"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ..." – Philippians 3:20

"From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days." – Acts 16:12

"They brought [Paul and Silas] before the magistrates and said, 'These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for <u>us Romans</u> to accept or practice." – Acts 16:20-21

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers." – Romans 8:28-29

"As a prisoner of the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received." – Ephesians 4:1

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!" – Psalm 133:1

"I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, protect them by the power of Your name—the name You gave Me—so that they may be one as We are one." – John 17:11

"See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many." – Hebrews 12:15

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated Me first." – John 15:18

"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." – II Timothy 1:7

"We had previously suffered and been insulted in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you His gospel in spite of strong opposition." – I Thessalonians 2:2

"The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name." – Acts 5:41

"...strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. 'We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,' they said." – Acts 14:22

"In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted..." – II Timothy 3:12

"Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when His glory is revealed."—I Peter 4:12-13