

The Watford Word

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What's on

Sunday 10 August: 10:30 AM.

Malcolm speaking

Sunday 17 August: 10:30 AM.

Osagie speaking

Sunday 24 August: 10:30 AM.

Lance speaking

Sunday 31 August: 10:30 AM.

Malcolm speaking

Monday 1st September: Mentoring training

Sunday 07 September: 10:30 AM. Church service

Saturday 13 September: **SCIENCE & FAITH:
ENEMIES OR ALLIES?**

Sunday 14 September: 10:30 AM. Church service

Sunday 21 September: 10:30 AM. Church service

Sunday 28 September: 10:30 AM. Church service

3-5 October: Young Professionals' retreat

Sunday 21 December: 10:30 AM. Carol service



"Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord." Deuteronomy 8.3 (Matthew 4.4).

If we approach the Word like students, not critics or masters, then humility becomes a natural byproduct of real engagement. Every time we open the Bible, we're not just gaining information—we're stewarding revelation. God's Word deserves reverence, not because it's fragile, but because *we* are. Humility means refusing to speak where Scripture is unclear, and refusing to apologise where Scripture *is* clear.

In practical terms, that means saying, "This is what the Lord says," when the Bible is explicit—and being honest about "this is my understanding" when it's not. It means not dodging hard truths just because we're still wrestling with them ourselves. In fact, admitting our own struggle to live what we believe can be the very thing that makes our witness credible.

This kind of humility doesn't water down truth. It frames truth in honesty and grace. It gets us out of the way so the Spirit can do His work.

Humility also means being teachable—not just from Scripture, but through others. We all have blind spots. We all need feedback from people we trust. We grow when we're willing to listen, adjust, and correct ourselves. That kind of vulnerability might feel awkward, but it's powerful—and it keeps pride in check.

There's also a deep humility in remembering who we are: disciples, children of God, part of His family. That changes how we speak to others, especially those who may know less or see

Dressed in Humility

How a Humble Heart Changes How We Hear, Learn, and Live the Scriptures

Today, we're exploring how a spirit of humility towards God's Word helps our spiritual maturity.

"Clothe yourselves with humility..." (1 Peter 5:5) is a call to every Christian to approach God, His Word, and His people with a posture of open-handedness and honesty. At the heart of humility is this: we are learners, not experts. No matter how long we've followed Jesus, there's always more to understand, more to grow into. The Scriptures aren't a trophy shelf for the spiritually accomplished—they're a daily meal for the hungry.

differently than we do. True humility listens before it speaks. It builds trust. It treats every person as made in God's image and worthy of respect.

Finally, humility means keeping our eyes on Jesus. The Gospels show us what humility in action looks like—not weakness, but power under control. Jesus didn't just teach humility; He lived it. And when we focus on Him, we're reminded that everything we know, everything we do, is by grace.

“‘You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”
(John 13:13-17 NIV11)

We don't arrive at humility. We practice it. We fight for it. And we fail, often. But we keep going. Because we want to be people who don't just know the Word, but are shaped by it—people whose lives say, “Not to us, Lord, but to Your name be the glory.”

Your brother, Malcolm

Musical Good News

According to Premier Christianity magazine:

“Spotify streams of contemporary Christian music have risen by 30% worldwide in the past year, according to *Billboard*. The genre has also seen a 60% increase in global streams over the past five years.”

What do you put that down to?

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SCIENCE AND FAITH

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