




# THE STORIES IN BETWEEN

A series on the parables of Jesus

*Rude Awakening*




*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?'*

v. 27

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*“So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’”*

v. 28

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*....lest in gathering the weeds you root up  
the wheat along with them."*

v. 29


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*Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

**Romans 12:19-21**




*As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.*

Genesis 50:20

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*Let both [the grain and weeds] 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.'*

v. 30



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"The Tares"

Eugene Burnand





Scott Sauls

*For love to be truly be loving,  
there must be judgment. If there  
is no judgment, then there is no  
hope for a slave, a rape victim,  
a child who has been abused or  
bullied, or people who have  
been slandered or robbed or  
had their dignity stolen.*

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*If nobody is called to account before a cosmic judgment seat for violence and oppression, then the victims will never see justice. We need a God who gets angry. We need a God who will protect His kids, who will once and for all remove bullies and perpetrators of evil from his playground.*

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Miroslav Volf

*. . .if God were not angry at injustice and deception and did not make the final end to violence God would not be worthy of our worship.*

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Jonathan Edwards

as I rode out into the country for my health, in 1737, having alighted from my horse in a retired place, as my manner commonly has been, to walk for divine contemplation and prayer, I had a view that for me was extraordinary, of the glory of the Son of God. . .

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. . .as Mediator between God and man, and his wonderful, great, full, pure and sweet grace and love, and meek and gentle condescension. This grace that appeared so calm and sweet, appeared also great above the heavens. . .

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The person of Christ appeared ineffably excellent, with an excellency great enough to swallow up all thought and conception—which continued, as near as I can judge, about an hour; which kept me the greater part of the time in a flood of tears, and weeping aloud.



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