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Read Jeremiah 15:16:

**Your words were found, and I ate them,
and Your Word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart;
for I am called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts.**

What does Jeremiah say He did with God's Word?

We can recognize in this verse the use of metaphor. In other words, Jeremiah did not literally eat a book with paper pages or a papyrus scroll. So what do you think he means?

What did that Word become to him?

Now read similar verses in Ezekiel 3:1-3:

¹ Moreover He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel."

² So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that scroll.

³ And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you." So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness.

What was Ezekiel told to do?

Who told Ezekiel to do this? _____

What did he experience as a result? _____

Compare that with what the psalmist says about God's Word in Psalm 119:103:

How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

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What was it like to him? _____

Maybe we could paraphrase that verse in this way: “How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter and more desirable than Giradelli’s (or Dove’s or whatever your favorite is) chocolates to my mouth!” How about you? Does this describe how you feel about God’s Word? Talk to God about it.

If God uses the metaphor of eating to convey our need for His Word, what could that possibly be telling us about the frequency of our need? _____

Will you make that commitment? Ask God to show you what it should mean for you and write it here.