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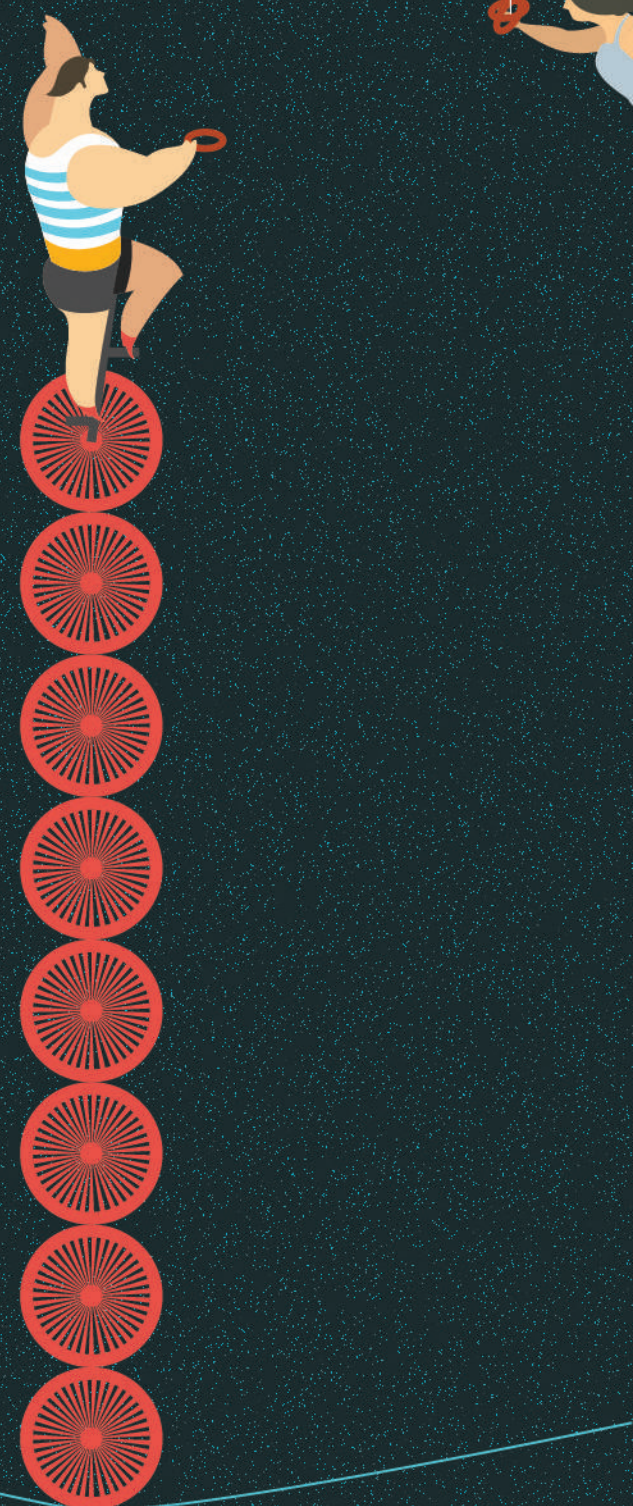
Remember the time in school when you had to cram last minute for an exam or project? Sometimes it works, but most of the time it doesn't. (And usually it is the times you really need it that it doesn't.)

We all know the principle 'you reap what you sow'. It describes the way life usually works. For some of us, this serves as a warning to turn away from things that we don't actually want. But for most of us, the Law of the Harvest is good news. It gives us hope and joy. When we faithfully sow seeds with perseverance today, there will be a harvest waiting for us in the future. As the Bible says in Psalm 126:5, "Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!"

What are you sowing today?

In light of what you want in 3, 5, or 10 years time, how do you want to sow your life today?

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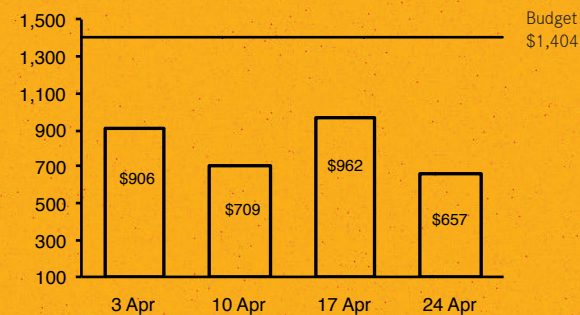
FISCAL YEAR SEP 2016 – AUG 2017

YEAR TO DATE (34 WEEKS)

7.1% surplus on giving

YTD Budget	\$47.7M
YTD Giving	\$51.1M
YTD Variance	\$3.4M

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



Weekly Budget	1,404	1,404	1,404	1,404
Weekly Giving	906	709	962	657
Weekly Variance	(498)	(695)	(442)	(747)

Bold Faith Fund \$128.3M Received \$92.7M Outstanding Pledge \$35.6M

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.

ISLAND ECC

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FEARLESS SOWING

What's In It For Me?

April 30, 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
May 7, 2017
1:30pm, 11/F Living Room C

HIGHLIGHTS

EVERY TUESDAY **MEN'S FRATERNITY**

We believe men need other men. We need other men to rally around us, strengthen us, have man-to-man honesty, and experience got-your-back friendships. In short, men need each other; and Men's Fraternity aims to nurture a brotherhood where men seek to live each day for the God they love. Come join us - every Tuesday, 7:30-9:30pm, 10/F. Dinner available at 7pm.

EVERY WEDNESDAY **THE VILLAGE**

The Village is going through "The Lost Women Series" where each week, one of the women in our congregation will be teaching on the courageous, resilient story of a woman in the Bible and weaving her own story into it. Worship begins at 7:30pm, 2/F Auditorium. Doors open at 7pm.

MAY 2 **SPECIAL GUEST: DR. RICHARD BLACKABY**

Men's Fraternity is privileged to have Dr. Richard Blackaby, president of the international ministry "Experiencing God", speaking on the theme of Spiritual Leadership on Tues, May 2, 7:30pm, 10/F Auditorium. Please sign up at the Connect Counter.

MAY 12 **WOMENS MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY**

"Heaven, Hell and Eternal Life" - Join us in our 6-week, no homework Bible study group, as we set out to explore this important and fascinating topic. Starting May 12, 10am-12pm, 11/F Classroom. Contact katrin_meder@hotmail.com to register or for more information.

MAY 26-27 **DANGEROUS WOMEN CONFERENCE**

Early bird tickets (\$300) available at all Connect Counters.

May 26 - Girls' Nite Out

A kickoff of our Women's Conference with a live jazz trio, special guest artists' performances, mocktails, canapes and more! When you purchase a conference ticket, you'll be given a separate free invitation for Friday night to invite a friend who doesn't attend Island ECC. 7pm, 2/F.

May 27 - Full Day Conference

A dynamic day with 4 TED-like talks from "dangerous" women in our community on how you can discover your God-given identity, as His change-maker, along with great worship, panel discussions, and lunch. May 27, 9am, 1/F.

CLASSES

For registration or more information, visit islandecc.hk/classes.

MAY 7 **COPING WITH GENESIS**

No part of the Bible causes Christians more problems than Genesis chapters 1-11. Join Martin Radford on this 6-week course as we examine the main themes of Creation, Fall, Sin, Flood, Genealogies and Babel and hopefully create a safe passage through which we can navigate without losing Biblical truths and our minds! 11:30am, 8/F Classroom.

MAY 21 **BAPTISM CLASS**

Baptism is the way we express our faith in Jesus Christ to our church family. If you're interested in being baptised, please plan to attend the 2-Sunday baptism class on Sunday, May 21 & 28 (both classes required), 3:00- 4:30pm, 11/F Classroom. Sign up at islandecc.hk/baptism.

MAY 28 **GOD AND ME: THE USE OF SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES**

Maturity as a follower of Christ comes with effort and discipline. This 5-week class focuses on the disciplines that assist in having a vital, growing relationship with Christ. With solid Scriptural foundations and practical principles, it will deal with topics such as prayer, Bible study, fasting, and stewardship. 9:30am, 10/F Classroom.

OUTREACH

MAY 13 **IDEAL MOTHER'S DAY WALKATHON**

Ready for a little hike? Hope of the City is recruiting 7 volunteers to prepare for the Mother's Day Walkathon held by Intellectually Disabled Education and Advocacy League (IDEAL) on May 13, Sat, 10am-1pm in the Peak. Please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

JUL 30-AUG 7/AUG 7-14 **MONGOLIA MISSION TRIP**

Info Session: Today / Registration Deadline: May 11

This year again we will be returning to Mongolia for a week-long summer camp (Jul 30- Aug 7) in the countryside serving a hundred abandoned children, followed by a week in the capital city of Ulaanbaatar (Aug 7-14) reaching impoverished groups in the slum districts. Come to our info session today, 1:30-3pm, 11/F Classroom. Email mongoliaecc@gmail.com or register online at islandecc.hk/outreach/global/mongolia/

OPPORTUNITIES

FULL TIME - DESIGN ASSISTANT

We are looking for a full-time Graphic Design assistant to make God's church beautiful! This includes supporting in design, artwork production and project management. Basic technical knowledge and 2+ years experience in the design field is required. Fluent English and Cantonese needed. A serving heart is a must. Please send your CV with a portfolio and a cover letter to hr@islandecc.hk.

CONTRACT STAFF - FINANCIAL SYSTEMS ANALYST

We are looking for a Systems Analyst to support the contractor in developing and maintaining the church financial software applications and automation projects, including system design, migration, implementation, scheduling and reporting. Relevant professional training/experience needed. 1 year contract position from 1 June, approximately 20 hours per week. Please send your CV and a cover letter to hr@islandecc.hk.

30 APRIL 2017

What's In It For Me?

The Parable of the Sower

"A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

Matthew 13:3-8

The Paradox of the Sower

"²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

John 12:24-25

I. You are _____ to be a _____

II. You are _____ to be a _____

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.

Good Friday and Easter Sunday



✂ TEAR OFF THIS CORNER AND PLACE INTO THE OFFERING BAG
Want to learn more about us?
Name _____
Email _____
Phone _____

