

God's Not Through (with them OR you)

SERIES: Illustrated by Jesus

Sometimes we look at all the evil in the world and wonder, "Why does God allow it?" Or we question, "Why doesn't God just weed it out?" Jesus addresses that very topic in a parable.

THE STORY

Matthew 13:24-30

M THE MEANING

Matthew 13:36-43

Farmer = <u>Jesus</u>

Field = The World

Wheat = <u>People of the Kingdom</u>

Weeds = <u>People of the evil one</u>

Enemy = the Devil

Harvest = <u>End of the Age</u>

THE TWISTS

Jesus is <u>not sleeping</u>

God reserves judgment for our benefit

■ THE TAKEAWAYS

Even though God calls us wheat, we can still be pretty <u>weed-like</u>
Therefore we must leave the <u>judging</u> to God
Our engagement in this world is <u>God's plan</u>