

The Watford Word

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What's on

Sunday 03 August: 10:30 AM.

Malcolm speaking

Sunday 10 August: 10:30 AM.

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Sunday 17 August: 10:30 AM.

Osagie speaking

Sunday 24 August: 10:30 AM.

Church service

Sunday 31 August: 10:30 AM. Church service

Monday 1st September: Mentoring training

Sunday 07 September: 10:30 AM. Church service

Sunday 14 September: 10:30 AM. Church service

Sunday 21 September: 10:30 AM. Church service

Sunday 28 September: 10:30 AM. Church service

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

3-5 October: Young Professionals' retreat

Sunday 21 December: 10:30 AM. Carol service



Get out of your tent!

Today we're looking at the following passage and asking ourselves, "How can we get the same vision for our lives and our church as God has for us?"

"After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward." But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed

you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness." (Genesis 15:1-6)

Sometimes, God has to get us out of our usual environment before we can see what He wants to show us.

Abram (later Abraham) was struggling with doubt. God had promised him descendants, but time was passing, and nothing seemed to be happening. Sitting in his tent—surrounded by his own thoughts, limitations, and disappointments—it was hard to believe in the promises of God.

So what did God do? He took him outside. Out of the tent. Out of the confined space. Out of the shadows. There, under the vast night sky, God gave Abram a glimpse of His divine perspective. "Look up," He said. "Count the stars... so shall your offspring be." The stars were more than just a sign—they were a vision of hope, a promise illuminated.



There are times in our lives when we also need to "get out of our tent." Our tent might be our routines, our comfort zones, our self-imposed limitations, or even our fears. If we stay inside, all we see are canvas walls. But outside—when we take that step of faith—we're able to see the stars. God's vision becomes clearer.

Do you need to step outside today? Ask God to help you move beyond your normal circumstances so you can receive His perspective. The stars are still there, and so is His promise.

Let's be people who get out of our tents and look up in faith.

SCIENCE & FAITH: ENEMIES OR ALLIES?

My friend Charles Elikwu and I have been planning this event for several months. I am delighted it is happening. The North region of our sister church in London are hosting the session in their regular Sunday venue.

We know Douglas, but who is David Hutchings? He met Roger Frimpong through a chance meeting on a train, and was invited to speak at an event hosted by our sister church in Leicester. Several visitors to the event who were sceptical of Christianity were later baptised into Christ.

He is a physics teacher and author based in York. A Fellow of the Institute of Physics, his books include 'Of Popes and Unicorns' (OUP 2022), 'God, Stephen Hawking and the Multiverse' (SPCK 2020) and 'Let There Be Science' (Lion Hudson 2017). He is an Honorary Research Fellow at Durham University, and speaks and writes regularly on the relationship between science, Christianity, philosophy, and history. <https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/about/people/david-hutchings/>

Douglas Jacoby is a scholar (Drew, Harvard, Duke), podcaster, writer and professor of theology (Mountain Theological Seminary). He also leads tours to the Mediterranean world. His books include Compelling Evidence (Harvest House 2010) and Origins (Morgan James 2019) Douglas has lectured, debated, and consulted in 130 nations and over 100 universities. <https://douglasjacoby.com/>

What and who is this event for?

1. To strengthen your faith
2. To give you material to help other people with questions
3. For your friends
4. For your children

Plan to attend now. Put it in your diary.

SCIENCE AND FAITH
Enemies or Allies?

Saturday 13th September
10am – 1pm

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