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**A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

Brothers and sisters:

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus

 will raise us also with Jesus

 and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you,

 so that the grace bestowed in abundance

 on more and more people may cause

 the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather,

 although our outer self is wasting away,

 our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this momentary light affliction

 is producing for us an eternal weight of glory

 beyond all comparison,

 as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen;

 for what is seen in transitory,

 but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,

 should be destroyed,

 we have a building from God,

 a dwelling not made with hands,

 eternal in heaven.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

Second Corinthians 4:14, 5:1