

Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on the themes from Pastor Pett's sermon from Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, 2026, the Sixth Sunday of Easter:

5-Day Devotional: Faith, Hope, and Living Witnesses

Day 1: The Certainty of Faith and Hope

Reading: [Hebrews 11:1-6](#); [1 Peter 3:13-17](#)

Devotional: Faith and hope are inseparable companions in the Christian life. Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Hope is having positive certainty in God's promises. These aren't wishful thinking but confident assurance rooted in Christ's finished work. When the world asks why you have such unwavering confidence amid uncertainty, you have an opportunity to point to Jesus. Today, examine your life: Are you wearing your faith on your sleeve? Is your hope visible to those around you? The certainty we possess in Christ's death and resurrection should radiate from us, drawing others to ask questions. Prepare your heart to answer with gentleness and respect, knowing that your confident hope is a powerful witness in a fearful world.

Reflection: What would change in your daily interactions if you lived with complete certainty in God's promises?

Day 2: Faith Over Fear

Reading: [1 Peter 3:14-16](#); [2 Timothy 1:7](#)

Devotional: "Have no fear of them, nor be troubled." These words challenge us in a culture saturated with anxiety. The greatest roadblock to sharing our faith is fear—fear of rejection, ridicule, or confrontation. Yet faith and fear cannot coexist in the same space. When we truly grasp the certainty of our salvation, the security of God's promises, and the reality of Christ's resurrection, fear loses its power. We are called to regard Christ the Lord as holy in our hearts, making Him the supreme authority over our anxieties. This doesn't mean we won't face opposition or slander for our beliefs. It means we stand firm anyway, knowing that suffering for doing good is better than compromising truth. Today, identify one fear that keeps you from boldly living your faith, and surrender it to Christ's lordship.

Reflection: Where is fear preventing you from being a faithful witness to Christ?

Day 3: Christ's Suffering for the Unrighteous

Reading: [1 Peter 3:18-22](#); [Romans 5:6-11](#)

Devotional: "Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God." This is the heart of the gospel—substitutionary love. Jesus didn't suffer because of His own sin but because of ours. He took what we deserved so we could receive what only He deserved. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the Spirit, securing our eternal hope. This truth should anchor our faith and fuel our hope. When we face difficulties for doing good, for living righteously, for sharing our faith, we participate in a pattern Christ established. Our suffering has meaning because His suffering had victory. Christ is risen! This resurrection power is available to us daily, transforming how we endure hardship and how we extend grace to others who don't yet know Him.

Reflection: How does Christ's suffering for you motivate your willingness to suffer for doing good?

Day 4: Baptism—Drowning and Rising

Reading: [1 Peter 3:20-21](#); [Romans 6:1-11](#); [Colossians 2:12](#)

Devotional: The flood waters that destroyed unbelievers simultaneously lifted Noah's ark to safety. This powerful image foreshadows baptism, which both drowns and saves. In baptism, our sinful nature is drowned, put to death with Christ, while we are simultaneously raised to new life in Him. It's not merely a ritual of physical cleansing but "an appeal to God for a good conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ." Baptism connects us directly to Christ's death and resurrection, placing us in the ark of His church where we find safety and salvation. This isn't a one-time event but a daily reality—we continually die to sin and rise to new life. The church is our ark, holding us above the chaos of a drowning world, sustained by the very waters that judge unbelief.

Reflection: How does remembering your baptism strengthen your identity as one who has died and risen with Christ?

Day 5: Passing Faith to the Next Generation

Reading: [Deuteronomy 6:4-9](#); [Ephesians 6:4](#); [2 Timothy 1:5](#); [3:14-15](#)

Devotional: Actions speak louder than words, especially to our children. Statistics reveal a sobering truth: when parents don't actively live their faith, children rarely maintain it into adulthood. But when both parents demonstrate genuine faith and visible hope, the likelihood of children continuing in faith increases dramatically. This Mother's Day message extends to all believers—we are all spiritual parents in some capacity. Are we showing the next generation what truly matters? Are we wearing our faith and hope visibly enough that children notice and ask questions? The world teaches our children only evil continually through countless channels. If we remain silent or passive about our faith, we surrender their spiritual formation to forces that oppose Christ. Today, commit to intentionally demonstrating your faith and hope in everyday moments, creating opportunities for spiritual conversations that plant seeds for eternity.

Reflection: Who in the next generation is watching your life, and what faith lessons are they learning from you?