

# The Parables of Jesus

## Weeds

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<sup>24</sup> Here is another story Jesus told: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup> But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. <sup>26</sup> When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew. <sup>27</sup> “The farmer’s workers went to him and said, ‘Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?’ <sup>28</sup> “‘An enemy has done this!’ the farmer exclaimed. “‘Should we pull out the weeds?’ they asked. <sup>29</sup> “‘No,’ he replied, ‘you’ll uproot the wheat if you do. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn.’”

**Matthew 13:24-30 NLT**

### 1. Wheat and weeds together

- **Good seed planted**
- **Enemy plants weeds**
- **No way to fix it until harvest**

<sup>36</sup> Then, leaving the crowds outside, Jesus went into the house. His disciples said, “Please explain to us the story of the weeds in the field.” <sup>37</sup> Jesus replied, “The Son of Man is the farmer who plants the good seed. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom. The weeds are the people who belong to the evil one. <sup>39</sup> The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world, and the harvesters are the angels. <sup>40</sup> “Just as the weeds are sorted out and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the world. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will remove from his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. <sup>42</sup> And the angels will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father’s Kingdom. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!

**Matthew 13:36-43 NLT**

### 2. Three lessons from the “Weeds” parable

- **We have an active enemy**
- **It can be very hard to tell the difference between wheat and weeds**
- **Only God can rightly judge our lives**

### Next Steps:

- Commit to embrace God’s world, filled with wheat and weeds, by obeying God and loving others
- Surrender my desire to judge others
- Pray that God will deliver me from the evil one and his temptations: \_\_\_\_\_
- Re-read today’s parable this week
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