doesn't depend on favorable circumstances; it depends on a faithful God. Sarah's womb was dead, but God is the God who gives life to the dead. What impossible situation are you facing today? The world's hope says it cannot be done, but faith-filled hope declares God is able. Abraham didn't ignore reality—he acknowledged his aged body—but he didn't let reality override God's promise. Your circumstances may scream impossibility, but God's character whispers certainty. Which voice will you believe?

Day 3: Righteousness Through Faith Alone

Reading: [Romans 4:23-25](#); [Hebrews 11:8-12](#)

Devotional: Abraham's faith was "counted to him as righteousness"—not because he was perfect, but because he trusted perfectly in God's promise. This same righteousness is available to us who believe in Jesus, who died for our trespasses and rose for our justification. We cannot keep all ten commandments perfectly; we all fail. But Jesus kept them perfectly for us, then took our failure to the cross and left it in the tomb. When we embrace Christ by faith, His righteousness becomes ours. Stop trying to earn what's already been given. Stop striving to achieve what Christ has already accomplished. Simply believe, reach out in faith, and make His righteousness your own.

Day 4: The Certainty of God's Promises

Reading: [Hosea 6:1-3](#); [2 Corinthians 1:18-22](#)

Devotional: God's promises are not "maybe" or "perhaps"—they are absolute certainties. "After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up." This wasn't wishful thinking; it was prophetic certainty fulfilled in Christ's resurrection. Every promise God makes, He keeps. Unlike people who break their word and destroy our trust, God has never failed to deliver. His track record is perfect. This is why faith in God differs fundamentally from trust in people. We've all been disappointed by broken promises, but God's faithfulness stands unshaken through millennia. What promise of God are you struggling to believe? Look at the empty tomb—there stands your proof that God keeps His word.

Day 5: Living Faith in a Doubting World

Reading: [Romans 4:16-21](#); [1 Peter 3:15-16](#)

Devotional: We live among people who have been betrayed, disappointed, and let down repeatedly. They have no reason to trust anyone—until they see faith lived authentically in us. As children of Abraham through faith, we're called to demonstrate a different way of living: with certainty in God's promises despite circumstances, with hope when the world offers despair, with confidence in God's faithfulness when others have proven faithless. This isn't arrogant presumption; it's humble trust in a proven God. How does your life reflect this certainty? When others see you face trials, do they witness someone clinging to empty optimism or someone anchored in eternal promises? Your lived faith becomes the bridge others cross to discover God's trustworthiness.