ONCE AGAIN, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A NET THAT WAS LET DOWN INTO THE LAKE AND CAUGHT ALL KINDS OF FISH. WHEN IT WAS FULL, THE FISHERMEN PULLED IT UP ON THE SHORE. THEN THEY SAT DOWN AND COLLECTED THE GOOD FISH IN BASKETS, BUT THREW THE BAD AWAY. THIS IS HOW IT WILL BE AT THE END OF THE AGE. THE ANGELS WILL COME AND SEPARATE THE WICKED FROM THE

MATTHEW 13:47-50

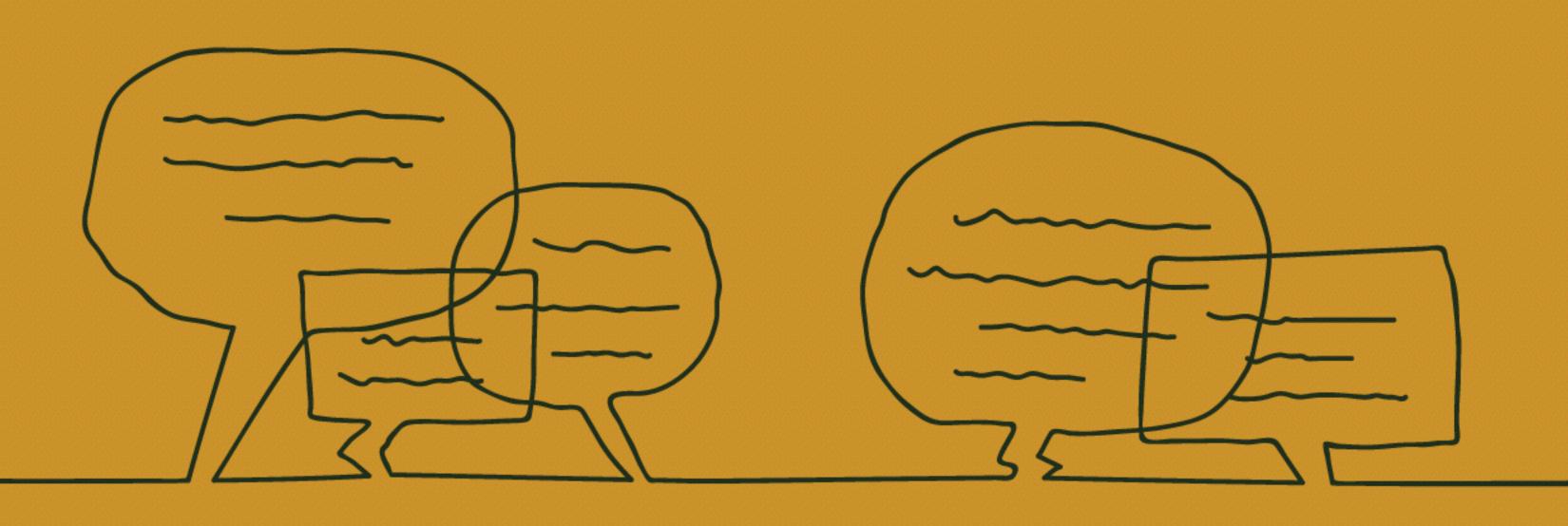
RIGHTEOUS AND THROW THEM INTO THE BLAZING FURNACE, WHERE THERE WILL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH.



MATTHEW 13:47-50

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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 13:27** 

#### "AN ENEMY DID THIS," HE REPLIED.



**MATTHEW 13:28** 

# THE SERVANTS ASKED HIM, "DO YOU WANT **US** TO GO AND PULL THEM UP?"



**MATTHEW 13:28** 

"NO," HE ANSWERED, "BECAUSE WHILE YOU ARE PULLING THE WEEDS, YOU MAY UPROOT THE WHEAT WITH THEM."



**MATTHEW 13:29** 



IF ONLY THERE WERE EVIL PEOPLE SOMEWHERE INSIDIOUSLY COMMITTING EVIL DEEDS, AND IT WERE NECESSARY ONLY TO SEPARATE THEM FROM THE REST OF US AND DESTROY THEM. BUT THE LINE DIVIDING GOOD AND EVIL CUTS THROUGH THE HEART OF EVERY HUMAN BEING.

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THE LORD IS NOT SLOW IN KEEPING HIS PROMISE, AS SOME UNDERSTAND SLOWNESS. INSTEAD HE IS PATIENT WITH YOU, NOT WANTING ANYONE TO PERISH, BUT EVERYONE TO COME TO REPENTANCE.

2 PETER 3:9

