

Welcome!

The dogged days of summer are definitely here. As you endure the heat of our long Hong Kong summers, I hope that you will find ways to be refreshed, both physically and spiritually.

The cycle of the seasons is yet another example of seemingly unavoidable routines that exist in our ordered world. Cycles of change are around us everywhere.

The cycle of sin is certainly powerful as well, but unlike the rising sun or the rotating earth, the cycle of sin IS avoidable.

Today we'll have a look at the downfall of Samson, and ask ourselves, "How can we rise above the power of the attractive lure of sin?"

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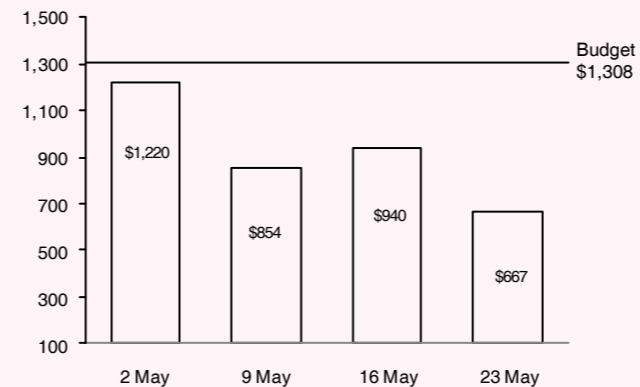
YEAR TO DATE (38 WEEKS)

2.9% deficit on giving

YTD Budget	\$ 49.7M
YTD Giving	\$ 48.3M
YTD Variance	\$ -1.4M

FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2015 - AUG 2016

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	2 May	9 May	16 May	23 May
Weekly Budget	1,308	1,308	1,308	1,308
Weekly Giving	1,220	854	940	667
Weekly Variance	-88	-454	-368	-641

Bold Faith Fund \$110.8M Received \$58.1M Outstanding Pledge \$52.7M

Bold Faith Initial Fund Raising Target \$1 Billion

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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CYCLE

Poor Eyesight

May 29 2016 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY BABY DEDICATION

We are delighted to join with Karlson and Kristen in the dedication to the Lord of their child, Sydney Grace Wong born 20 January 2016 (11.30am, 10/F). We warmly welcome all family and friends visiting for this occasion.

TODAY KIDS CLUB FX: CONTENTMENT

Join us for Kids Club FX to learn all about contentment today in the 10/F Worship Hall at 1.30pm. If you have purchased a lunch coupon, lunch will be served in the 10/F Living Room starting at 1.00pm. We look forward to seeing all the families there today!

JUN 2 UNIVERSITY STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

If you are a university student back in Hong Kong for the summer or currently studying in university here, come and join us for our first University Student Fellowship! Every Thursday starting June 2, 7.30pm, 11/F The Well. Email youngadults@islandecc.hk if you have any questions.

JUN 17-18 RENEW CONFERENCE: IMMEASURABLY MORE

What are you hoping for? Do you listen to the voices that say it's not possible? Or do you believe the One who says there's more — immeasurably more? Join us for Immeasurably More, our Renew Conference featuring Francis Chan and Hank Fortener, for a special weekend of faith-building teaching and soul-reviving worship at the Sunbeam Theatre in North Point. Get your early bird ticket (\$300) today at the Connect Counter, or purchase online at islandecc.hk/renew.

JUN 22 GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief Group is a six-week support group for those who are dealing with the loss of a loved one. We seek to provide a safe place for people to process their grief. We also hope to speak the hope of Jesus into this real but often unspoken topic. Wednesdays, 7.30pm. 10/F Living Room. Register at islandecc.hk/classes.

CLASSES

REGISTER AT ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES

JUN 3 ADDITIONAL DATE NIGHT

A new Date Night for married couples has been added. The subject for this one session is 'Sex'. We'll be enjoying dinner and watching a video from the Alpha marriage course together. That'll be followed by a time for you to engage in guided discussion as a couple on the course material. The night costs \$200 per couple. Any couple is welcome to attend. Registration for this night is required if you have not been attending the previous date nights.

JUN 3 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: THE POWER OF KNOWING GOD

This study hopes to open your eyes to see who God really is, and draw you into a deeper, more personal relationship with Him — a relationship that will enable you to confidently display His strength in life's most challenging circumstances. Fridays, June 3 to July 15. 10am-12pm. 8/F Classroom.

OUTREACH

JUN 4 DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL HOME VISIT

At Dragon Boat Festival, you could join dragon boating with Ark to demonstrate your physical strength. But if you have a tender heart to offer instead, visiting families could be an option for you. Hope of the City is looking for 15 volunteers to care for families in Cheung Sha Wan. 2-5pm. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

JUN 12 SHANXI MISSION TRIP INFO SESSION

Join us to bring God's love and joy to the children at Bo Ai School in Shanxi as we work closely with them through music, arts and crafts and teaching of English. We hope to make Christ visible through our interactions with the children and the villagers. The trip runs from September 17 to 24. Come hear more about the trip at the information session. 1.00pm, 8/F Classroom.

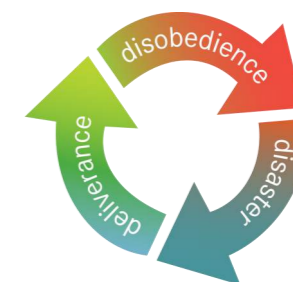
OPPORTUNITY

PART TIME COORDINATOR OF VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for an enthusiastic and outgoing person to provide practical help in supporting our teams of volunteers for all Sunday services. Fluency in English, and good attention to detail are required. This position is for 8-10 hours on Sundays. To apply for this position, email hr@islandecc.hk with your CV and cover letter.

29 MAY 2016

Poor Eyesight



*In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was **right in his own eyes**.*

Judges 21:25

*Samson went down to Timnah, and at Timnah he saw one of the daughters of the Philistines. Then he came up and told his father and mother, "I saw one of the daughters of the Philistines at Timnah. Now get her for me as my wife." But his father and mother said to him, "Is there not a woman among the daughters of your relatives, or among all our people, that you must go to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?" But Samson said to his father, "Get her for me, for **she is right in my eyes**."*

Judges 14:1-3

But he did not know that the Lord had left him.

Judges 16:20

*The **heart is deceitful** above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?*

Jeremiah 17:9

You were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies.

1 Corinthians 6:20

NEW TO ISLAND ECC

MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER

- 1 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

- 2 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.

The Indispensables: A One-Day Intensive for Men



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