

# **Parable of the Weeds**

## **Let them both grow together**



Mat 13:24-30 ESV He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, 25 but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also.

27 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?'

28 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?' 29 But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest,

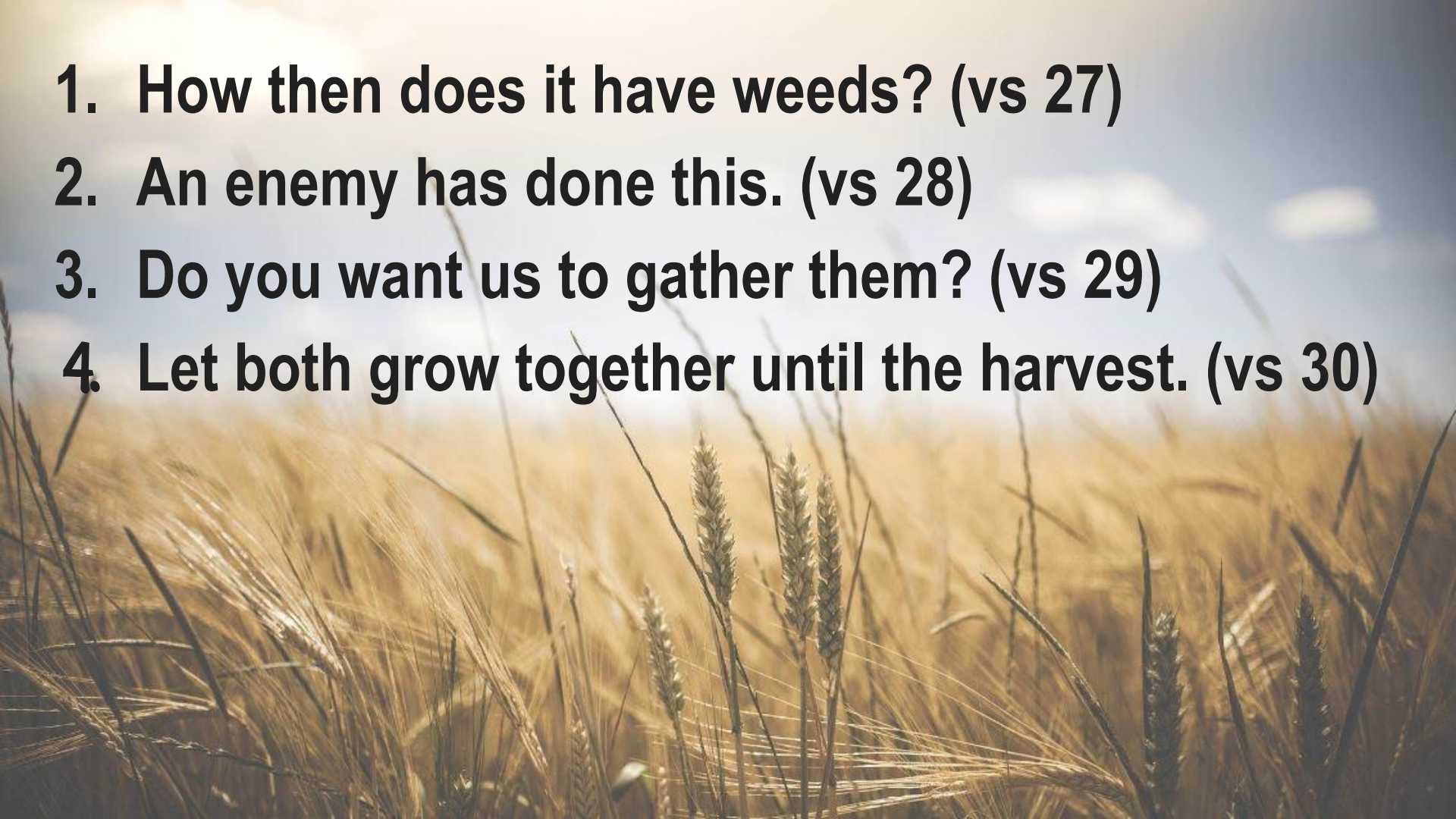
and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Mat 13:36-43 ESV Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."

37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age.

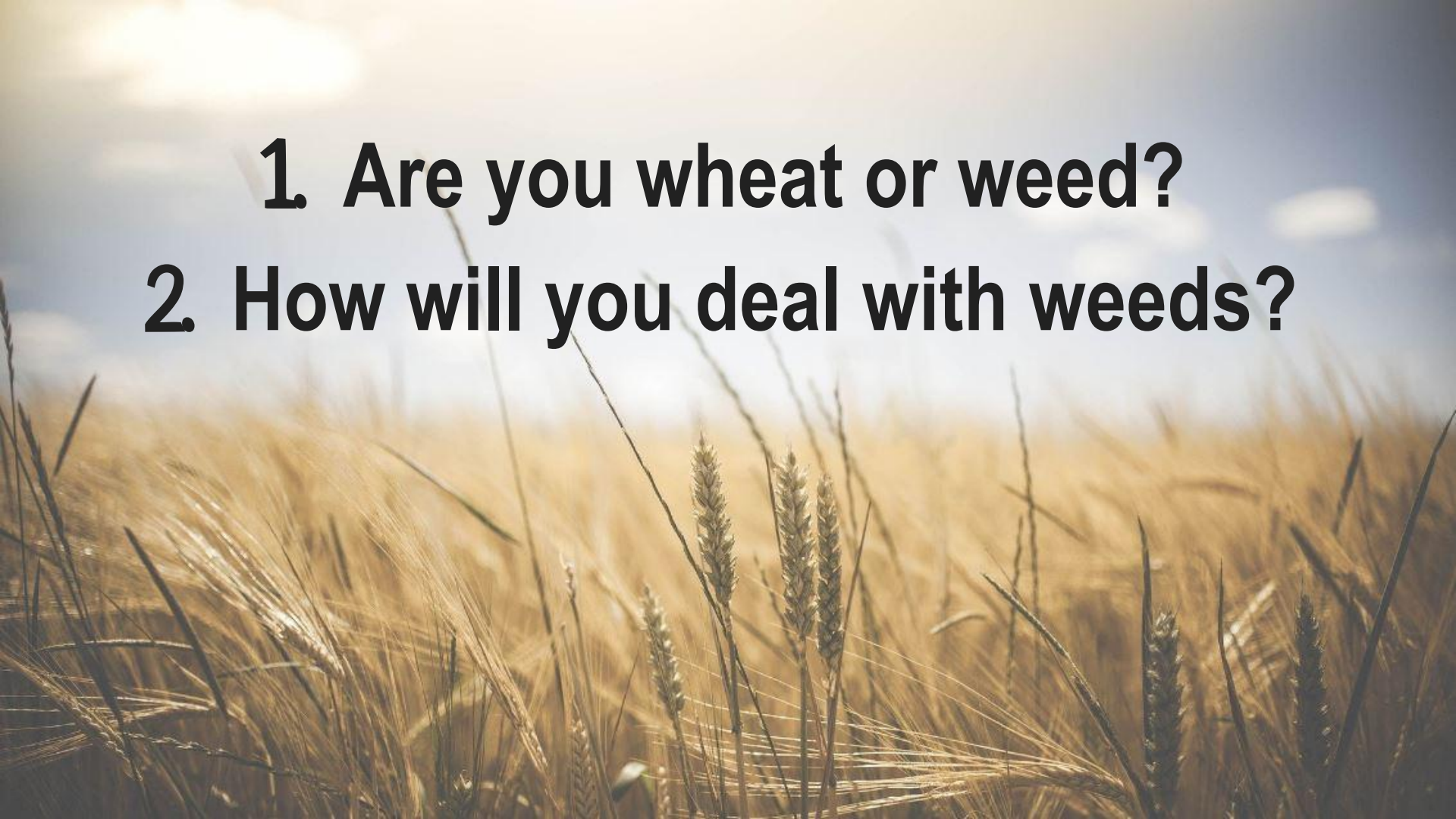
41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, 42 and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

The sower	The Son of Man
The field	The world
The good seed	Sons of the kingdom
Weeds	Sons of the evil one
The enemy	The devil
The harvest	The close of the age
The reapers	The angels
The fiery furnace	The eternal destiny of weeds
The Lord's barn	The eternal destiny of the good seed

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- A close-up photograph of a field of golden wheat. The wheat stalks are in sharp focus in the foreground, with their heads of grain clearly visible. The background is a soft, out-of-focus expanse of more wheat, extending to a bright, hazy sky. The overall lighting is warm and natural, suggesting a sunny day.
- 1. How then does it have weeds? (vs 27)**
  - 2. An enemy has done this. (vs 28)**
  - 3. Do you want us to gather them? (vs 29)**
  - 4. Let both grow together until the harvest. (vs 30)**



2Pe 3:9 ESV The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

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- 1. Are you wheat or weed?**
  - 2. How will you deal with weeds?**