

**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 is 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.**