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| 500 Internal Server Error after changing Permalinks from "Plain" to "Post name" | WordPress uses .htaccess to manage permalinks. If the file gets corrupted (e.g., bad syntax or failed rewrite), the server throws a 500 error. | Switched LocalWP to Apache so .htaccess is recognized  Replaced broken .htaccess with default WordPress rules  Reloaded the site and confirmed it works again |  500 errors are usually caused by syntax issues in .htaccess, bad plugins, or server misconfigs   WordPress can regenerate .htaccess by visiting Settings > Permalinks and clicking Save Changes (when accessible) | BEFORE:    AFTER: |