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Matthew 13:24-32, 36-43 (NIV)

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.'"

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

³¹ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field.

³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

The Parable of the Weeds Explained

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

³⁷ He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man.

³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.

⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.

⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

Romans 8:12-25 (NIV)

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it.

¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Present Suffering and Future Glory

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have?

²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

The empty vessel makes the greatest sound ~

William Shakespeare

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Genesis 28:10-19a



CHURCH SERVICES

26 July 11am **West** Meg Mangan



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IN OUR PRAYERS

- Phyll Bylund continues to need our prayers. She went home from hospital last Monday, but had a fall on Tuesday, which means that she was taken back to hospital.
- We pray for Marg Crowell as she undergoes further tests and treatment.
- We pray for safe travel for everyone, as people travel home at the conclusion of the school holidays.
- We pray that the NSW government is able to take steps to contain the Covid19 outbreaks in this state.
- We continue to pray for John Murray who had heart surgery in Newcastle last Monday.

Meg's Musings

How we see things depends very much on our perspective. Our grand-daughter Emma stayed with us for a couple of nights this week.

One morning at breakfast time she looked out in the garden and saw a glossy black currawong. She thought that it looked beautiful.

I was less than impressed. The currawongs take over our yard, making it impossible for the small birds to enjoy the flowers.

Honeyeaters and wrens get chased away, and can't make use of the nectars.

A few days earlier I had to bring some of my washing inside, as some currawongs started shredding knitted coat-hangers with their beaks.

Where Emma saw beauty, I saw menace.

Sometimes we see the less likeable characteristics of those people around us, and overlook their good qualities.

But when God looks at us, he sees the whole person. Maybe God is calling us to do the same.

Blessing from Meg



Psalm 119:105-112 (NIV)

- ¹ You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.
- ² You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- ³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
- ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.
- ⁵ You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.
- ⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
- ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
- ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.
- ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"
- ¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.
- ²³ Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
- ²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

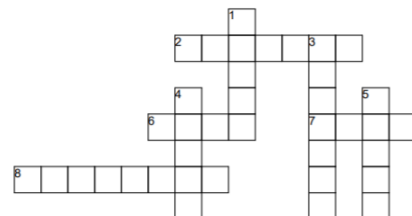
Mustard Seeds and Yeast

Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. Matthew 13:34 (NIV)

This activity is based on Matthew 13:31-33.



Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.



ACROSS

2. A story told by Jesus to help explain his teachings
6. A small grain of a plant placed in the ground for growing another plant
7. To become larger; to increase in size or amount
8. Not as big as any of the others

DOWN

1. A food made from dough of flour or meal
3. Bigger than any of the others
4. A member of the fungus family used in baking to help make the dough rise
5. A mixture of flour, water, and other ingredients to make bread

- 26 July ~ Beulah Fenwick
- 26 July ~ Sue Budden
- 27 July ~ Amity Debenham



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Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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Silence and smile are two powerful words. Smile is the way to solve many problems and Silence is the way to avoid many problems - Anon

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