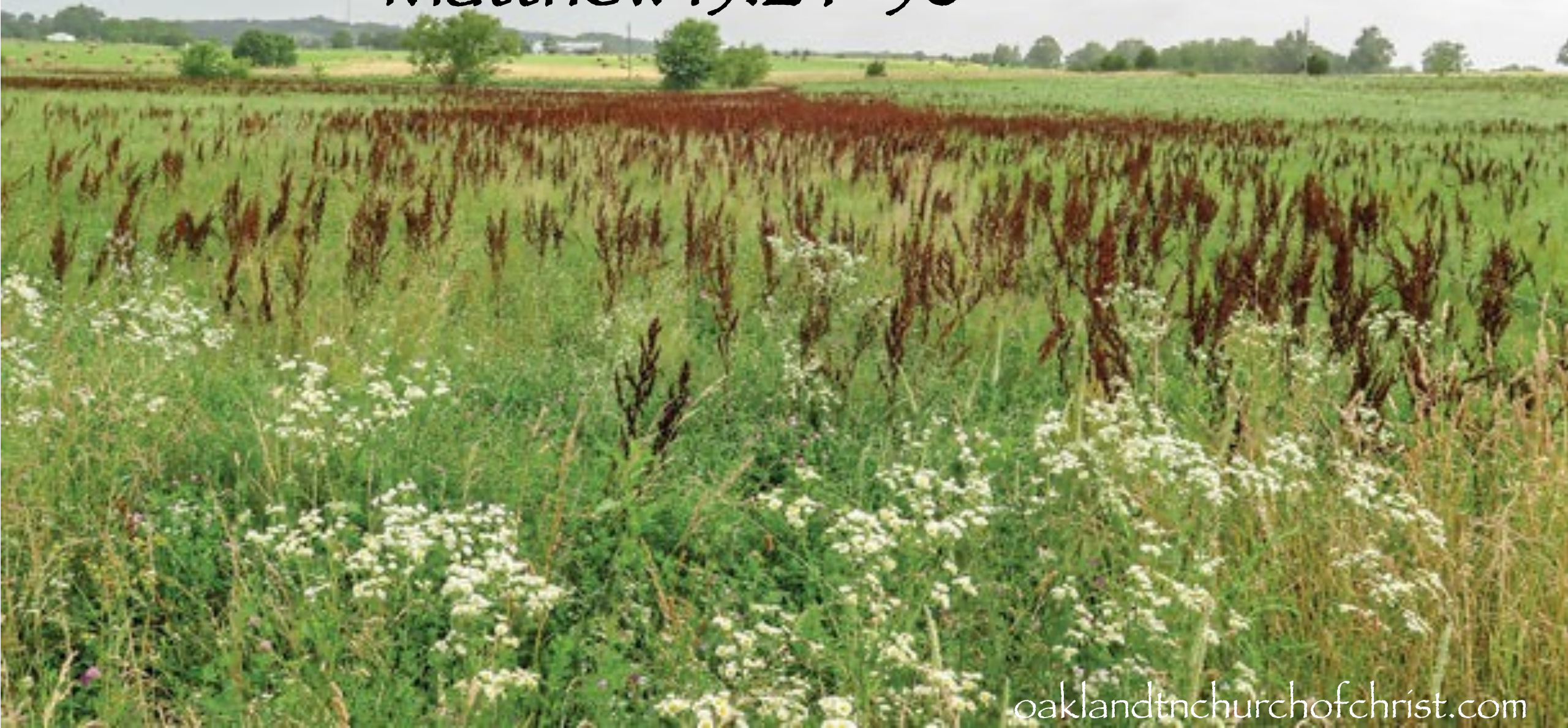


# Living Among the Weeds

## Matthew 13:24-30





# God Shows No Partiality

◆ **Romans 2:6-11** - <sup>6</sup> He will render to each one according to his works: <sup>7</sup> to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; <sup>8</sup> but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. <sup>9</sup> There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, <sup>10</sup> but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. <sup>11</sup> **For God shows no partiality.**

## Sowing to the Flesh or Spirit?

◆ **Galatians 6:8-9** - <sup>8</sup> For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.



# 4 Lessons From the Parable of the Weeds

1. It Was Intentional
2. Keep Growing
3. Trust in the Master of the Harvest
4. Know the Finality of the Outcome



# WE ARE IN THE WORLD BUT NOT OF THE WORLD

◆ **John 17:14-18** - <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because **they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.** <sup>15</sup> I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I **am not of the world.** <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.



# WE ARE TO BE HOLY AND SEPARATE SET THE EXAMPLE

- ◆ **1 Peter 1:15-16** - <sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, <sup>15</sup> **but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup> since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”**



## It Was Intentional

◆ **Matthew 13:24-25** - <sup>24</sup> He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup> but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away.



# WHO ARE THE WEEDS? WHO ARE THEIR MASTER?

- ◆ **Matthew 13:38(b)** - The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil.
- ◆ The Devil is their Master
- ◆ **John 8:44** - <sup>44</sup> You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.



# The Weeds Are the Devil's Servants

- ◆ **1 John 3:8(a)** - <sup>8</sup> Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning.
- ◆ **2 Timothy 3:2-5** - <sup>2</sup> For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.



# False Apostles

◆ **2 Corinthians 11:13-15** - <sup>13</sup> For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. <sup>14</sup> And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. <sup>15</sup> So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

# Keep Growing

◈ **Matthew 13:26-27** - <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup> And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?'



WHAT IS THE FIELD?  
WHO ARE THE MASTER'S SERANTS?

◆ **Matthew 13:38(a)** - The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom.

# Responsibility to Continue Growing

- ◊ We as Christians, as the Wheat, have a responsibility to continue to grow in Jesus.
- ◊ **Colossians 1:9-10** - <sup>9</sup> And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
- ◊ **Colossians 2:6-7** - <sup>6</sup> Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.



# Consequences of Not Growing

- ◆ **John 15:1-2** - “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.
- ◆ **John 15:6** - . <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.



# Trust in the Master of the Harvest

◆ **Matthew 13:28-29** - <sup>28</sup> He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup> But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them.'



# Jesus is Greater than Your Adversary

◆ **Colossians 1:15-16** - <sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

# Jesus is Greater Than Your Adversary

◆ **Philippians 2:9-12** - <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



# Know the Finality of the Outcome

◆ **Matthew 13:29-30** - <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.””””

# Know the Finality of the Outcome

◆ **Matthew 13:40-43** - <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.