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PRIORITIES FROM THE PARABLES



# PRIORITIES



- 1.
- 2.
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- 8.

Where do your priorities lie?



## **SERMON ON THE MOUNT**

**Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them...**

MATTHEW 5:1-2





## **The FIRST Beatitude**

**Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of  
Heaven.**

Matthew 5:3



The background of the slide is a scenic landscape. In the foreground, there is a valley filled with yellow wildflowers and green grass. In the middle ground, there are rolling green hills. In the background, there are more hills, some with small structures on top, under a clear sky.

## **The Second Beatitude**

**Blessed are those who mourn...**

Matthew 5:4





## **The Second Beatitude**

**Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.**

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# "Cast Alongside"

## THE PARABLE OF THE WHEAT & WEEDS

WHY DO YOU SPEAK TO THEM IN PARABLES?





## Parable of the Weeds

**He put another parable before them saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.**

Matthew 13:24-30



## **Parable of the Weeds**

**But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away.**

Matthew 13:24-30



## **Parable of the Weeds**

**So when the plants came up  
and bore grain, then the  
weeds appeared also.**

Matthew 13:24-30



## Parable of the Weeds

**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?"**

Matthew 13:24-30



A hand holding a compass over a mountain landscape. The background shows a vast, hazy mountain range under a cloudy sky. The foreground is a steep, rocky slope with patches of green vegetation and snow. A hand in a dark jacket sleeve holds a silver compass, with the needle pointing towards the viewer. The text is overlaid on a dark, semi-transparent rectangular area.

## Parable of the Weeds

**He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.'**

Matthew 13:24-30



A hand holding a compass over a mountain landscape. The hand is in the foreground, holding a black compass. The background shows a vast mountain range with green hills and a valley. The text is overlaid on a dark rectangular area with a white border.

## **Parable of the Weeds**

**So the servants said to him,  
'Then do you want us to go and  
gather them?'**

Matthew 13:24-30



## Parable of the Weeds

**But he said, 'No, lest in gathering weeds you root up the wheat along with them.'**

Matthew 13:24-30



## Parable of the Weeds

**Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers,**

Matthew 13:24-30



## Parable of the Weeds

**“Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”**

Matthew 13:24-30



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## **Parable of the Weeds**

**Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And disciples came to him saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."**

Matthew 13:34-43



## **Parable of the Weeds**

**He answered,  
"The one who  
sows the good  
seed is the Son of  
Man.**

Matthew 13:34-43

## **Interpretation**

- 1. Sower = Son of Man**
- 2.**
- 3.**
- 4.**
- 5.**
- 6.**
- 7.**



## **Parable of the Weeds**

**The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom.**

Matthew 13:34-43

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- 2. Field = World**
- 3. Seed = Sons of Kingdom**
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## **Parable of the Weeds**

**The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil.**

Matthew 13:34-43

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## **Parable of the Weeds**

**The harvest is the  
end of the age,  
and the reapers  
are the angels.**

Matthew 13:34-43

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- 5. Enemy = Devil**
- 6. Harvest = End of Age**
- 7. Reapers = Angels**



## **Parable of the Weeds**

**The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and law-breakers,**

Matthew 13:34-43



## **Parable of the Weeds**

**And throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Matthew 13:34-43

## **Parable of the Weeds**

**Then the righteous will shine  
like the sun in the kingdom  
of their Father.**

Matthew 13:34-43



## **Parable of the Weeds**

**He who has ears let him hear.**

Matthew 13:34-43

# Parable of the Weeds



## 8 PRIORITIES

1. We must align our expectations to God's.



# Parable of the Weeds



## 8 PRIORITIES

2. We must call evil, evil.



## Parable of the Weeds



### 8 PRIORITIES

3. We must take our concerns to God.



# Parable of the Weeds



## 8 PRIORITIES

4. We must endure evil patiently.



## Parable of the Weeds



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5. We must wait for God's judgment.



## Parable of the Weeds



### 8 PRIORITIES

6. We must anticipate our reward.



## Parable of the Weeds



## 8 PRIORITIES

7. We must focus on our responsibilities.



## **7. Focus on responsibilities**

Believers "should hear what Jesus says here in order that their attitude toward the world might be the loving, merciful, compassionate attitude of their Lord...

## 7. Focus on responsibilities

...who has called them to witness rather than condemn, to love rather than hate, to show mercy rather than judgment. In that way we prove ourselves 'blameless and...



## 7. Focus on responsibilities

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...innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom [we will] appear as lights in the world' (Phil 2:15)."

- John MacArthur

## Parable of the Weeds



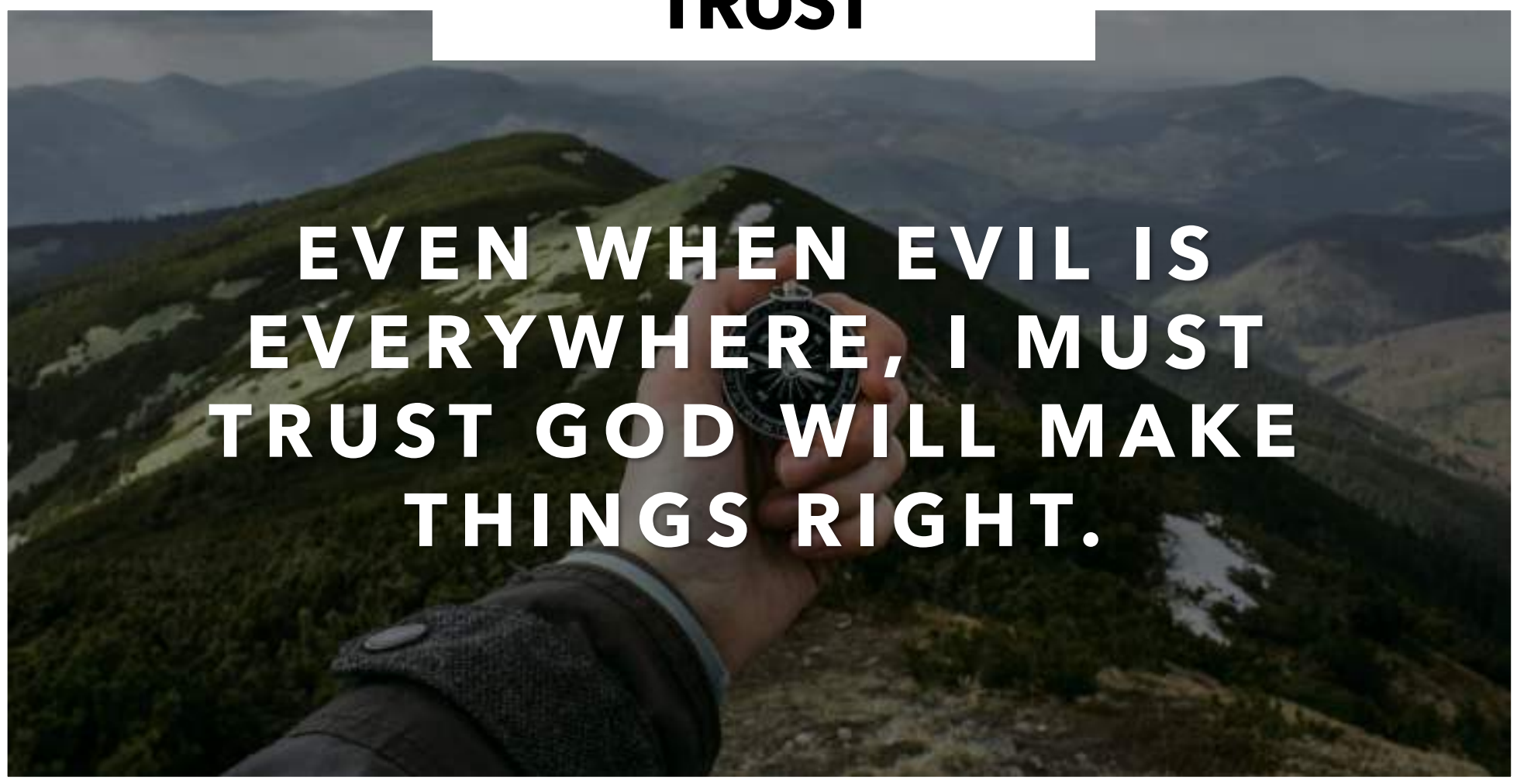
### 8 PRIORITIES

8. We must take Jesus' teaching to heart.



# TRUST

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## 8 PRIORITIES OF "THOSE WHO MOURN"

1. Align expectations to God
2. Call evil, evil
3. Take our concerns to God
4. Endure evil patiently
5. Wait for God's judgment
6. Anticipate our reward
7. Focus on responsibilities
8. Take teaching to heart

**True North Principle: "Even when evil is everywhere, I MUST TRUST God will makes things right."**



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