

The Watford Word

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What's on

Sunday 02 November: 16:30 PM. Carol service planning with the worship team.

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Thursday 06 November: 8-9 PM - "Heart of a Child - Humility" follow-up discussion and prayer

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Meeting ID: 978 0847 2409. Passcode: 251402

Sunday 09 November: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking. "Heart of a Child" series - part 2, "Awe and wonder". Remembrance Sunday.

Thursday 13 November: 8-9 PM - "Heart of a Child - Awe & Wonder" follow-up discussion and prayer

Sunday 16 Nov: 10:30 AM. "Heart of a Child" series - part 3, "Having a not-knowing stance". Danny speaking.

Thursday 20 November: 8-9 PM - "Heart of a Child - Not-Knowing Stance" follow-up discussion and prayer

Sunday 23 Nov: 10:30 AM. "Heart of a Child" Part 4, "Playfulness". Bruce speaking. 'Safeguarding Sunday'

Thursday 27 November: 8-9 PM - "Heart of a Child - Playfulness" follow-up discussion and prayer

Sunday 30 November: 10:30 AM. "Heart of a Child" series - part 5, "Timelessness". Stefan speaking.

Thursday 04 December: 8-9 PM - "Heart of a Child - Timelessness" follow-up discussion and prayer

Sunday 07 December: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking.

Sunday 14 December: 10:30 AM. Church service

Sunday 21 December: 10:30 AM. Carol service

Sunday 28 December: 10:30 AM. Church service

Sunday 04 January: 10:30 AM. Church service



The Most Humble Man?!

Today marks the start of our new series for November, "Heart of a Child." The idea for this series was born out of two experiences: first, exploring Matthew 18 as we did recently, and second, listening to my friend Sean StJean teach on humility at a spiritual wellness retreat earlier this year. Let's start with Jesus, as we always should.

Kingdom Entry

Jesus stated something truly radical when he responded to his disciples' question:

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." (Matthew 18:1-5)

Let's follow the logic here. To enter the kingdom means to become like little children. To change in this way must require a change of heart. What does that heart look like? Surely, the heart of the child. Fundamentally, this is what repentance does: It opens our hearts to God, changing them. However, as life continues and challenges come our way, the preservation of a childlike heart is not a foregone conclusion.

Child Heart Characteristics

In a class titled, "The secret garden - reclaiming delight through a child-like heart", Sean StJean acknowledged that burnout is possible for a Christian. Perhaps that was how Paul felt:

"We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead." 2 Corinthians 1.8-9

Difficult times can tend to cause our hearts to turn in on themselves and drift from God. However, a different response is available—one which Paul himself recognised: His despair was the very channel through which God was going to refresh him. Allowing our heavenly father to use whatever experiences he regards as necessary for us to grow spiritually requires a childlike heart.

Sean suggested six characteristics of such a heart:

1. Humility
2. Awe and wonder
3. Not-knowing stance
4. Playfulness
5. Timelessness
6. Utter reliance on God

Super-humble Moses

In this series, we will explore those topics beginning with humility. Today, our focus is on Moses in Numbers 12. Something quite extraordinary is said about him in this passage:

"Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth." (Num 12:3)

How could this be possible? If it's true, what can we learn about humility from him? We will explore his encounter with his brother and sister, the way in which God intervened, and the heart of humility, displayed by Moses.

Conclusion

As we begin this series, let's ask God to refresh us with a childlike heart—humble, trusting, and open to His guidance. Humility, awe, wonder, and

reliance on God are not traits we achieve once and keep forever; they are habits we nurture.

Your brother, Malcolm

Leadership Refresh

Leadership according to Jesus is online here:
<https://watford.podbean.com/e/leadership-according-to-jesus-malcolm-cox-01-october-2025/>,
<https://youtu.be/qiAoH7MDmKA>.

Church leadership in the NT is here: <https://watford.podbean.com/e/leadership-in-the-new-testament-malcolm-cox-15-october-2025/>, <https://youtu.be/gTlgsOeEttA>

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