



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

### **Revelation 10:8-11**

I, John, heard a voice from heaven speak to me.

Then the voice spoke to me and said:

“Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.”

So I went up to the angel and told him to give me the small scroll.

He said to me, “Take and swallow it.

It will turn your stomach sour,

but in your mouth it will taste as sweet as honey.”

I took the small scroll from the angel’s hand and swallowed it.

In my mouth it was like sweet honey,

but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour.

Then someone said to me, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.”

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

John has a vision of a scroll, a small one, that, nonetheless, contains the words of God, words meant to call the people to task. The message will cause him to suffer, hence, the sour feeling in his stomach. However, because it is an important message that must be delivered, it initially tastes sweet in his mouth. It takes courage to speak God's word, as all the prophets knew so well.

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## **Food for your Journey**

Ezekiel, during his call to become a prophet, was handed a written scroll and commanded to eat it. "Son of man, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel" (Ezekiel 3:1). The episode provides a vivid image of how the Scriptures are to be internalized, influencing every fiber of a person's being and identity.

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## **Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, There are so many conflicting messages in our world, many lack truth. Help me, Lord, to courageously speak Your word despite the cost. Amen.

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