



REIMAGINING CHURCH



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HOW IS
THE CHURCH
LIKE A WASTE
MANAGEMENT
SERVICE?

Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

— MATTHEW 16:17-18

**All of us have become
like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous acts
are like filthy rags;
we all shrivel up like a leaf,
and like the wind
our sins sweep us away.**

- ISAIAH 64:6

**Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him
punished by God,
stricken by him,
and afflicted.**

-ISAIAH 53:4

THINK GARBAGE WHILE THINKING CHURCH



SOME PEOPLE PUT OUT MORE GARBAGE THAN OTHERS.



SOME PEOPLE GET UPSET TO PAY THE SAME
WHETHER THEY HAVE 1/2 BAG OR 4 BAGS.



I'VE KNOWN PEOPLE TO PUT SOME OF THEIR GARBAGE
IN THEIR NEIGHBOR'S PILE.



DEALING WITH TRASH IS A NORMAL PART OF LIFE.



IF YOU DON'T DEAL WITH YOUR GARBAGE,
YOUR HOUSE WILL START TO STINK.



WHY IS IT SO HARD TO REMEMBER
THAT ALL HUMANS HAVE TRASH?





To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable.



(To some who didn't think that they had any garbage and looked down on those who put their garbage at the curb)

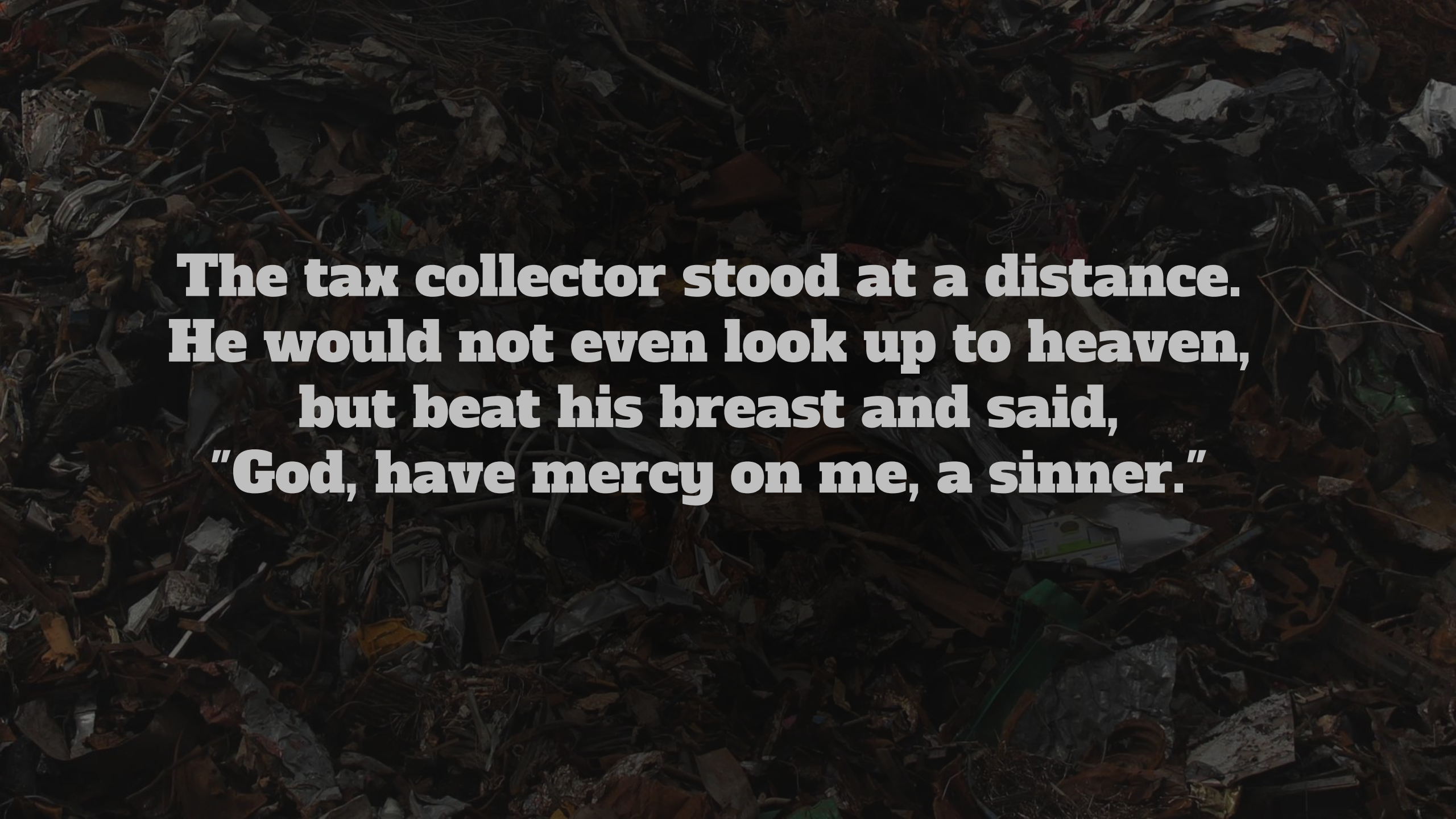


Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: God, I thank you that I am not like other men - robbers, evil doers, adulterers - or even this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.

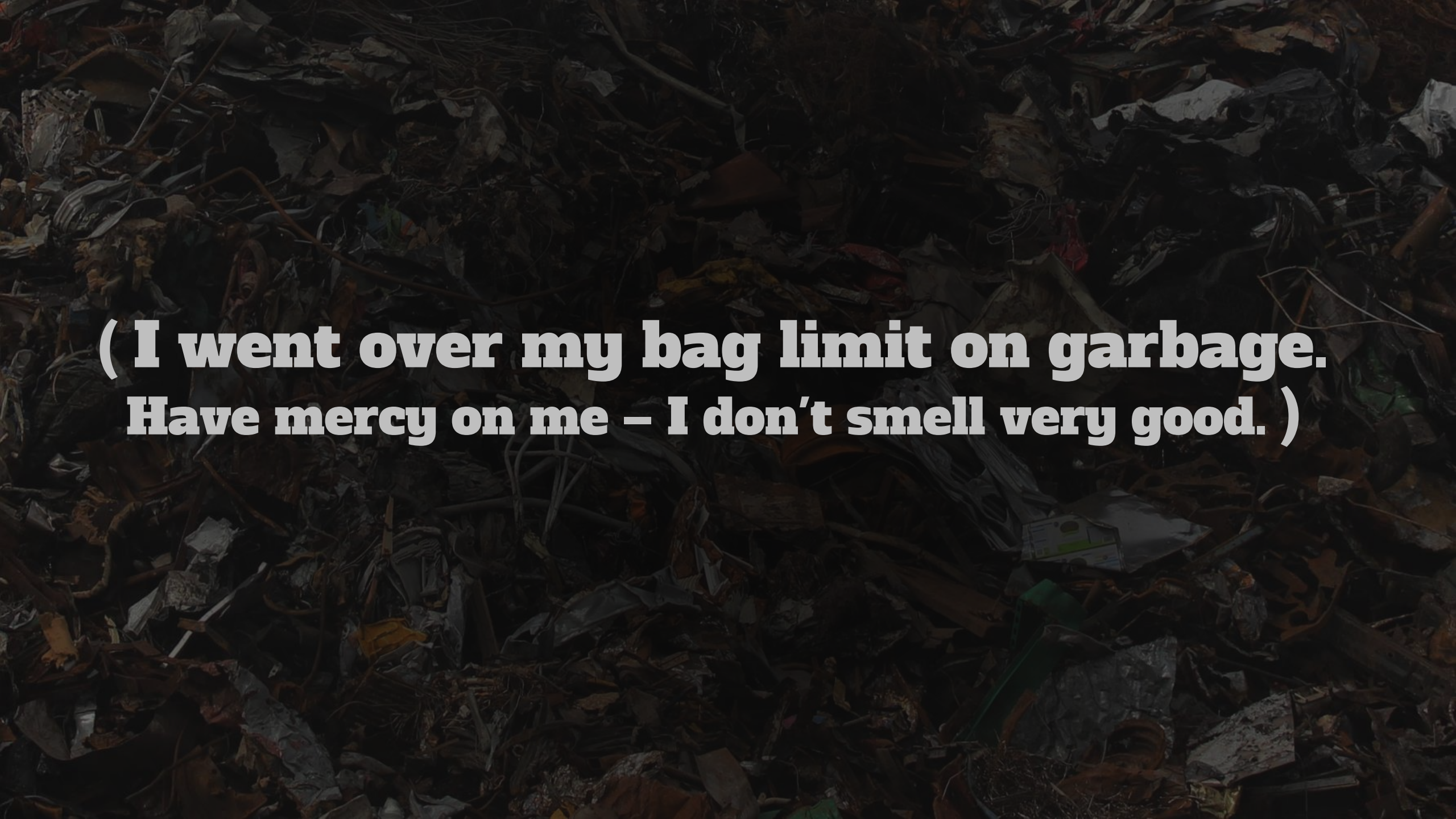


(Thank you that I don't have any garbage like other people, especially like this guy. I don't have trash, my house is always clean.)





**The tax collector stood at a distance.
He would not even look up to heaven,
but beat his breast and said,
"God, have mercy on me, a sinner."**



**(I went over my bag limit on garbage.
Have mercy on me – I don't smell very good.)**



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4. LIFE TRANSFORMATION BREEDS PEOPLE WHO ARE OK WITH HAULING GARBAGE.

**Woe to you, religious teachers,
you hypocrites!
You clean the outside
of the cup and dish**



**But inside you are full of greed
and indulgence. You're blind!
First clean the inside of the cup and dish,
and then the outside will also be clean.**

- MATTHEW 23:25-26



