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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

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Accountability God's Way

MATTHEW 13:24-30 NLT - (24) 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.'"

MATTHEW 13:37-43 NLT - (37) Jesus replied, "The Son of Man is the farmer who plants the good seed. (38) The field is the world, and the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom. The weeds are the people who belong to the evil one. (39) The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world, and the harvesters are the angels. (40) "Just as the weeds are sorted out and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the world. (41) The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will remove from his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. (42) And the angels will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (43) Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father's Kingdom. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!

There are three kinds of accountability....

Individual accountability – Holding yourself accountable for the teachings of God.

Partnership accountability – Holding your friend, associate, spouse and / or loved ones accountable for the teachings of God.

Divine accountability – God holding His people accountable for their choices.

In the passages above, Jesus describes accountability in the end of time. To paraphrase, He is simply letting us know that He is aware of the good and the bad. Let them all grow together says Jesus and in the end I will have them separated in two categories, those who belong to me and those who belong to Satan. Then He tells us the results for our choices in verses (30) and (43). My brothers and sisters in the faith, the key word is choice. Help yourself and your love ones. We all have a choice and if the wrong choice was made, repent and pray for others who have done the same and refuse to repent. Christ is waiting on sincere repentance if one is making bad choices. We all will be held accountable.

SCRIPTURE READING

ACTS 5:1-11

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

He wants the best for you. What do you really want for yourself?

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