

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians (5:1, 6-10)

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.
So we are always confident;
even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away
from the Lord
-- we walk by faith, not by sight.
Yes, we do have confidence,
and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.
So whether we are at home or away,
we make it our aim to please him.
For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ,
so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body,
whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.