

# Welcome

We're glad you've joined us here today as we continue in our Fearless sermon series. Hopefully you've been collecting your bookmarks each week. By now, you should have three. These all serve as little reminders of each week's message and hopefully can have a lasting effect to help us renew our minds with these truths from God.

As we move into week three, here's a question to ponder. Did you know that there is a war raging right now? It might not be the one you're thinking of. This war is never reported in the news and many people don't talk about it - or even see it. The Bible warns us of a spiritual battle that is all around us and it's a fight for our souls. It's something that can cause us all a great deal of fear in our daily lives. Today we're going look at the strategies that are being used for this war and how we can be (and already are) victorious.

We're really excited you're here with us. If you're new to the church, we'd love to get to know you! We're having a Newcomers Lunch today, so stop by and say hello!

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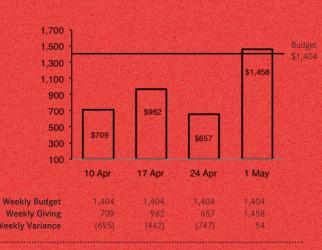
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YEAR TO DATE (34 WEEKS)

7.1% surplus on giving

YTD Budget YTD Giving YTD Variance

\$49.1M \$52.6M \$3.5M



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#### ISLAND FCC





## Standing Strong

May 7, 2017 9:30am, 11:30am, 3pm, 5pm 633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F



# **HIGHLIGHTS**

## TODAY PRAYER AFTER SERVICE

We want to encourage the church to set aside time to pray today wherever you are. If you need to pray with people, feel free to approach our prayer volunteers at the front. Kindly leave the sanctuary quietly and respect those who are praying.

## 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 21 "welcome home" volunteer orientation

Because we love, we serve! Come join us to find more about how you can serve! Light lunch provided. Please get a FREE ticket at the Connect Counter. May 21, 1:30–2:30 PM 11/F Living Room C. For more information contact serve@islandecc.hk

### 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.

## JUNE 11 KIDS CLUB FX: CREATIVITY

Come join us for Kids Club FX to close out the school year! We'll be learning all about creativity-imagining what you could do because you're made in God's image. Please pick up free event tickets and optional lunch coupons from 9/F Welcome Desk.

#### **CLASSES**

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

## TODAY 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.

## MAY 28 old testament big picture: kings and prophets

Starting from the Judges and the beginning of the nation of Israel, the OT is an avalanche of names, places, battles, prophets and nations. Yet through it all, God accomplished His big picture purpose, which has Jesus Christ at its centre. If you find it difficult to make sense of Israel's history, join this class to learn how it all fits together! 3- 4:30pm, 8/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.

## MAY 27 dragon boat festival home visits

Joining Ark is not the only way to strengthen oneself for Dragon Boat Festival. Hope of the City is looking for 15 volunteers to care for families in Cheung Sha Wan on May 27, Sat, 2-5pm. Please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

# JUL 30-AUG 7/AUG 7-14 MONGOLIA MISSION TRIP 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. Email mongoliaiecc@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.

# **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 I 🖪 🖪

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



#### 7 MAY 2017

# Standing Strong

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

Ephesians 6:12

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"In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the un them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who	, ,
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"But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotic	
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"And the tempter came and said to him"	Matthew 4:3

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Romans 12:2

"7So submit to God. But resist the devil and he will flee from you. Braw near to God and he will draw near to vou."

James 4:7-8

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**HOW TO BATTLE FEARLESSLY:** 

"Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."

Ephesians 6:13

