




# **The Story of the Wheat and the Tares**

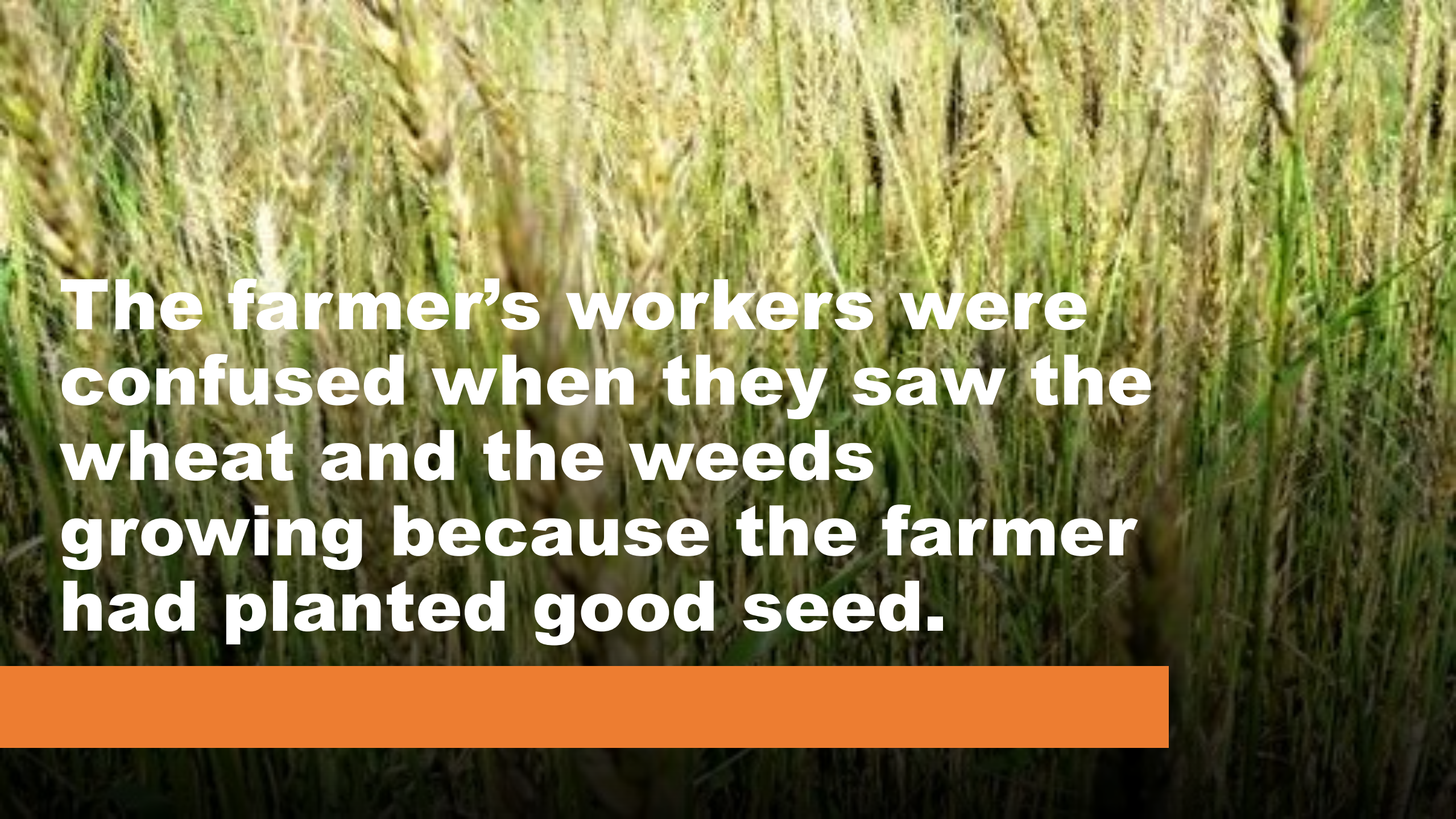
**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

A photograph of an elderly farmer wearing a black cap and a grey sweater, sowing seeds into a field. He is holding a red bucket in his left hand and scattering seeds with his right hand. The background shows a vast, open field under a bright sky, with another person visible in the distance. A large, faint watermark of the letters 'P' and 'D' is visible in the center of the image.

**Jesus said, “There was once a farmer who sowed good seed in his field**



**But while everyone was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds in the field.**

A close-up photograph of a field of wheat and weeds. The wheat stalks are golden-brown and appear to be ripening, while the weeds are green and have a more upright, spiky appearance. The background is slightly blurred, emphasizing the texture of the plants in the foreground.

**The farmer's workers were confused when they saw the wheat and the weeds growing because the farmer had planted good seed.**




**The farmer told them  
that an enemy had  
planted the weeds**

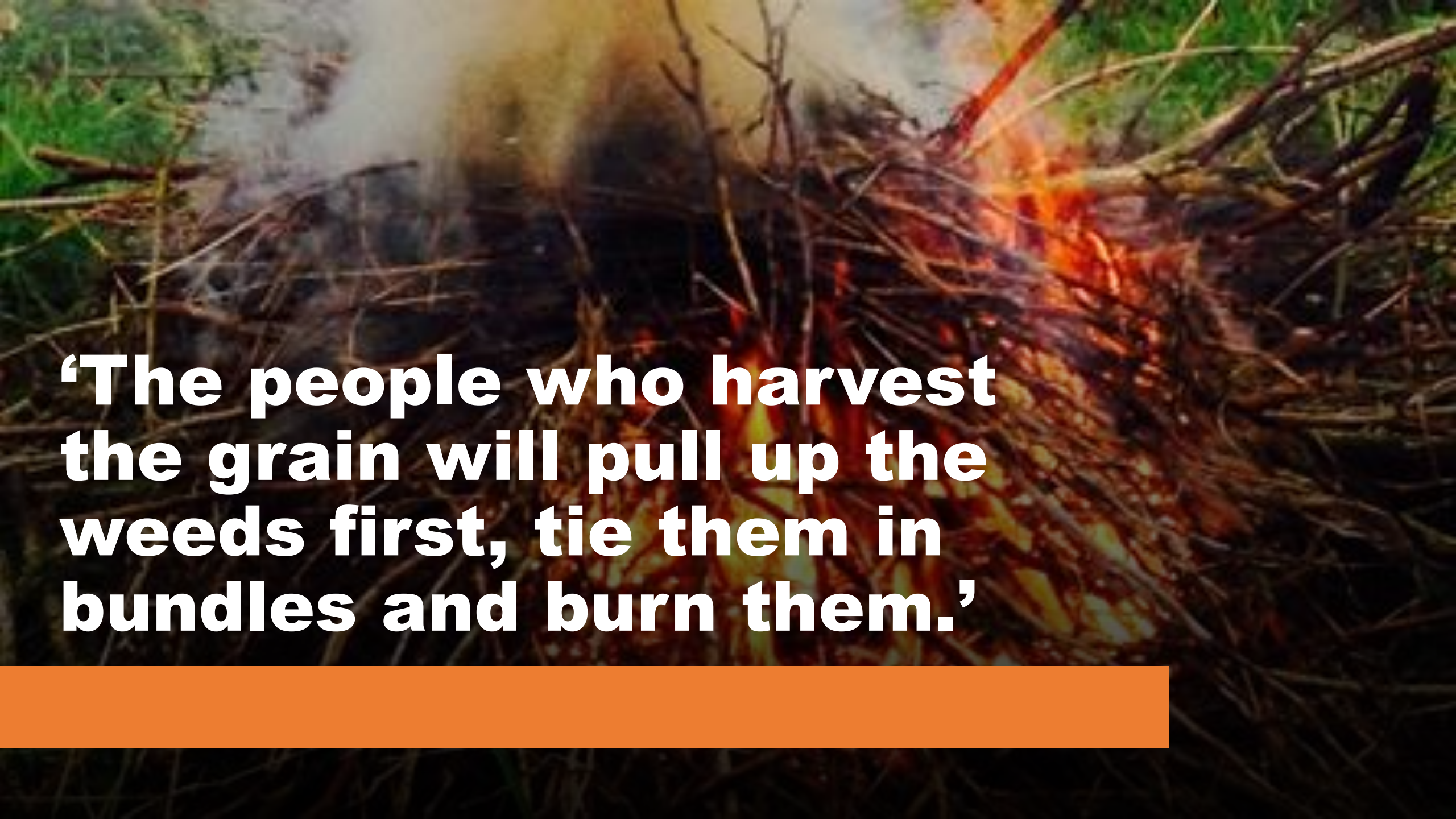


A close-up photograph of a person's hands pulling a weed from a field. The person is wearing a blue shirt and a watch on their left wrist. The weed has a thick, brown root system. The background is a lush green field of grass and other plants.

**The workers wanted to pull up all the weeds, but the farmer said, 'No!'**

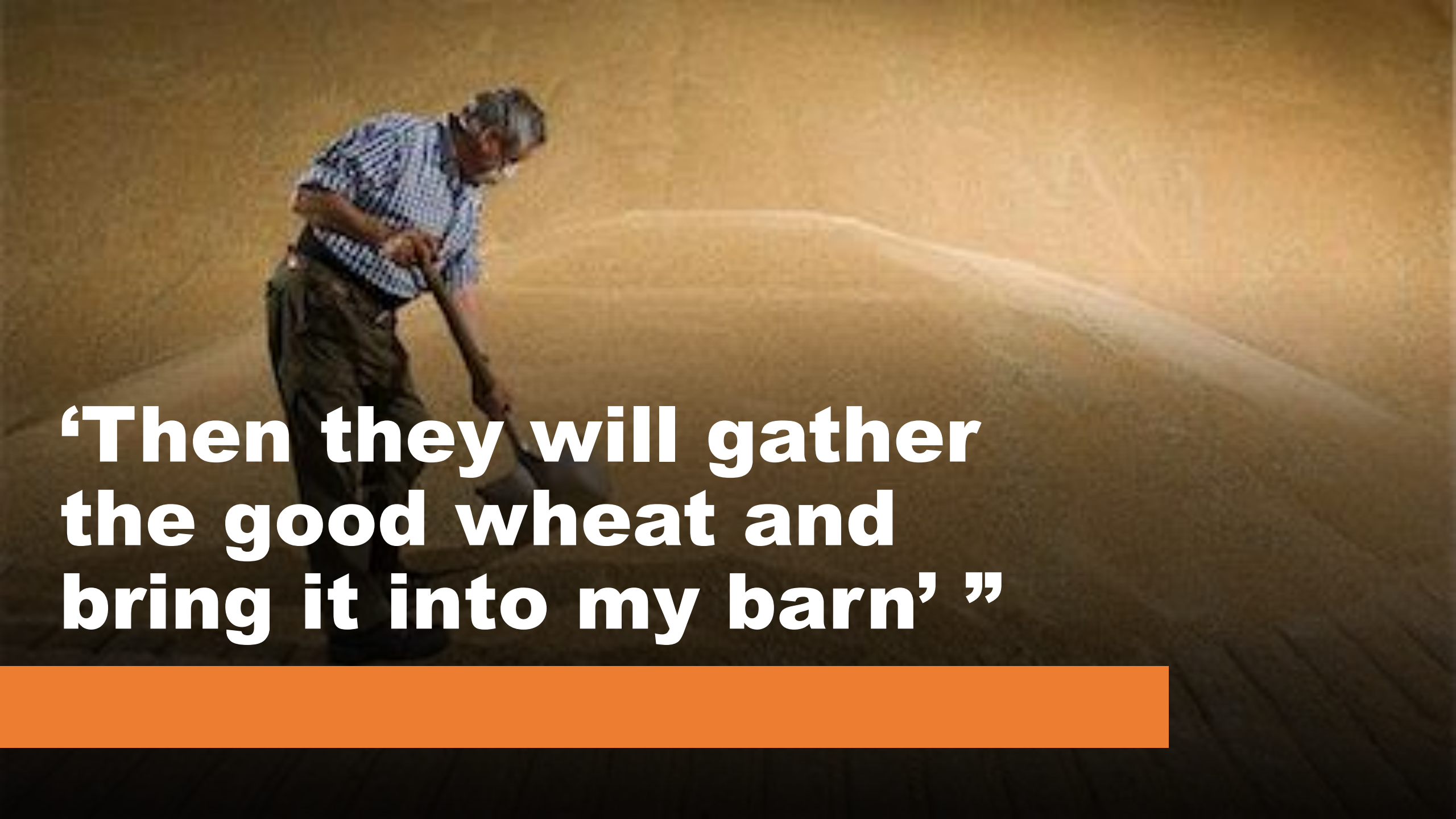
A photograph of a field of wheat and weeds. The wheat is in the foreground, and the weeds are scattered throughout. The background shows rolling hills under a blue sky with white clouds. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**‘You might pull up the good wheat together with the weeds. Let both grow together until harvest.’**

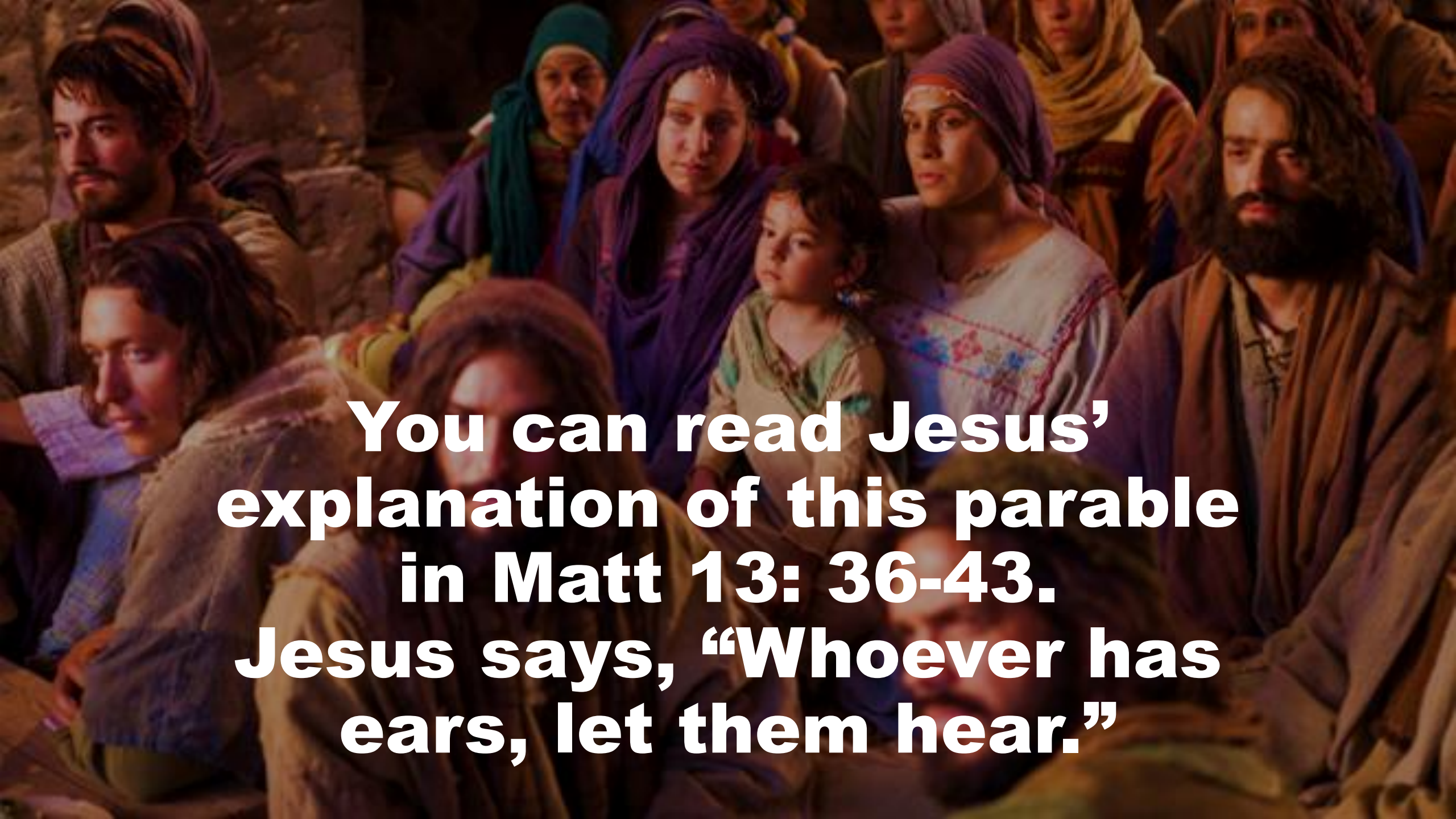


**‘The people who harvest the grain will pull up the weeds first, tie them in bundles and burn them.’**





**‘Then they will gather  
the good wheat and  
bring it into my barn’ ”**



**You can read Jesus' explanation of this parable in Matt 13: 36-43. Jesus says, "Whoever has ears, let them hear."**