

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians (4:13–5:1)

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

Yes, everything is for your sake,  
so that grace, as it extends to more and more people,  
may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart.

Even though our outer nature is wasting away,  
our inner nature is being renewed day by day.

For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us  
for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure,  
because we look not at what can be seen  
but at what cannot be seen;

for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed,  
we have a building from God,  
a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.