

STORIES
of Jesus

SIMPLE STORIES THAT EXPLORE DEEP TRUTHS

“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else,
and live righteously, and he will give you
everything you need.”



MATTHEW 6:33 NLT



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?’



MATTHEW 13:24-27 ESV

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.”



MATTHEW 13:28-30 NIV

The Kingdom of Heaven:

- **Stays Steady**

³⁴ Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. ³⁵ So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables, will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.” 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.”



MATTHEW 13:34-36 NIV

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.



MATTHEW 13:37-40 NIV

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.



MATTHEW 13:41-43 NIV

The Kingdom of Heaven:

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What's distracting me from focusing on Jesus?

⁶ Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left. ⁷ Do not associate with these nations that remain among you; do not invoke the names of their gods or swear by them. You must not serve them or bow down to them. ⁸ But you are to hold fast to the LORD your God, as you have until now.



JOSHUA 23:6-8 NIV

¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.



JOHN 17:15-18 NIV



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.”



MATTHEW 13:31-32 NIV

The Kingdom of Heaven:

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What's distracting me from focusing on Jesus?

- **Starts Small**

“He replied, “Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”



MATTHEW 17:20 NIV

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.”



LUKE 16:10 NIV

The Kingdom of Heaven:

- **Stays Steady**

What's distracting me from focusing on Jesus?

- **Starts Small**

What's my next step of obedience in faith?



³³ He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”



MATTHEW 13:33 NIV

The Kingdom of Heaven:

- **Stays Steady**

What's distracting me from focusing on Jesus?

- **Starts Small**

What's my next step of obedience in faith?

- **Spreads Slowly**

“What sorrow awaits those who look to Egypt for help, trusting their horses, chariots, and charioteers and depending on the strength of human armies instead of looking to the Lord, the Holy One of Israel.”



ISAIAH 31:1-2 NLT

"Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!"

PSALM 27:14 ESV



³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.



ISAIAH 40:30-31 ESV

The Kingdom of Heaven:

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What's my next step of obedience in faith?

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Have I invited Jesus into my waiting?

