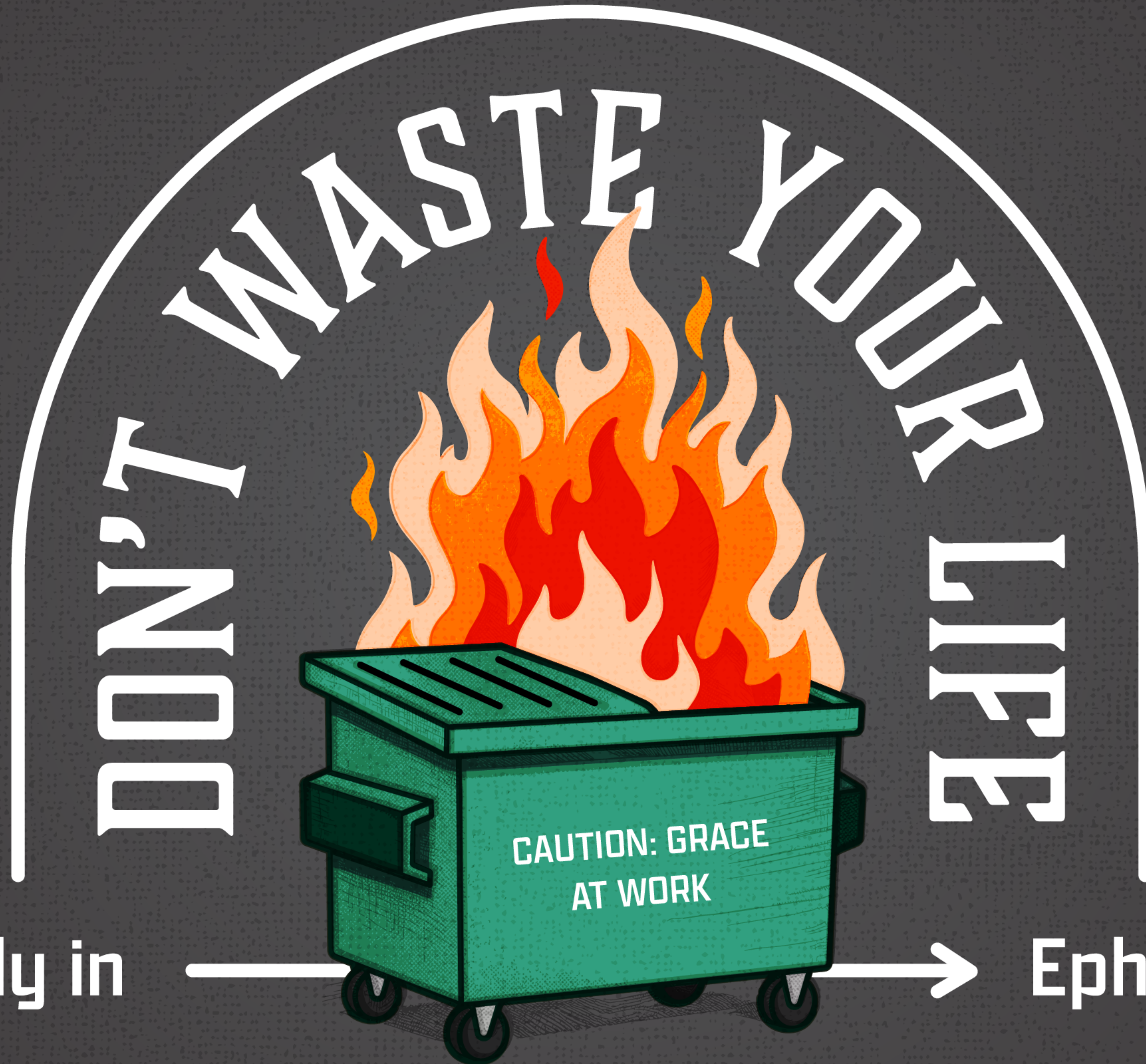




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A HOPE STORY WORTH TELLING

Ephesians 1:11–14

WHAT IS YOUR HOPE STORY?

- When I finally get there
- My legacy makes it worth it
- Success will prove I matter
- Romance will complete me
- Comfort is the good life
- I need to become my true self

In him we have obtained an inheritance,
having been predestined according to the
purpose of him who works all things
according to the counsel of his will,

Ephesians 1:11 (ESV)

**WE WILL RECEIVE MORE THAN
WE HAVE LOST FOR CHRIST.**

Mark 10:29–30

Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.

Mark 10:29–30 (ESV)

WE WILL RISE

1 Corinthians 15:51–54

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

1 Corinthians 15:51–54 (ESV)

A KINGDOM THAT CANNOT BE SHAKEN

Hebrews 12:28

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,

Hebrews 12:28 (ESV)

A LASTING CITY

Hebrews 13:14

For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

Hebrews 13:14 (ESV)

A BETTER COUNTRY PREPARED BY GOD

Hebrews 11:16

But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Hebrews 11:16 (ESV)

A BETTER AND ABIDING POSSESSION

Hebrews 10:34

For you had compassion on those in prison,
and you joyfully accepted the plundering of
your property, since you knew that you
yourselves had a better possession and an
abiding one.

Hebrews 10:34 (ESV)

COMPLETE REST

Hebrews 4:9

So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,

Hebrews 4:9 (ESV)

THE CITY OF THE LIVING GOD

Hebrews 12:22–23

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

Hebrews 12:22–23 (ESV)

NO LOSS OR GRIEF

Revelation 21:4

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,
and death shall be no more, neither shall
there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain
anymore, for the former things have passed
away.”

Revelation 21:4 (ESV)

**WE WILL DWELL WITH
GOD HIMSELF.**

Revelation 21:3

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

Revelation 21:3 (ESV)

Here's a hope story:

**IN CHRIST, YOU HAVE MORE
AHEAD THAN BEHIND**

**WE ARE NOT MERELY
SURVIVING THIS WORLD;
WE ARE INHERITING
EVERYTHING.**

In him we have obtained an inheritance,
having been predestined according to the
purpose of him who works all things
according to the counsel of his will, so that
we who were the first to hope in Christ
might be to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:11–12 (ESV)

Here's a hope story:

**EVERYTHING IS WORKING TO GET
YOU TO YOUR FUTURE**

**BECAUSE HE CHOSE IT,
WE CANNOT LOSE IT.**

so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

Ephesians 1:12–13 (ESV)

Here's a hope story:

**AUTHENTICITY IS HEARING
AND BELIEVING**

**THE SPIRIT IS GOD'S MARK ON YOU:
THIS ONE IS AUTHENTICALLY MINE.**

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

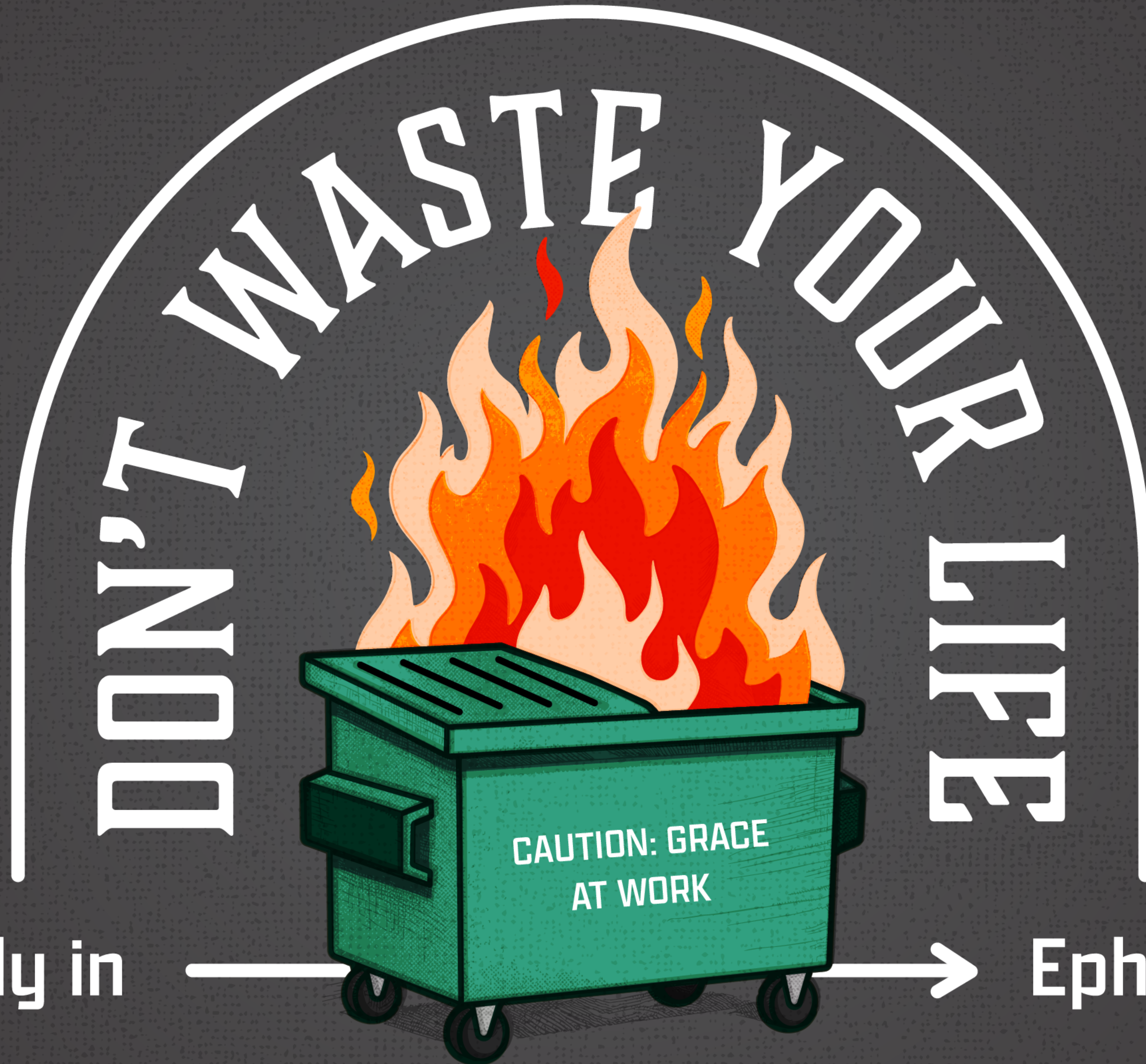
Ephesians 1:13–14 (ESV)

Here's a hope story:

GOD'S PLEDGE IS HIS PRESENCE

**THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE BEGINNING
OF OUR FUTURE INSIDE YOU.**

**DON'T WASTE YOUR LIFE
BUILDING A FUTURE
CHRIST HAS ALREADY
SECURED FOR YOU.**



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