

## **Attracting Our Attention**

I would say that I'm a reasonably inquisitive person, but my curiosity has its limits. There are things in life that I'm just perfectly happy not to have experienced. I'm really not bothered what the experience of eating snails is like and bungee jumping really holds no interest for me whatsoever, but imagine walking past a burning bush?

In the Bible, "Moses and the burning bush" is an incredible story. A bush, on fire, but not being burnt. That definitely needed investigating! Rightly so, there had to be a reason behind that anomaly, surely? I suspect, however, that whatever Moses wondered might be causing it, I'm not convinced he thought, "Oh look, God is hanging out in that bush, I'll go and say 'hello'" In fact, some ancient teaching passed down between rabbis says that the bush didn't just start flaming as Moses walked passed, rather, it's just that he was walking slowly enough and paying sufficient attention that he was the one who noticed it!

In October, we're starting a series that will be looking into the presence of God in the Old Testament - those moments when God was very obviously seen or heard or experienced or - in the case of the book of Esther - not present at all.

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