

Reading

2 Timothy 2:8–13

If we die with him, then we shall live with him.

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Remember the Good News that I carry,
‘Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David’;
it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear,
even to being chained like a criminal
— but they cannot chain up God’s news.
So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen
so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus
and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

The word of the Lord.