

Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on the themes from Pastor Pett's sermon from Sunday, December 7, 2025, the Second Sunday in Advent:

5-Day Devotional: One Voice, One Hope in Christ

Day 1: Written for Our Instruction

Reading: [Romans 15:4-6](#)

Devotional: The Scriptures weren't given merely as historical records—they were written specifically for you, for this moment, for your instruction. When you open God's Word, you're not just reading ancient texts; you're receiving divine encouragement for today's challenges. Every promise, every story of faithfulness, every account of God's provision builds endurance in your soul. The Bible tells us that through these Scriptures we gain hope—not wishful thinking, but confident expectation of God's faithfulness. As you face difficulties today, remember that generations before you found strength in these same promises. Open your Bible not out of obligation, but as a lifeline to encouragement and hope.

Reflection Question: When was the last time Scripture gave you specific encouragement during a difficult season?

Day 2: Endurance Through Opposition

Reading: [2 Timothy 3:10-17](#)

Devotional: Christianity has always been contested. From the early church to believers in Nigeria today, following Christ often means facing opposition. Yet God doesn't call us to a faith that crumbles under pressure. He calls us to endurance—the spiritual stamina to keep believing, keep loving, keep following even when the world pushes back. This endurance isn't manufactured through willpower alone; it flows from knowing whose you are. When you face ridicule for your faith, remember: Jesus faced it first. When your beliefs are challenged, stand firm—not in arrogance, but in the quiet confidence that Christ has already overcome. Your endurance today becomes a testimony of His faithfulness tomorrow.

Reflection Question: What specific opposition to your faith are you currently facing, and how can you endure it with Christ's strength?

Day 3: Light for All Nations

Reading: [Isaiah 49:6](#); [Acts 13:44-49](#)

Devotional: God's salvation was never meant to be limited or exclusive. When He declared it "too light a thing" for Jesus to save only Israel, He revealed His heart: every nation, every culture, every person matters to Him. Jesus is the light for all peoples, and His love transcends every human boundary we create. This means the gospel speaks in countless languages while carrying one unified message: God loves you, Christ died for you, salvation is yours through faith. Whether you celebrate Christmas with krumkake or Christmas crackers, lutefisk or peppermint cookies, your unique cultural expression of faith honors God. The diversity of His church reflects the breadth of His love.

Reflection Question: How can you celebrate both your unique cultural identity and your unity with believers from different backgrounds?

Day 4: Jesus Loves Me

Reading: [1 John 4:7-19](#)

Devotional: Sometimes the most profound truths are the simplest. "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." This children's song contains the entire gospel in miniature. You are loved—not because of what you've done, but because of who He is. You are known—fully, completely, without illusion. You are His—belonging to the One who is strong when you are weak. In a world of complexity and confusion, return to this bedrock truth: Jesus loves you. Not a theoretical love, but a love proven on the cross, demonstrated in His resurrection, and active in your life today. Let this simple truth be your one voice that rises above every doubt.

Reflection Question: How does knowing Jesus' love for you change the way you face today's challenges?

Day 5: Hope on the Other Side

Reading: [Romans 8:18-25](#)

Devotional: Endurance requires vision. We persevere not because suffering is meaningless, but because something glorious waits on the other side. Paul reminds us that present sufferings cannot compare to the glory that will be revealed. This hope—this confident expectation—transforms how we live today. When persecution comes, we endure. When opposition rises, we stand firm. When the world rejects our faith, we continue proclaiming Christ. Why? Because

we know the ending. Life eternal, joy unending, comfort beyond measure, and Christ Himself await **us**. **Your dusty Bible** shouldn't remain dusty—open it, read it, let it fuel your hope. The journey is hard, but the destination is worth every step.

Reflection Question: What specific hope sustains you when your faith journey becomes difficult?

Closing Prayer: Father in Heaven, grant us endurance for the journey and encouragement from Your Word. Unite us as one voice proclaiming Christ to all nations. Fill us with hope that sustains us through every trial, knowing that You are faithful and Your promises are true. In Jesus' name, Amen.