

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters:

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.

We are always courageous,
although we know that while we are at home in our body
we are away from the Lord,
for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous,
and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.

Therefore we aspire to please him,
whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ,
so that each may receive recompense,
according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord.