

STORED AWAY

Rachael Martin 3,28,2016

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus speaks in a lot of parables. The one I'm fixin' to talk about today is the parable of the wheat growing up with the weeds.

Matthew 13:24-29 - Here is another story Jesus told: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. ²⁵ But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. ²⁶ When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew. ²⁷ "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?'²⁸ "An enemy has done this!' the farmer exclaimed. "Should we pull out the weeds?' they asked. ²⁹ "No,' he replied, 'you'll uproot the wheat if you do. ³⁰ 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.'"

The enemy comes in our lives and plants weeds and along the way you realize that they are growing around you, so you ask the Lord to pluck them out – to get them away from you, but in the Lord's wisdom, He replies by saying no, because He knows better than to dig them up right now would cause stunted growth on your part. Instead He says to let the weeds continue to grow with you (all the while trying to choke out anything good and yet all the while sharpening your character because of your devotion to King Jesus) and when the harvest is ready, to take both of them and separate the wheat from the weeds. Burn the weeds and put the wheat in the barn where it can be stored away.

My message today is two-fold:

The first message is relating to the enemy coming in when you don't expect it and putting things in your path that could potentially harm you but to recognize that it might be better for you to keep that thing there for now, for a moment, for a time, because it is for your benefit – for your growth in the Lord.

The second message is that when the harvest is ready, the weeds and wheat will be dug up and the wheat will be stored away for safe keeping.

This is the season I believe my family is in & if I'm in this season, maybe others are as well.

When a necessity is stored away, it can mean that from time to time it will be brought out to be used. It can mean that during the time of not being used, it is in a safe place. It is certain that what is stored away is of value so it has to be protected to a degree.

It's also implied that it has progressed to a point to be able to be used, as well that the Lord doesn't want to use all of you right now so He's saving your value for a time that is fitting for His kingdom purpose.

When the wheat is brought out, it is so versatile because of its growth that it can be trusted to be used in any manner of positions – (wheat can be used for all types of food and supplements).

Have hope my friends, it may get stuffy in the barn, we may long for a breeze or a ray of sunshine or maybe even a little rain – but know that in our time of being stored away, God is working on our behalf. His timing is PERFECT. Don't think for a minute that His presence is not fully surrounding you. There is NO where we can go or be where His glory doesn't touch. Know this - during the restful, not much going on seasons of our life, we are being stored away, tucked away, protected from things we may never know about but God sees fit to allow us periods of time to get away from it all and yet be a blessing. His perfect balance in our lives will come about as we stay focused on Him and not the “Why's?” of life.

Psalm 62:7 - My victory and honor come from God alone. He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me.

Deuteronomy 28:8 - “The Lord will guarantee a blessing on everything you do and will fill your storehouses with grain. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.

© 2016 www.gatheringathisfeet.org

EMAIL: gahf@gatheringathisfeet.org