

Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on the themes from Pastor Pett's sermon from Sunday, February 8, 2026, the Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany:

#### 5-Day Devotional: Sermon Theme - "Nothing Except Jesus Christ"

##### Day 1: The Foundation - Christ Crucified

Reading: [1 Corinthians 2:1-5](#)

Devotional: Paul approached his ministry with "weakness and fear and much trembling" not because he doubted himself, but because he understood the weight of delivering God's Word. Like Paul, we must recognize that our faith rests not in human wisdom but in God's power. When life becomes complicated and overwhelming, we return to the basics: Jesus Christ and Him crucified. This is our comfort food for the soul, our foundation when everything else shakes. Today, reflect on how you approach God's Word. Do you seek complex answers when you need the simple, powerful truth of the cross? Let the message of Christ's sacrifice be enough for you today.

##### Day 2: Growing in Spiritual Maturity

Reading: [1 Corinthians 3:1-3; Hebrews 5:12-14](#)

Devotional: Just as a baby progresses from milk to solid food, our spiritual journey moves from basic truths to deeper understanding. God doesn't rush this process. He knows exactly when we're ready for the next lesson, the next revelation. Have you ever read a familiar Bible passage and suddenly seen something new? That's the Holy Spirit working according to your readiness. God isn't withholding truth from you; He's preparing you to receive it. Don't compare your spiritual journey to others. Instead, ask yourself: Am I growing? Am I building on the foundation of Christ crucified? Trust that God will reveal what you need when you need it.

##### Day 3: The Spirit Reveals God's Mysteries

Reading: [1 Corinthians 2:6-12](#)

Devotional: "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him." This isn't just about heaven someday; it's about the revelations God wants to give you today. The Holy Spirit searches the depths of God and reveals them to us. We cannot comprehend God's thoughts through human effort alone. This should humble us and excite us simultaneously. The same Spirit who inspired Scripture lives within you, ready to illuminate truth. When you read God's Word, pray first: "Not my understanding, but Yours. Open my heart to receive what You want to teach me." Then watch as familiar words come alive with new meaning.

##### Day 4: Soul Sick? Return to the Basics

Reading: [Psalm 23; Matthew 11:28-30](#)

Devotional: When we're physically sick, we crave comfort food—something simple, nourishing, and familiar. When our souls are sick from trials, disappointments, or spiritual exhaustion, we need soul comfort food: Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Don't feel guilty for returning to the basics. Even mature believers need to regularly feast on the fundamental truths of salvation. You don't always need a complex theological answer; sometimes you simply need to remember that Jesus died for you, loves you, and holds you secure. Today, if you're weary, don't reach for complicated solutions. Rest in the simple, profound truth: Christ died for you. Let that be enough.

##### Day 5: Living in God's Power, Not Human Wisdom

Reading: [1 Corinthians 1:18-25; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10](#)

Devotional: Our culture worships human achievement, intelligence, and self-sufficiency. But God's kingdom operates differently. His power is perfected in our weakness. When we acknowledge our limitations and depend entirely on His strength, that's when His power flows most freely. This week, where have you been relying on your own wisdom instead of God's power? Where have you been trying to control outcomes instead of surrendering to His Spirit? God doesn't need your perfection; He needs your availability. Like Paul, approach your calling with humility, knowing that the message's power comes from God, not from you. Let go of control. Trust His power. Watch what He can do through your weakness.