

# **“Wheat and Weeds: Warning or Comfort?”**

~ Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

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- **Jesus’ words today are not directions; they are a promise.**
- **We don’t need a way to tell if we are wheat or weeds. We already have that in our baptism.**
- **Be careful categorizing the people around us as weeds or wheat. It is better to, as Martin Luther’s small catechism says, “Defend them, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light.”**
- **This parable encourages us to wait in hope for the harvest.**

## **Text for Personal Reflection:**

*<sup>37</sup> The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. (Matthew 13)*

## **Prayer for Reflection:**

1. That all sons of the evil one would turn and be made new.
2. That the Holy Spirit would give us patience as we wait for the harvest.