



# ECCLESIASTES

*Discovering Life in the Land of Death*



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# Worshipful Work



**Genesis 1:28** And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it”

**Genesis 2:15** The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

# When Our Work, Doesn't Work



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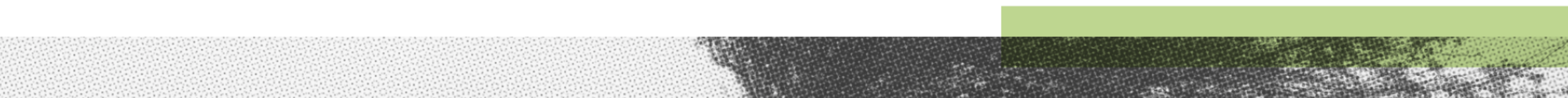
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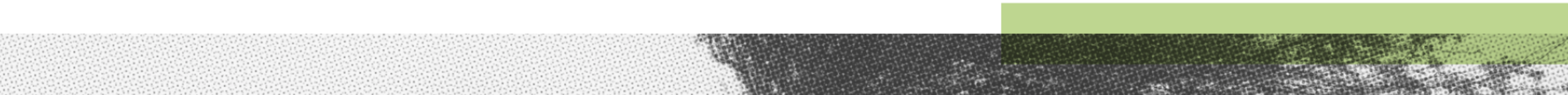


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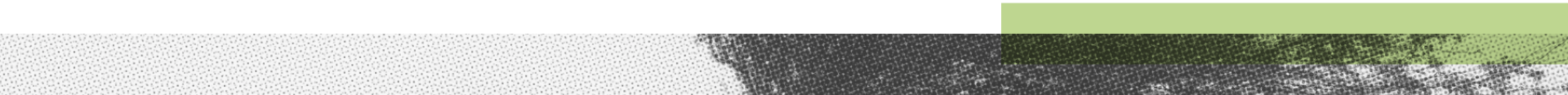


# Receiving Life, Instead of Chasing Life



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“Isn’t it strange, that the more you run after life, panting after every pleasure, the less you find, but the more you take life as a gift from God’s hand, responding in thankful gratitude for the delight of the moment, the more that seems to come to you.”

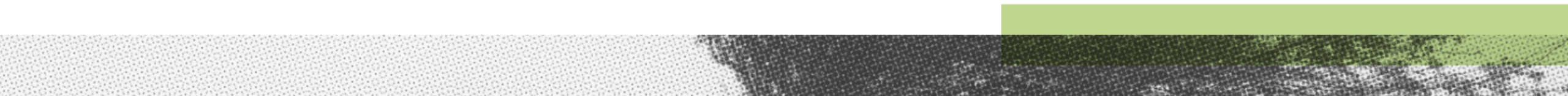
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# Meaningful Work, Under The Son



## Colossians 3:23-24

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.



“Only when you know God and only when you see everything in life is a gift of grace through Jesus Christ will you find work becomes satisfying. You won’t overwork. You won’t underwork. You won’t idolize it. You won’t hate it.”

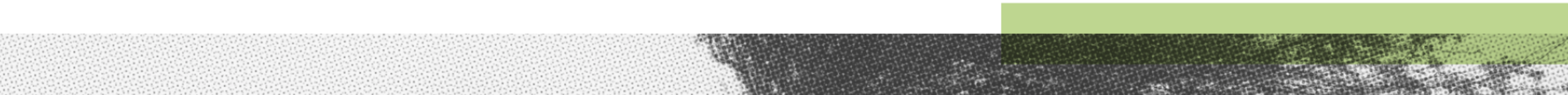
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## Rom 8:15-17 CSB

<sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, “*Abba, Father!*” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God’s children, <sup>17</sup> and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ...

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## 1 Peter 1:3-4 CSB

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.



# 1 Corinthians 15:57-58 CSB

<sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! <sup>58</sup> Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.