

Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on the themes from Pastor Pett's sermon from Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025:

5-Day Devotional: The Grace That Appeared

Day 1: A New Sound of Life

Reading: [Titus 2:11-14](#)

Devotional: The grace of God has appeared—not as a distant concept, but as tangible life entering our world. Just as a baby's cry pierces the silence and announces new life, Jesus entered our world with the sound of hope. His arrival changed everything. That stable in Bethlehem witnessed the most profound moment in history: God choosing to be with us, to experience our humanity fully. Today, reflect on what "new sounds" Jesus has brought into your life. Where has His grace interrupted your darkness with light? How has His presence transformed the atmosphere of your heart? The grace of God appeared not just historically, but personally—for you. Listen for His voice today, announcing life where there was emptiness.

Day 2: He Felt Everything

Reading: [Hebrews 4:14-16](#)

Devotional: Jesus didn't redeem us from a distance. He chose the harder path—to feel hunger, thirst, loneliness, pain, and every human emotion. He experienced injury, frustration, and the sting of rejection. Why? So that when you face your darkest moments, you can know with absolute certainty: He understands. He's been there. Your Savior isn't detached from your suffering; He's intimately acquainted with it. This is the beauty of the Incarnation—God didn't just sympathize, He empathized by becoming one of us. Today, bring your pain to Jesus. Tell Him about your struggles, knowing He doesn't just hear—He remembers what it felt like. His grace meets you in your deepest need because He's walked that road before you.

Day 3: Grace Without Sin

Reading: [2 Corinthians 5:17-21](#)

Devotional: Here lies the beautiful difference: Jesus experienced everything we experience, except sin. He felt anger without sinning, faced temptation without yielding, endured suffering without bitterness. This wasn't just to set an example, but to accomplish what we could never do—live perfectly so He could redeem us completely. We often handle our feelings poorly, lashing out with words we can't take back, making choices we wish we could undo. The bell, once rung, cannot be unrung. But Jesus came to be the perfect sacrifice, to purify us, to redeem us from all lawlessness. His sinless life makes your forgiveness possible. Today, confess where you've handled life's pressures imperfectly. Receive His grace that covers every failure and His power that trains us toward godliness.

Day 4: Waiting for His Return

Reading: [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)

Devotional: Christmas celebrates His first appearing; our blessed hope anticipates His second. The same Jesus who came as a vulnerable baby will return as the glorious King. He gave Himself for us at Calvary; He's coming again for us at His return. This isn't just theological truth—it's transformative hope that changes how we live today. When we wait for His appearing, we live differently. We renounce ungodliness not from mere duty, but from anticipation. We pursue self-control, uprightness, and godly living because we're preparing for a reunion. Today, let the reality of Christ's return shape your choices. What would you want to be doing when He appears? What relationships need mending? What habits need changing? Live today in light of that glorious tomorrow.

Day 5: Keep Him at the Heart

Reading: [Colossians 1:15-20](#)

Devotional: In a world that says, "Don't mention Jesus," we must keep Him central. He is the embodiment of grace, the fullness of God dwelling among us. Christ isn't just part of Christmas—He IS Christmas. Without Him, it's just lights and gifts and sentimentality. With Him, it's salvation, hope, and eternal life. Jesus rushed to our aid when we were helpless, came to our side in our confusion, and gave Himself completely for us. He gained for Himself a people—and you are among them if you believe. Today, examine where Jesus stands in your life. Is He at the margins or at the center? In your celebrations, conversations, and daily choices, keep Him there. Let His grace train you, His love compel you, and His presence comfort you. The grace of God has appeared—receive it fully today.