

Welcome!

"Try to remember the kind of September when life was slow and oh, so mellow; Try to remember the kind of September when grass was green and grain was yellow."

September was only two days ago, so it's not hard to remember. But the words of this Golden Oldie touch on a tactic of the mind: when present circumstances are tough, it helps to think back to better times.

We shouldn't linger in the past or make it seem rosier than it actually was. That's nostalgia, the stuff of daydreams and inspiration for songwriting. More powerful and practical amidst troubled waters is memory of past victories and answered prayers. These help us face the future. We need to build up our memory bank of God's faithfulness. This is all the more important when our future is uncertain and we need something to base our present hopes upon.

Today we'll see how Jesus takes Peter back to the past to reassure him about the future.

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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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THE BOAT

Déjà Vu

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

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY WELCOME HOME VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Serving as a volunteer at Island ECC is both fun and rewarding. Come and hear about opportunities, 1:30-2:30pm, 11/F Living Room, with lunch provided. Sign up online or at the Connect Counter today!

TODAY KIDS CLUB FX: COURAGE

Kids Club families are invited to join us for Kids Club FX: Courage, Families with their kids will learn all about being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you're afraid. Today at 1:30pm in 10/F Worship Hall. Free event tickets and \$50 lunch coupons are available at the Welcome Desk.

OCT 6, 7 and 8 upcoming women's bible studies and gatherings

To register and for more details on the following studies and their gathering times, visit www.islandecc.hk/women.

- Beginning October 6 The Power of a Praying Wife (support your marriage with prayer)
- Beginning October 7 Jesus: Experiencing His Touch (explore the Book of Mark)
- Beginning October 8 The Book of Romans (Precept Upon Precept Study)

OCT 9 WELCOME HOME OVERSEAS RETURNEES

If you're just returning to Hong Kong after being overseas, you'll notice things have changed! It's called "reverse culture shock". If you are back in Hong Kong for less than a year, join Pastor Albert and others for a time of fellowship. Visit islandecc.hk/classes for more details and to register.

OCT 22 MARRIAGE SUMMIT - TICKETS AVAILABLE TODAY

Marriage is great! It's kind of like climbing a mountain; you get stronger as you go and the views get better, but it's not without its challenges. Mark your calendars for this special 1 day Marriage Summit. Tickets are limited and available at Connect Counters today for \$500 per couple.

OCT 22 PRAYER HIKE

Love God and like nature? Join us for a purposeful morning on the Lung Fu Shan trail at 9:30am. Check online church events to register, or for more details, email prayer@islandecc.hk.

CLASSES

REGISTER AT ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES

OCI 5 DIVORCE CARE SUPPORT GROUP

Divorce and separation bring deep hurts and raise complex issues. This group combines video sessions with group discussions for both men and women (who meet together for video and separately for discussion). Wednesdays, Oct 5-Nov 30, 7:30pm-9:30pm, 8/F Living Room.

OCT 9 REASONABLE HOPE

All religious beliefs and all humans face two profound questions: Why does evil exist? What happens when we die? Join Martin Radford to explore these crucial issues in the 2nd part of the Reasonable Faith series. Sundays, 11:30am-1pm, 8/F classroom.

OCT 9 letter to the hebrews

The Biblical book of Hebrews tackles questions both ancient and modern, such as: Can Christians fall away? Is Jesus really God? How do I know God is trustworthy? Join Pastor Alistair on a walk through the Letter to the Hebrews! Sundays, 3-4.30pm, 10/F classroom.

OCT 16 MONEY & MARRIAGE

Please join Jeff Ryan and team in this discipleship study as we learn about God's role in our marriage and finances. This life-changing study will help us to discover God's approach in strengthening our marital relationships. Sundays, 9:30-11am, 10/F classroom.

OCT 23 HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

Join Joseph Mohan in this upcoming class, which will teach the basic principles of Bible Study Method. You will also be given opportunities to practice your newly learned skills. Sundays, 9:30-11am, 8/F classroom.



OUTREACH

TODAY PHILIPPINES MISSION TRIP INFO SESSION

Join us December 22-28 to bring hope to transform a community in Cebu, Philippines. Come to our information session, today, 2pm, 10/F Classroom, and learn more.

TODAY ISRAEL STUDY TRIP 2017 - APPLICATIONS OPEN

Israel Study Trip 2017 is now open for applications. Trip dates are April 2-14, 2017. Spaces are limited. Application deadline is October 30th. For details of itinerary and cost, please contact Pastor Albert Ng at albert.ng@islandecc.hk.

OCT 10 CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL FAMILY OUTING

Hope of the City is partnering with Yan Kei Evangelical Church to spend this traditional Double Ninth Festival with low-income families at the Double Haven in the north-eastern New Territories areas from 8am to 5:30pm. For more information, please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

$OCT\ 17$ kairos: god, the church and the world

How does God engage the church in His world-wide mission of mercy? What does the history of missions have to do with me today? The Kairos course will change your perspective, deepen your understanding and inspire you to go on mission. For more information, email go@islandecc.hk.

OPPORTUNITIES

For more information visit islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities.

HOPE OF THE CITY - COORDINATOR OF VOLUNTEERS

A full-time position to strengthen volunteer database and to oversee volunteer relations and recruitment.

COORDINATOR OF MINISTRY SUPPORT

A full-time coordinator to provide administrative and logistical support for our Sunday services, ministry events and facility use.

ASSIMILATION MINISTRY ASSISTANT - SUNDAY CONTRACT POSITION

To provide practical help and logistical back up in supporting our teams of volunteers for our Sunday services. Serve two services every Sunday.

PRODUCTION MANAGER - SUNDAY CONTRACT POSITION

To oversee the audio-visual aspects for all Sunday services on one floor each week.

SUNDAY CARETAKER

To support our Sunday services and events, including room set up, 10 hours per week including other occasional weekday hours as needed. Contact the Director of Ministry Support, tel: 2864 9338

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 F

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.

Mission trip to Mongolia



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Déjà Vu

³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered Him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸ The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

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⁹ When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn.¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after He was raised

John 21:3-14

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