Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on the themes from Pastor Pett's sermon from Christmas Day, December 25, 2025:

5-Day Devotional: The God Who Speaks

Day 1: Many Voices, One Message

Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4

Devotional: Throughout the Old Testament, God spoke through prophets, priests, and kings—many voices delivering one unified message of redemption. Like receiving Christmas cards from different people with the same warm wishes, Scripture's diverse authors proclaim one truth: God loves you. From Genesis to Malachi, every page points toward Jesus. Today, reflect on how the entire Bible tells one story of God's relentless pursuit of His people. Consider the Christmas cards and gifts you received—each from a different person, yet expressing similar sentiments. God's Word is infinitely more unified and purposeful. He has been speaking your name since the beginning, preparing the way for His Son.

Reflection: Which Old Testament story or prophecy about Jesus most captures your heart? How does recognizing Scripture's unity strengthen your faith?

Day 2: The Radiance of Glory

Reading: John 1:1-14

Devotional: Jesus is not a mixture of divine and human, like we are mixtures of our parents' traits. He is "the exact imprint" of God's nature—fully God and fully man. When you look at Jesus, you see God perfectly revealed. His words carry the power that sustains the universe. Every breath you take, every heartbeat, exists because Christ upholds all things by His word. This Christmas season, marvel at the staggering reality: the God who holds galaxies in place entered our world as a vulnerable baby. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. He didn't send a representative or prophet—He came Himself. That's how much you matter to Him.

Reflection: What does it mean to you personally that Jesus is the "exact imprint" of God? How does this shape your understanding of God's character?

Day 3: The Greatest Gift

Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:15; Romans 6:23

Devotional: We compare Christmas gifts—which was most useful, most thoughtful, most expensive. But no gift ever given compares to Jesus. He came not just to teach or inspire, but to make "purification for sins." We are all born with an infection worse than any physical disease—the infection of sin that separates us from God. Jesus didn't apply a surface treatment; He went to our core. Through His blood shed on the cross, He flushed out sin completely, offering total purification. In baptism, He washes us clean. In His Word, He sustains us. In communion, He feeds us with His very life. This gift cost God everything and costs you nothing.

Reflection: Have you fully received the gift of purification Jesus offers? What would it look like to live today as someone completely cleansed and loved?

Day 4: The Four Gospels Calling

Reading: <u>Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-16</u>

Devotional: The four calling birds of Christmas represent the four Gospels, each calling us to faith in Jesus. Matthew presents Him as King, Mark as Servant, Luke as the perfect Man, and John as God incarnate. Four perspectives, one Savior. Each Gospel calls you personally—calling you to know Him, believe in Him, and experience Him firsthand. Jesus declared, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." The King of Kings issues an invitation, not a demand. He calls you into relationship, into His family, into His mission. As the fourth day of Christmas approaches, hear His voice calling through Scripture, inviting you deeper into His love and purpose for your life.

Reflection: Which Gospel account resonates most with you right now? How is Jesus calling you to respond to Him today?

Day 5: Superior to Angels

Reading: Hebrews 1:5-14

Devotional: After accomplishing purification for sins, Jesus "sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high." His work is finished. He is exalted far above angels, powers, and principalities. This is the God who loves you—not a distant deity, but the King who descended, conquered sin and death, and now reigns with all authority. His love letter to you is written in Scripture and sealed in His blood. He says, "This is what I will do for you. This is how much I love you. This is how much

you mean to me—I will give everything for you." Today is still His birthday season. Celebrate the God who speaks, who gives, who purifies, who reigns—and who calls you His beloved.

Reflection: How will you celebrate Jesus not just during Christmas, but throughout the year? What does it mean to live as someone loved by the King of Kings?

Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for speaking to us through Your Word. Thank You for being the greatest gift—the purification we desperately needed. Help us hear Your voice clearly, receive Your love deeply, and live as those transformed by Your grace. In Your holy name, Amen.