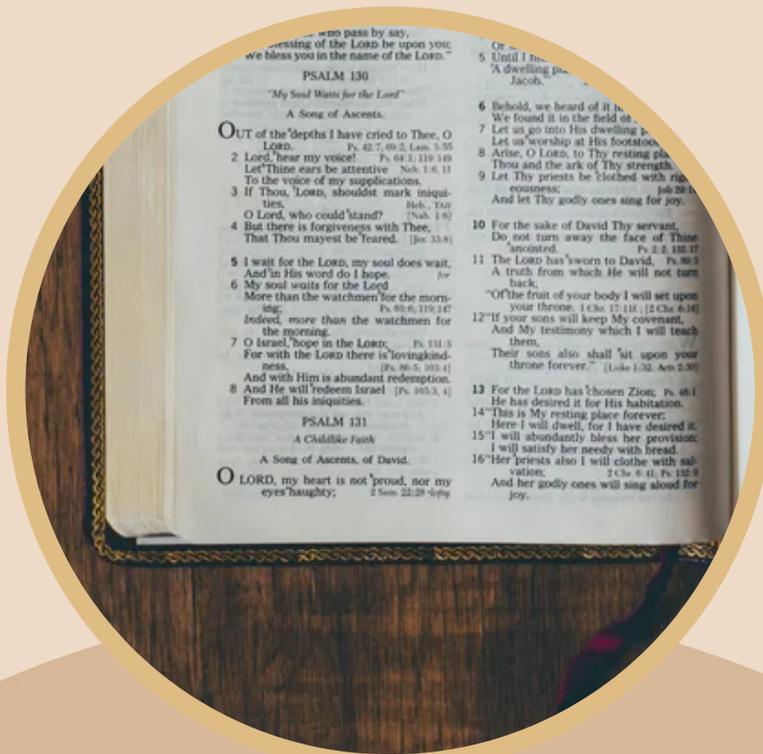




# Discovering God's Word Through Ezekiel's Scroll



Explore Ezekiel's vision of the scroll, uncovering God's message, nourishment, and calling in this 7-day Bible study journey.



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## Introduction

**The Bible** is not just a book; it is the living, breathing Word of God that speaks to us in every generation. One of the most fascinating and powerful images of the Bible as God's message is found in the story of the prophet Ezekiel, who was commanded by God to eat a scroll. This extraordinary act symbolizes how God's Word is not only to be read but deeply internalized and lived.

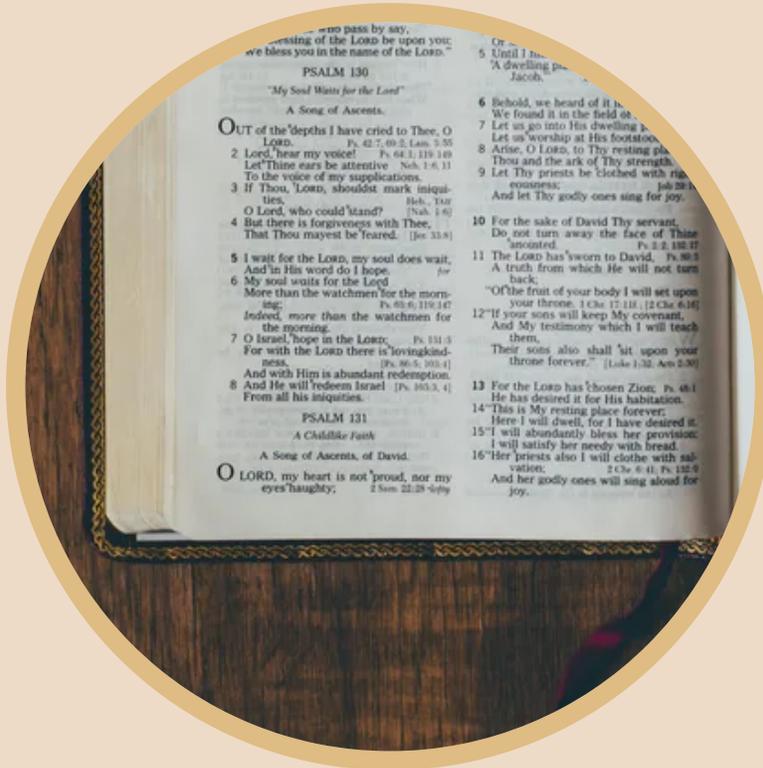
In Ezekiel 2:8–3:3, the prophet is instructed to consume a scroll filled with lamentations, mourning, and woe. Though tasting honey, the message it contains is sobering and challenging. This dual nature of God's Word is what sustains and equips believers for their mission and life's trials. As Ezekiel ate the scroll, he was empowered to deliver God's message faithfully, reflecting the nourishment and strength found in God's Scriptures.

*Throughout this seven-day journey, we will explore the meaning, purpose, and power of the Bible by reflecting on Ezekiel's remarkable experience. We will see how God's Word can sweeten our hearts even when it calls us to face hard truths. More than an ancient text, the scroll Ezekiel ate reveals how God's Word becomes alive within us, transforming our thoughts, guiding our paths, and commissioning us to serve. Join us as we dive into Scripture, embrace God's voice, and allow the Bible to become our strength and guide.*





# Day 1: The Scroll Given to Ezekiel



Day 1: 📖 The Scroll Given to Ezekiel

## Your Verse

*Ezekiel 2:8-3:3 - "Then he said to me, 'Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the people of Israel.' So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Jeremiah 15:16 - "Your words were found, and I ate them; your words became a joy to me and the delight of my heart."*
- *Revelation 10:9 - "Take and eat the little scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel."*



Day 1: 📖 The Scroll Given to Ezekiel

## Devotional: Internalizing God's Word Like Ezekiel

**God's Word is not merely to be read but to be consumed and lived.** When Ezekiel was told to "eat" the scroll, this act symbolized a deep acceptance and internalization of God's message. The scroll contained difficult prophecies filled with lamentations and warnings—far from comforting news—but it was still something Ezekiel was commanded to ingest willingly. This teaches us that the Word of God can be both challenging and sweet, much like honey.

Why did God emphasize eating the scroll? Because to truly deliver God's message, Ezekiel had to make it part of himself. He had to allow it to nourish his spirit, shape his character, and empower his obedience. Just like Ezekiel, we too are called to take God's Word inwardly until it becomes part of who we are, influencing our thoughts, words, and actions.

Consider what it means to 'eat' the Bible today. It is an invitation to not only study but to meditate on Scripture, memorizing and treasuring it so it guides us in every step. When God's Word fills us, it changes our perspective, comforts us in sorrow, and equips us to brave challenges ahead.



Day 1:  The Scroll Given to Ezekiel

## Reflect and Apply

1. How do I currently approach reading and studying God's Word?

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2. In what ways can I 'eat' the Scriptures more deeply to allow them to nourish and transform me?

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3. Are there difficult passages in the Bible I tend to avoid? Why might God want me to embrace them?

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Day 1:  The Scroll Given to Ezekiel

# Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time when a Bible verse or passage gave you strength or guidance.

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2. Reflect on what 'eating the scroll' might look like in your daily Bible study habits.

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3. List areas of your life where you need God's Word to penetrate and transform.

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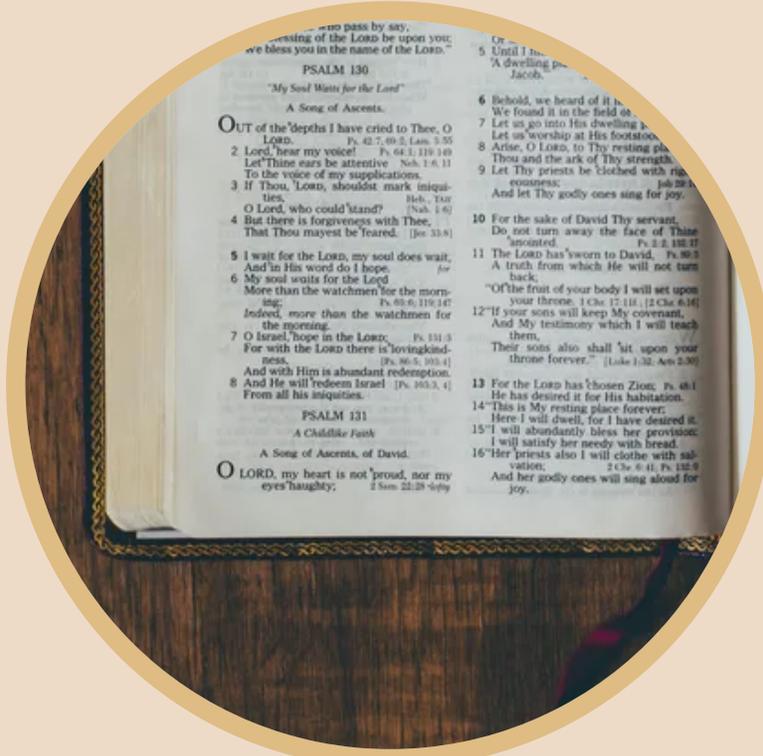
## Prayer for Today

**Lord, help me to hunger for your Word and accept it fully.** Teach me to "eat" your Scriptures, to cherish them as food for my soul. Even when your message is hard, give me the grace to trust and obey. May your Word become my daily bread and strength for all challenges. *Fill me with your truth and empower me to live it out.* In Jesus' name, Amen. 🍞 📖 🙏





# Day 2: 🍷 The Sweetness and Bitterness of God's Word



## Your Verse

*Ezekiel 3:3 - "...and he said to me, 'Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it.' Then I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Psalm 119:103 - "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"*
- *Proverbs 5:3 - "For the lips of the adulterous woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil." (a contrast to beware)*



## Devotional: Finding the Sweetness in Hard Truths

Though the scroll Ezekiel ate contained messages of judgment and sorrow, it **tasted sweet to him**. This paradox teaches a profound spiritual truth: God's Word, in all its fullness, is ultimately good and nourishing for those who receive it in faith. The sweetness does not come from ignorance of the hard truths but from trusting God's nature and promises behind the message.

Psalms 119 beautifully illustrates this sweetness, comparing God's commands and precepts to honey. When we approach the Bible with an expectant heart, God's truth refreshes and delights us even when it challenges.

However, we must also be discerning. Not every sweetness is from the Lord (Proverbs 5 warns of deceptive smoothness). True nourishment comes from God's authentic Word, which may sometimes taste bitter but is life-giving. Ezekiel's experience encourages us to embrace even difficult scriptures, knowing their ultimate purpose is restoration and hope.

In our reading, let's ask God to give us a heart that finds joy and sweetness in His Word, trusting that He will use it to cultivate holiness, wisdom, and peace in us.



## Reflect and Apply

1. Do I find joy in God's Word, even when it challenges me?

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2. How can I differentiate between God's true sweetness and deceptive messages?

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3. What changes when I trust God's promises even in difficult passages?

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# Journaling Prompts

1. Describe a Bible passage that was hard to accept but ended up bringing you blessing.

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2. Write about ways you can cultivate a hunger for God's Word daily.

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3. Reflect on how God's Word has been a 'sweet' encouragement in your life recently.

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Day 2: 🍷 The Sweetness and Bitterness of God's Word

## Prayer for Today

**Father, thank you for the sweetness of your Word.** Even when it reveals difficult truths, help me to receive it with joy and trust. Teach me to discern your voice and live by your commands with gratitude. May your Scriptures be my delight and guide every step I take. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🍷 📖 ❤️





# Day 3: 🔥 Empowered by God's Word Within



Day 3: 🔥 Empowered by God's Word Within

## Your Verse

*Ezekiel 3:8 - "But the people of Israel are not willing to listen to you, because they are not willing to listen to me, for all the house of Israel are hardened and obstinate."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Hebrews 4:12 - "For the word of God is alive and active... it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."*
- *Isaiah 55:11 - "So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty..."*



Day 3: 🔥 Empowered by God's Word Within

## Devotional: The Word Empowers Us in Opposition

**After consuming the scroll, Ezekiel was sent as a messenger to a stubborn and resistant people.** The Word within him became a powerful weapon for confronting hard hearts and proclaiming divine truth. But Ezekiel needed the scroll fully internalized to fulfill this divine calling.

This day reminds us that God's Word is "alive and active"—not idle text but an energizing force in our lives. When we internalize Scripture, it empowers us to face opposition, share truth with courage, and persevere despite rejection or hardness around us.

Like Ezekiel, we may meet resistance or apathy when speaking God's truth, but the Word within us sustains our resolve. We must give attention to absorbing Scripture deeply so that we can stand firm, guided and strengthened by God's Spirit.

Let this be a call to both internal nourishment and bold witness. God's Word is our strength and sword, enabling us to carry out His purposes even amid challenges.



# Reflect and Apply

1. How does internalizing Scripture help me face opposition in my life?

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2. Where might God be calling me to speak truth boldly, despite resistance?

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3. Am I leaning on the power of God's Word or my own strength in challenges?

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Day 3: 🔥 Empowered by God's Word Within

# Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time when Scripture gave you courage in a difficult situation.

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2. List areas in your life where you need God's strength through His Word.

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3. Reflect on how God's Word has equipped you to fulfill your purpose.

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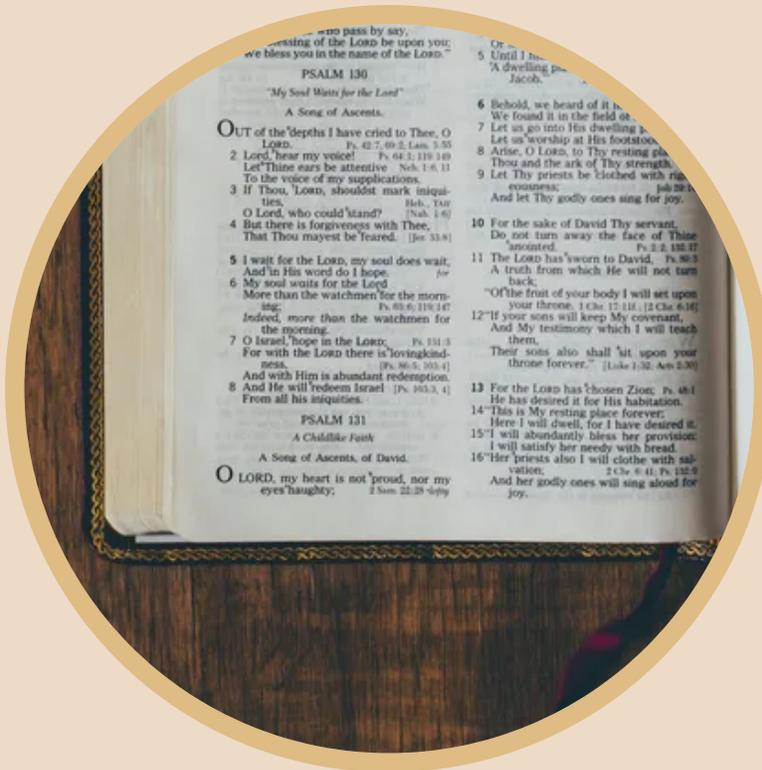
## Prayer for Today

**Lord, thank you for the power of your living Word.** Strengthen me to stand firm and speak boldly, even when I face resistance or rejection. Let your Scriptures dwell richly in me, building courage and resolve to serve you faithfully. Empower me by your Spirit to accomplish your will. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🔥📖💪





# Day 4: Called to Proclaim God's Message



Day 4:  Called to Proclaim God's Message

## Your Verse

*Ezekiel 3:4 - "Then he said to me, 'Son of man, go to the people of Israel and speak my words to them.'"*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *2 Timothy 4:2 - "Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction."*
- *Isaiah 6:8 - "Here am I. Send me!"*



Day 4:  Called to Proclaim God's Message

## Devotional: Answering God's Call to Speak Boldly

**Ezekiel's call was clear: after internalizing the Word, he was to proclaim it faithfully to the people.** Our own Bible study journeys lead to the same commission—to live out and share God's truth with those around us.

God's Word equips us not only to be nourished but to become messengers of hope, repentance, and renewal to the world. Like Ezekiel, this can mean speaking difficult truths, but always with the heart of one who loves and desires restoration.

Reflect on your own calling: how the Holy Spirit may be prompting you to share God's Word in your family, workplace, or community. We are not mere consumers of Scripture but active participants in God's redemptive mission, empowered to testify of His goodness.

Let this day inspire boldness and obedience. When God's Word fills us, He sends us. Saying "here am I" means readiness to be His voice wherever He leads.



# Reflect and Apply

1. How do I respond when God calls me to share His message?

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2. What fears or obstacles hold me back from speaking God's truth?

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3. Who in my life needs to hear God's Word from me this week?

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# Journaling Prompts

1. Write your personal "Here am I" prayer of readiness to serve God.

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2. List opportunities where you can share God's Word with others.

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3. Reflect on how God has prepared you to be His messenger.

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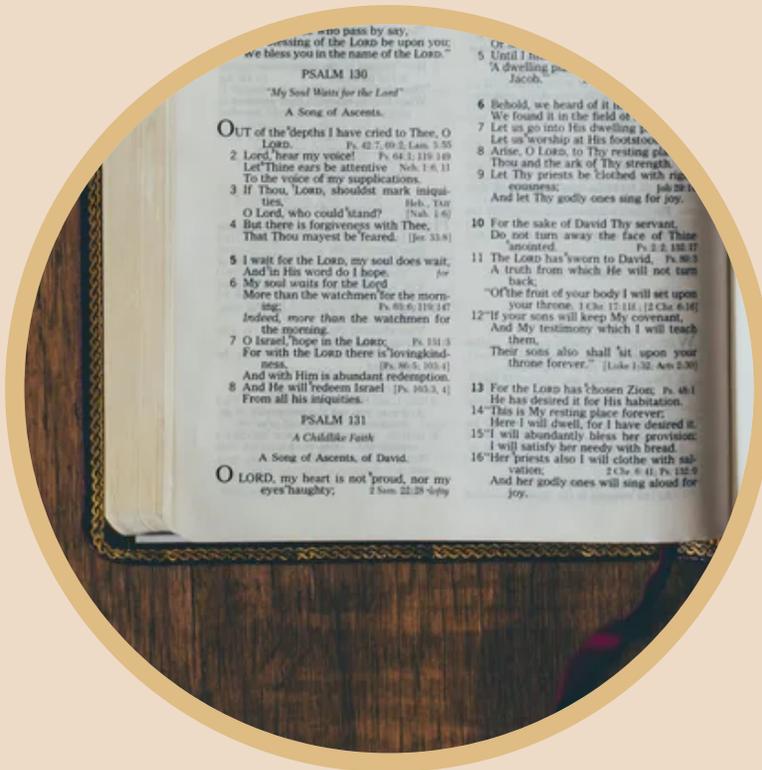
## Prayer for Today

**Lord, I hear your call to speak your words with courage and love.** Prepare my heart and mouth to proclaim your truth faithfully. Help me to trust your guidance and timing in every conversation. May I be obedient and bold, reflecting your grace and justice to all. Send me where you will; I am ready. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🗣️ 📣 🙏





# Day 5: Guarded by God's Word



Day 5:  Guarded by God's Word

## Your Verse

*Ezekiel 3:6 - "And you, son of man, don't be afraid of them or their words. Don't be afraid, though briars and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Don't be afraid of what they say or terrified by their looks, though they are a rebellious people."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Psalm 119:114 - "You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word."*
- *Ephesians 6:17 - "Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."*



Day 5:  Guarded by God's Word

## Devotional: Overcoming Fear Through God's Word

**Ezekiel was warned not to fear rejection or opposition from the rebellious people.** God's Word serves as a shield and comfort when facing hostility, providing protection beyond physical means.

In life, proclaiming God's truth often invites spiritual and emotional challenges. But trusting God's Word guards our hearts and minds against discouragement, fear, and doubt. It reminds us that God is our refuge.

This day encourages us to anchor ourselves in Scripture's promises. When opposition comes, we lean on God's strength and truth rather than our fragile emotions or human approval.

Remember, God equips those He calls. When we feel surrounded by "briers and thorns," His Word is our safe fortress and our offensive weapon. Let this truth bolster your confidence and calm your fears today.



# Reflect and Apply

1. What fears do I face when sharing or living out God's Word?

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2. How can Scripture help me confront these fears boldly?

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3. In what ways has God's Word been a refuge during difficult times?

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Day 5:  Guarded by God's Word

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time you overcame fear by trusting God's promises.

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2. List Bible verses that bring you courage and protection.

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3. Reflect on areas where you need God's Word to shield your heart.

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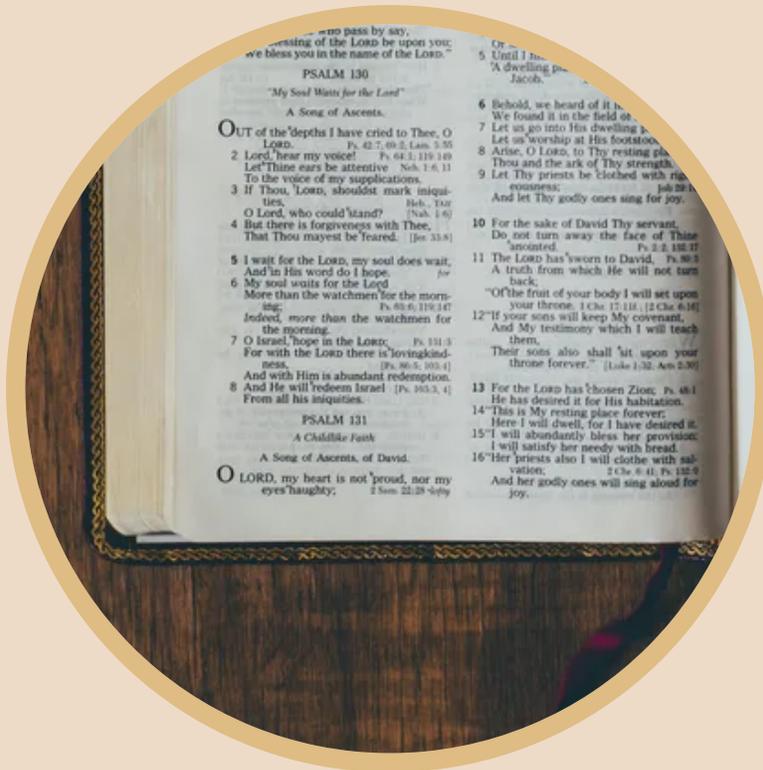
## Prayer for Today

**Heavenly Father, help me overcome fear with your Word as my shield. When challenges arise, remind me to run to your promises for refuge and strength. Guard my heart against discouragement and give me boldness to stand firm. Your Spirit and Word are my protection, today and always. In Jesus' name, Amen.** 🛡️ 📖 ✎





# Day 6: Nurtured by the Living Word



Day 6: 🌿 Nurtured by the Living Word

## Your Verse

*Matthew 4:4 - "Jesus answered, 'It is written: Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Deuteronomy 8:3 - "Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD."*
- *Jeremiah 15:16 - "Your words were found, and I ate them; your words became a joy to me and the delight of my heart."*



Day 6: 🌿 Nurtured by the Living Word

## Devotional: God's Word: Essential Nourishment for Life

**Just as Ezekiel ate the scroll and Jesus quoted Scripture as sustenance, God's Word is essential nourishment for our spiritual life.** We do not live by physical food alone but by every Word from God. This sustenance feeds our soul, equips our spirit, and keeps us alive in faith.

When we feast on the Bible, its truth becomes deeply ingrained in us, shaping our desires, choices, and attitudes. Like a plant needs water, believers need the living Word to grow and bear fruit.

Jeremiah's words echo this joy in God's Word—it's not a burden but a delight, an eternal source of nourishment. Today's study invites you to see the Bible not just as information but as life-giving bread, meeting your deepest needs.

Commit to daily feeding on Scripture, absorbing its wisdom, comfort, and guidance. Let God's Word sustain you through every season.



Day 6:  Nurtured by the Living Word

## Reflect and Apply

1. How regularly do I feed on God's Word for spiritual strength?

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2. What areas of my life show growth or fruit from Scripture's nourishment?

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3. How can I increase my delight and hunger for the Bible daily?

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Day 6:  Nurtured by the Living Word

# Journaling Prompts

1. Write about your current spiritual diet and how Scripture fits into it.

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2. Reflect on ways God's Word has nourished and refreshed your soul.

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3. Set a goal for daily Scripture intake and how you will achieve it.

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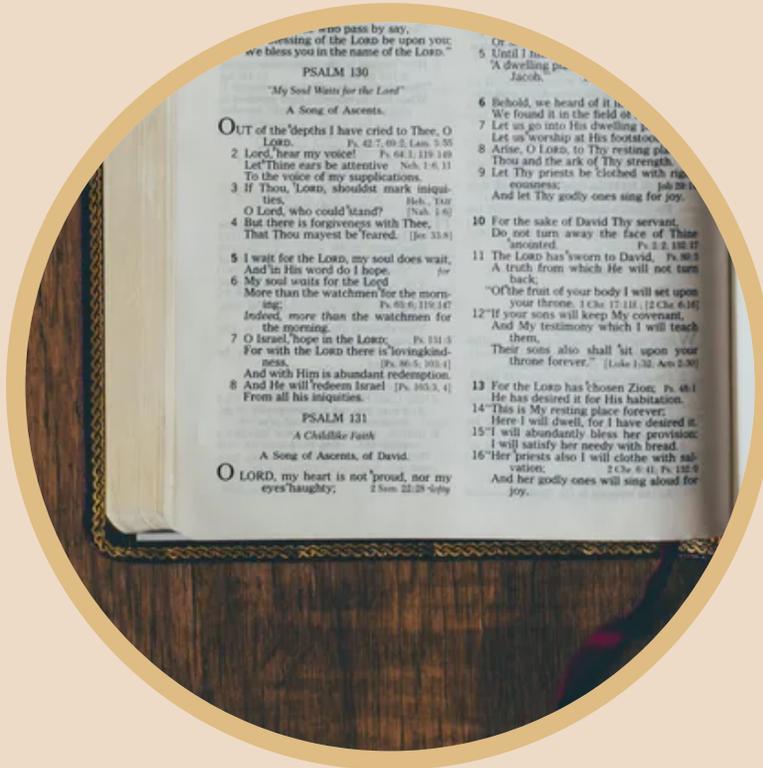
## Prayer for Today

**Lord, nourish my soul with your living Word each day.** Help me to hunger and thirst for your truth above all else. May your Scriptures be my daily bread that sustains, strengthens, and leads me nearer to you. Fill me with joy in your Word and transform me by it. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🌿 📖 🙏





# Day 7: ✨ Living Out the Word Eaten



Day 7: ✨ Living Out the Word Eaten

## Your Verse

*James 1:22 - "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Psalm 1:2-3 - "But whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water..."*
- *Colossians 3:16 - "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly... teaching and admonishing one another..."*



Day 7: ✨ Living Out the Word Eaten

## Devotional: Obedience: The Fruit of Consuming God's Word

**The final step after eating the scroll, or reading and internalizing Scripture, is to live it out.** James exhorts believers not to be hearers only but doers of the Word. This obedience is the fruit of a heart fully nourished by God's message.

Much like a tree planted by streams of water, when we soak daily in God's Word, our lives bear thriving fruit in love, wisdom, and service. Ezekiel's experience of eating and then proclaiming the Word models this journey from intake to active faithfulness.

Living out the Word means allowing it to shape our attitudes, decisions, and interactions. It's an ongoing commitment to reflect God's character and purposes in the world, empowered by His Spirit and sustained by Scripture.

As we conclude this study, consider how you will continue to eat, treasure, and live the Bible's message daily, becoming a vessel of God's truth and love in everything you do.



Day 7: ✨ Living Out the Word Eaten

## Reflect and Apply

1. In what ways am I currently living out God's Word?

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2. Where might I need to grow in obedience to Scripture?

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3. How can I encourage others to also 'eat' and live God's Word?

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Day 7: ✨ Living Out the Word Eaten

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about specific actions reflecting your commitment to God's Word.

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2. Reflect on how obedience to Scripture has impacted your life.

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3. Plan practical steps to apply Bible truths in your daily routine.

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Day 7: ✨ Living Out the Word Eaten

## Prayer for Today

**Lord, help me to be not just a hearer but a doer of your Word.** Let the Scriptures I've consumed shape my life completely. Give me the strength and wisdom to obey your commands and reflect your love to others. May my life be a living testimony of your truth and grace. In Jesus' name, Amen. ✨ 📖 ❤️





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