

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

(2:8-13)

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David
-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship,
even to the point of being chained like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect,
so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,
with eternal glory.

The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord.