



Welcome!

How's your confidence level? Would you say you are more confident that most people, or less? In what areas do you feel more confident about yourself?

Most people, most of the time, live lives of cloaked insecurity. We may appear to be full of self-assurance, but usually when certain things are removed (our job, our looks, our respect), then our confidence evaporates.

What if there was a better way? What if we could build upon a better foundation for confidence, that would prove to be stable and lasting? How does our faith practically impact our sense of confidence, both today, and later in life when we face negative circumstances?

I hope you will be helped today, and that your faith will be strengthened.

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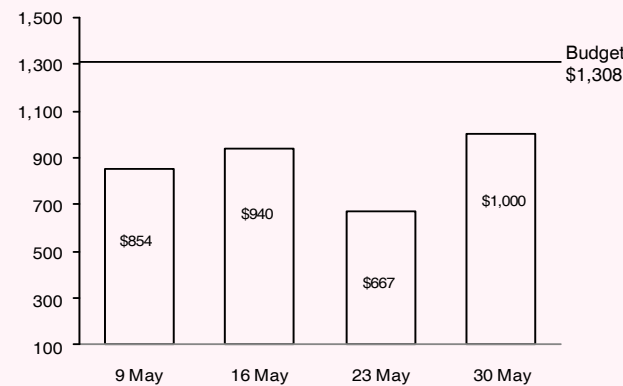
YEAR TO DATE (39 WEEKS)

3.4% deficit on giving

YTD Budget	\$ 51.0M
YTD Giving	\$ 49.3M
YTD Variance	\$ -1.7M

FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2015 – AUG 2016

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



Weekly Budget	1,308	1,308	1,308	1,308
Weekly Giving	854	940	667	1,000
Weekly Variance	-454	-368	-641	-308

Bold Faith Fund \$111M

Received \$58.6M

Outstanding Pledge \$52.4M

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

HIGHLIGHTS

JUN 9 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 University Student Fellowship! This Thursday we are meeting at the 9/F Kids Worship Hall, at 7.30pm. 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. Today is the last day to pick up your ticket at the early bird rate (\$300). Register at our Connect Counter, or purchase online at islandecc.hk/renew.

JUN 22 THE VILLAGE: END OF SEASON CELEBRATION

Life is complicated and we have questions, but often what’s more important than the answer is the journey. Ladies, you’re invited to join us at The Village for a chat with Hannah Lau, author of ‘Wherever You Go’. We’ll be talking about stuff that perhaps we’re too shy to talk about normally. There’ll also be amazing worship and great food. 7.30pm, 11 /F The Well. Bring your girlfriends!

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.

JUN 24 ISLAND BIBLE SEMINAR: HOW TO LIVE OUT MY FAITH?

We all long for an integrated faith. But in light of the challenges in our workplace, society, and the political and sexual revolution, how can Christians engage with the world in a biblical way? Come hear from Professor Darrell Bock from Dallas Theological Seminary and Pastor Brett Hilliard at this Bible seminar on how we can integrate our private faith into our public life. 7.30pm, 1/F Auditorium. Free admission, registration required.

CLASSES

REGISTER AT ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES

JUN 10 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, now to July 15. 10am-12pm, 8/F Classroom.

JUL 8-9 BIBLICAL COUNSELLING COURSE: MARRIAGE & PRE-MARITAL COUNSELLING

This two-day seminary-level class is designed to help you apply biblical principles on marriage to your understanding of marital issues, and provide basic training for conducting pre-marital and marriage counselling. Participants may take the class for credit (former credit students only) or audit. 9am-5pm, 10/F Auditorium. Class fee is \$1250 (for credit) or \$250 (for audit), to be paid at the 1/F Connect Counter.

OUTREACH

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. 1.30pm, 8/F Classroom.

SUPPORTING THE MONGOLIA MISSION TRIP

The Mongolia mission team is looking for individuals or companies to gift items to bless the Mongolian kids and teenagers. The list includes backpacks, shoulder bags, hoodies or windbreakers, water bottles, sports items (soccer balls, basketballs, and jerseys), and hair brushes and accessories. If you or your company are interested in supporting their cause, or simply want to get more information, we would love to hear from you at go@islandecc.hk. We are hoping to receive the gifts by June 26.

OPPORTUNITIES

COORDINATOR OF MINISTRY SUPPORT

This is a full-time position to help provide administrative and logistical support for our Sunday services, ministry events, facility use, as well as database management. We are looking for a friendly and energetic person with a heart to serve and an eye for detail, plus strong communication and administrative skills. Fluency in both English and Cantonese is needed.

ASSIMILATION MINISTRY ASSISTANT - SUNDAYS

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 the above positions, email hr@islandecc.hk with your CV and cover letter.

KIDS CLUB SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are recruiting volunteers for our Summer Sunday Programme. If you love kids and are interested in a short-term commitment, come be part of our Summer team for 9 weeks (July 3 to August 28). Orientation will be held on June 26, 1.30-2.30pm in the 9/F Kids Worship Hall. Light lunch will be provided. Sign up at our 9/F Welcome Desk, or contact kidsclub@islandecc.hk for more information.

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.

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A Hiding Warrior

¹ *The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, and for seven years He gave them into the hands of the Midianites.* ² *Because the power of Midian was so oppressive, the Israelites prepared shelters for themselves in mountain clefts, caves and strongholds.* ³ *Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples invaded the country.* ⁴ *They camped on the land and ruined the crops all the way to Gaza and did not spare a living thing for Israel, neither sheep nor cattle nor donkeys.* ⁵ *They came up with their livestock and their tents like swarms of locusts. It was impossible to count them or their camels; they invaded the land to ravage it.* ⁶ *Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the Lord for help.*

⁷ *When the Israelites cried out to the Lord because of Midian,* ⁸ *He sent them a prophet, who said, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.”* ⁹ *I rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians. And I delivered you from the hand of all your oppressors; I drove them out before you and gave you their land.* ¹⁰ *I said to you, ‘I am the Lord your God; do not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live.’ But you have not listened to Me.”*

¹¹ *The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites.* ¹² *When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.”*

¹³ *“Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all His wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.”*

¹⁴ *The Lord turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?”*

¹⁵ *“Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.”*

¹⁶ *The Lord answered, “I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive.”*

Judges 6:1-16

The Indispensables: A One-Day Intensive for Men

