

New life Begins

With the message of Easter fresh in my mind, I found myself outside enjoying a glorious spring day. The signs of new life were all around me. I could not help but notice that my bushes and trees were beginning to show signs of blossoming. Some of the branches looked as though they had broken away from the trunk. My husband began to trim the tree taking away every branch that did not look good. I grabbed a rake and started to pull back the thatch on the ground to see some green peeking through the earth. I entertained the thought that this could be grass coming up out of our dry ground. Then I had the realization that the thatch I was pulling away had once been big giant weeds. How do you know if you should pull up the small green shoots or let them grow to see if they are really grass? The risk of pulling out the weeds too soon, could be disturbing any chance for the good grass to grow. It brought to mind the story of the wheat and the weeds.

Mathew 13: 36-43

The Parable of the Weeds

24 Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

27 “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

28 “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

29 “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

Grass, wheat and even friendships, may not show you what you are truly looking at until they mature. Growing along side one another these things may look the same, but with the passing of time different characteristics will be revealed. The root of the good seed will take hold. However, a bad seed will only grow so far and then begin to dry up, revealing the imposter. If both are uprooted before full maturity they will not give the opportunity for new life.



