

Now faith is ASSURANCE
of things hoped for,
a CONVICTION
of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

Welcome!

Everyone has had feelings of doubt. Sometimes doubt can be a healthy thing, leading us to a more honest faith down the road. And sometimes, it can derail us completely. So the question becomes: how do I detect the source of my doubt, and how then do I respond to it?

The Bible is full of wonderful saints who expressed great doubt. And even Jesus Himself cried out from the cross, "Why have You forgotten me?"

My prayer today is that if you are in a season of doubt, you will come away with tools to help you navigate through it. And if not, I pray you will hold on to these truths for a day when they're useful, for your own doubting faith, or perhaps to help a friend.

Brett

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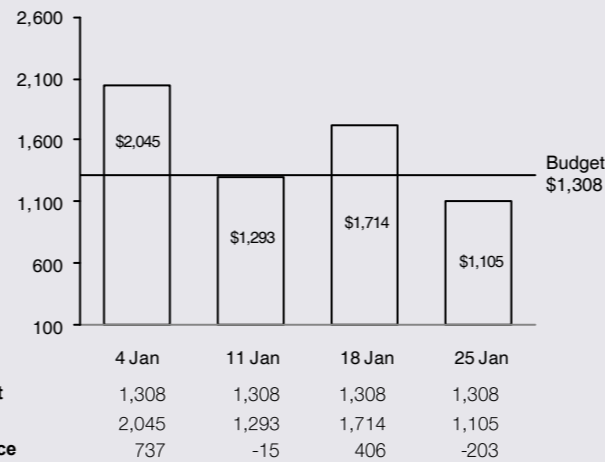
FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2015 - AUG 2016

YEAR TO DATE (21 WEEKS)

-4.58% deficit on giving

YTD Budget	\$ 27.462M
YTD Giving	\$ 26.204M
YTD Variance	\$ -1.258M

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



GIVING TO ISLAND ECC We encourage those who consider Island ECC their church home to prayerfully give a percentage of their income to the church on a regular basis.

Cheques payable to 'Island ECC Ltd.' for HK tax receipts or to 'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc.' for US citizens. More info at islandecc.hk/give. Enquiries to karen.kwok@islandecc.hk.

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PERMANENT

Faded Truth

January 31 2016 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY CHINESE NEW YEAR PACKETS

Chinese New Year Lai See packets are available on all floors today for purchase. Each attractive Lai See envelope comes with a bilingual gospel tract. A pack of 10 costs \$20.

TODAY LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR ARK DRAGON BOAT

ARK exists not just to win races, it exists to win hearts. Join the team for a season of fun, fitness and fellowship. Trainings are every Sunday afternoon starting February 28, and every Wednesday evening for land training. Fee is \$1800 (cash or cheque only). Last day to sign up at the 1/F Connect Counter!

FEB 7 NO 5PM SERVICE FOR CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

In honour of Chinese New Year and home celebrations, we will not offer our usual 5PM service on Sunday, February 7. We encourage those who typically attend at that time to come to the 3PM or other service times.

FEB 8 SUPER BOWL MONDAY

We are hosting our 7th Annual Super Bowl Monday party on February 8 morning, 7:30am. The Carolina Panthers and the Denver Broncos square off to battle for the championship of American Football. We will watch together in the 10/F Worship Hall with food and the highly anticipated (and hilarious) American commercials. To RSVP, visit Island ECC's Facebook page.

FEB 8 & 9 BELOVED CHINESE NEW YEAR CONFERENCE

The Beloved Conference is open to Filipinos who see themselves called by God to make a difference in Hong Kong by growing in their faith and experiencing the joy of making an impact for God. 9am-5pm, 2/F Auditorium. Register at filipino@islandecc.hk. Fee is \$40 and can be paid at the door.

FEB 14 & 21 BOLD FAITH TOWN HALL

Come hear updates on our Bold Faith Campaign's vision, purpose, giving and communication plan. Two identical sessions on February 14 & 21, 1:30-3:00pm, 10/F Auditorium. Sign up at any of the Connect Counters, as we will arrange lunch starting at 1:00pm.

FEB 20 PRAYER HIKE

Join us for a refreshing morning of prayer and quality time with God at Lung Fu Shan trail, 9:30am. To register, visit islandecc.hk/signups, or email prayer@islandecc.hk.

OPPORTUNITIES

FACILITATORS AND HOSTS NEEDED FOR CHURCH-WIDE SMALL GROUP STUDY

Small group facilitators needed to lead a six-week church-wide sermon study series in April and May. Candidates should have been regular Island ECC attendees for at least six months. Previous experience in leading small groups is preferred but not necessary. We are also looking for hosts to open up their homes during this period for small groups to meet. Email caregroup@islandecc.hk if you would like to serve or want more information.

CLASSES

REGISTER AT ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES

FEB 14 THEOLOGY 201

This is a six-week survey look into the topics of the Holy Spirit, the Church, the Bible, and the End Times, led by Pastor Didi Wong. Our hope is to provide some fundamental teaching on these vital aspects of the Christian life. Theology 101 is not a prerequisite to attend. 9.30am, 8/F Classroom.

FEB 14 GOD AND ME

This four-week class provides a focus on the mindset and disciplines that assist in having a vital personal relationship with God. With solid scriptural foundations and practical principles, it will deal with topics like prayer in solitude, meaningful devotions, meditation on scripture, praying with others, and fasting. 3.00pm, 8/F Classroom.

OUTREACH

FEB 7 MEN'S VIETNAM MISSION TRIP - REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Partner with Men's Fraternity to share the gospel through words and actions to the closed country of Vietnam. The team is returning for the fifth year to build structures and relationships at a poor rural middle school. The trip runs from April 12 to 17. For registration or more information, email men@islandecc.hk.

FEB 21 EASTER PRISON OUTREACH - REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 10 that none can believe if they have not heard the good news of Jesus Christ. This Easter, we are looking for volunteers to visit male inmates at Pik Uk prison on March 28, 9.30am-12.30pm. This is a unique time when volunteers can visit on a one-off basis. Men will have priority. Email full name and HKID# to localoutreach@islandecc.hk.

NEW TO ISLAND ECC

MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER

We are so glad that you're here today and would love to get to know you! Visit the Connect Counters on 1/F, 2/F and 10/F. Volunteers are there to answer any questions you might have about Island ECC and its different ministries and events.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Check out www.islandecc.hk, where you'll have access to information about all our ministries and events, as well as a broad spectrum of resources - including weekly blog posts and video podcasts of sermons.

"Heaven and Nature Sing" at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium on Christmas Eve



31 JANUARY 2016

Faded Truth

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Four primary reasons for doubt:

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- 3.
- 4.

