



Welcome!

Throughout my life I have returned to one scripture to keep me grounded when I have problems. It is Joshua 1:9:

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

I get discouraged. Don't you? At those times, it helps to remember that God loves us and is with us, and to, therefore, be courageous. I am pleased we have the opportunity in this series to reflect on having “brave love” in the midst of our lives, which can sometimes be tough and unlovely.

I hope this worship service will be of personal assistance to you and that you will experience God being with you!



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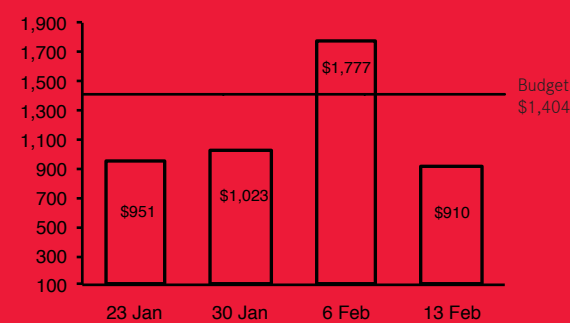
FISCAL YEAR SEP 2016 – AUG 2017

YEAR TO DATE (24- WEEKS)

-8.3% deficit on giving

YTD Budget	\$33.7M
YTD Giving	\$30.9M
YTD Variance	-\$2.8M

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	23 Jan	30 Jan	6 Feb	13 Feb
Weekly Budget	1,404	1,404	1,404	1,404
Weekly Giving	951	1,023	1,777	910
Weekly Variance	(453)	(381)	373	(494)

Bold Faith Fund \$125.7M Received \$85.9M Outstanding Pledge \$39.8

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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BRAVE LOVE

The Unlovable

19 February 2017 9:30am, 11:30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

Are you new here?
Come to our Newcomers Lunch
March 5, 2017
1:30 PM, 11/F Living Room C

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY **BABY DEDICATION**

We are delighted today to join the Low family in the dedication of their child to the Lord: Kennedy Joy Low Jia En, born 4 February 2016, to parents Ly-Ann & Andy (9:30am, 10/F) We warmly welcome all family and friends visiting for this occasion.

FEB 20 **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: ROMANS**

The application of the tried-and-true methods of inductive Bible study to Paul's letter to the Romans will help you discover God's answers to some of life's important questions: How can I have peace with God? How can I know God's will and ultimate purpose for my life? Can I really live a Christlike life—today? Feb 20, 10:15am. Please register at islandecc.hk/women

FEB 22 **THE VILLAGE LAUNCH**

This spring, we're expanding and changing things up! Think of The Village as a time for raw talk, real talk, relevant and transformative talk from leaders in our midst and around the city. And of course, great music and fun! Come join us for our kick-off and invite your girlfriends! Every Wednesday starting, Feb 22, at 7:30pm on 2/F. Please register at islandecc.hk/women.

FEB 24-25 **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

Global Leadership Summit is a conference videocast by world renowned speakers, with facilitation and forum by local leaders. It will be hosted at the Vine. Tickets are available at all Connect Counters at a discounted price of \$350. Visit www.glsk.org for more details.

MAR 3 **ISLAND BIBLE SEMINAR - DR. CRAIG HAZEN & DR. CLAY JONES**

IBS will feature two apologetics professors from Biola University. Join us to hear Dr. Hazen speak on "Christianity in a World of Religions" followed by Dr. Jones on "Why Does God Allow Evil?" Mar 3, 7:30pm-9:30pm, 2/F Auditorium. Sign up at islandecc.hk/classes.

MAR 3 **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: MARK**

In this powerful 6-week, no homework study on the final chapters of the Gospel of Mark, you'll consider for yourself all that Jesus endured to bring forgiveness to sinners and hope to the hopeless. And you'll understand as never before why it's so essential to share with others the good news of Jesus. Starting Mar 3, 10am. Register at islandecc.hk/women

MAR 6 **SPRING ALPHA COURSE**

Looking for answers to life? Alpha is a 10-week opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed environment. It is a practical intro to the basics of Christianity centred around a meal, a talk and a small group discussion. Join us every Monday starting March 6, 7pm, 2/F Auditorium. Register at islandecc.hk/alpha or contact alpha@islandecc.hk.

MAR 11-12 **MEN'S RETREAT - THE GREAT GETAWAY**

This spring, men's ministry will embark on a retreat together in the beautiful landscape of Lantau Island at YWCA Sydney Leong Holiday Lodge to enjoy a time of getaway from the hustle and bustle of Hong Kong. To rest, restore and re-energize as we fellowship, reflect and worship in reverence to God. Please contact men@islandecc.hk for more information.

MAR 12 **WELCOME HOME VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**

Volunteering is love in motion! Serving as a volunteer at Island ECC is both fun and rewarding. Come and hear about opportunities, Mar 12, 1:30-2:30pm, 11/F Living Room C.

CLASSES

TODAY **KAIROS: GOD, THE CHURCH, AND THE WORLD**

Kairos Course is a 10-lesson interactive course that looks at our world from God's perspective. The course starts today-Mar26 on Sundays from 4:30-7:00pm & Thursdays 7:30-10:00pm. Email go@islandecc.hk for registration.

MAR 3-4 **BIBLICAL COUNSELLING THEORY CLASS**

The 2-day course is to examine major components of a counselling theory and to develop a thorough understanding of the models for Christian Counselling. Participants may take the course for credit (former credit students only) or audit. Credit cost is \$1,250 and auditing cost is \$250. Mar 3-4, 9am-5pm, 10/F Auditorium. For registration, email classes@islandecc.hk.

MAR 5 **THE EXPLOSIVE GROWTH OF RADICAL ISLAM**

Is the Islamic State Islamic or not? This one-off class gives an overview of Islam and equips you to answer those who claim that the Islamic State (ISIS) has nothing to do with Islam. Mar 5, 2:30 - 5pm, 11/F Classroom

MAR 5 **INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIANITY**

A course for people who are new to church, new to the faith, or just want to learn more about the doctrines of Christianity. Join Pastor Tim as he takes you through the essentials of what it looks like to follow Jesus, in a fun and informative way! Sundays, Mar 5, 3pm- 4:30pm.

OUTREACH

TODAY **MONTHLY HOME VISITS VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

Regular home visitation is one of Hope of the City's focus area. We are now looking for new volunteers to join this ministry. If you are interested, a training will be provided at 8/F Classroom, 1:15-3pm. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

APR 14 **EASTER PRISON OUTREACH REGISTRATION OPEN**

We will visit the English speaking inmates at the Pik Uk Prison, and share our faith with worship and testimony on Apr 14, 8:30am-1pm. Email your full name, gender and HKID no. to go@islandecc.hk to register before Mar 12. Mandatory training on Mar 12, 2pm-3pm, 11/F Classroom. Priority to men.

APR 24-30 **MEN'S VIETNAM MISSION TRIP**

Registration Deadline: Mar 5

Partner with Men's Ministry to share the gospel through words and actions to the closed country of Vietnam. The team is returning for the 6th year to build structures and relationships at a poor middle school. Please email men@islandecc.hk or register online at islandecc.hk/outreach/global/vietnam/

MAY 9-16 **YUNNAN MISSION TRIP**

Registration Deadline: Feb 26

Join us as we return to Yunnan where we'll travel deep into the mountains and visit the Miao Villages. We'll visit their homes and worship in their churches and serve children from a community school in the area. Please email go@islandecc.hk or go to islandecc.hk/outreach/global/prc/

19 FEBRUARY 2017

The Unlovable

If all you do is love the lovable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that.

Matthew 5:46

¹⁴And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. ¹⁵See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. ¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-19

NEW TO ISLAND ECC

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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.

2

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.

GO Conference "Go Beyond"



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Want to learn more about us?
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