



Welcome!

We would like to say “Happy Father’s Day” to all of the dads out there! You have a vital role in your kids’ lives and I hope you are able to take a deep breath and relax a little today – one day out of the year that isn’t another “Children’s Day.”

Today we are continuing our “Sweet and Sour” series by taking a look at what God has to say about the ‘sour’ moments in our lives. Why is it that we face trials and difficulties? What can we do to prepare ourselves for setbacks and frustration when life doesn’t go the way we want it to? In fact, if God is so good, why does He even allow all of these ‘sour’ things to take place in our lives?

We can find some really helpful instruction from Jesus’ younger half-brother, James. We will see that we shouldn’t shy away from the difficult things in life, but we can embrace them and trust God through them.

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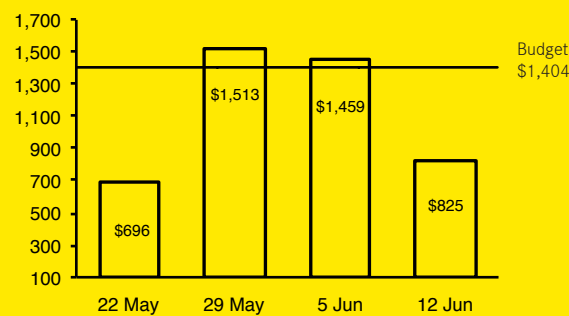
YEAR TO DATE (41 WEEKS)

3.1% surplus on giving

YTD Budget	\$57.6M
YTD Giving	\$59.4M
YTD Variance	\$1.8M

FISCAL YEAR SEP 2016 – AUG 2017

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	22 May	29 May	5 Jun	12 Jun
Weekly Budget	1,404	1,404	1,404	1,404
Weekly Giving	696	1,513	1,459	825
Weekly Variance	(708)	109	55	(579)

Bold Faith Fund \$129.8M Received \$95.7M Outstanding Pledge \$34.1M

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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SWEET AND SOUR

Stability When Things Are Sour

June 18, 2017 9:30am, 11:30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

Come to our Newcomers Lunch
July 2, 2017
1:30pm, 11/F Living Room C

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY FATHER'S DAY

To all dads in our church, we know that God has blessed you with special children and a personal desire to love them well. We hope that you will sense God's presence in your life in an impactful way today. Happy Father's Day!

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

Sisterhood time this Wednesday is happening! We will be talking about how God intends for women and men to do life healthily together - The Blessed Alliance. How is it meant to work? What does "healthy" look like? Come to The Village and let's figure out this conundrum together! 7:30pm, 2/F. Come at 7pm if you want a quick bite to eat.

CLASSES

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

TODAY SEMINAR: MAGDALA - THE HOMETOWN OF MARY MAGDALENE

Mary Magdalene is an important follower of Jesus. In this seminar, a representative from the Magdala Center, Galilee, Israel will share with us their archaeological work, and what they have learnt about this important biblical city. Free admission. Sun, 2:30-3:30pm, 11/F Classroom.

JUL 7-8 COUNSELLING INDIVIDUALS WITH ADDICTION PROBLEMS

The 2-day course will examine the aetiology (origin) of addictions, effects on the family, its dynamics, interventions and treatment. Participants may take the course for credit (former credit students only) or audit. Credit cost is \$1,250 and auditing cost is \$250. Fri & Sat, 9am-5pm, 10/F Auditorium.

JUL 9 IBS: HOW DO I RELATE TO MY HOMOSEXUAL FRIENDS?

Island Bible Seminar will feature Pastor Brad Hambrick on this timely topic. Participants will learn how to form better and more influential friendships with those who experience same-sex attraction or embrace a gay identity. Registration required. July 9, 2:30-4:30pm, 10/F Auditorium.

OUTREACH

JUN 24 IDEAL BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Intellectually Disabled Education and Advocacy League (IDEAL) is hosting a birthday party and is recruiting fun and passionate volunteers like you to host games for their members! June 24, 2:30pm-4:30pm. For more information, please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

JUN 25 SUPPORTING THE MONGOLIA MISSION TRIP

The Mongolia mission team is looking for individuals or companies to donate new items to bless the Mongolian kids and adults. The list includes backpacks, T-shirts, small size toys or board games, sports items, rubiks or fidget spinners. If you are interested in supporting their cause, or simply want more information (full list of goods), please email go@islandecc.hk by June 25.

SEP 29-OCT 8 MOROCCO MISSION TRIP

A team will be returning to Morocco to work with our partners to bring medical care to people who have limited access, to be with physically handicapped people who are not seen by society, to generate creative ideas with youth, and to share business & IT skills. If you are in the medical, IT, or business fields, with a heart to serve people, or have French language skills, come to the info session or email go@islandecc.hk to find out more. June 11, 3pm, 11/F Classroom.

OPPORTUNITIES

KIDS CLUB SUMMER VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

Training Dates: June 25 1:30pm 9/F Kids Worship Hall OR June 28 7:30pm 8/F Classroom
We are recruiting volunteers for our Summer Sunday Program. If you have a heart for kids and are interested in a short term commitment, come join our team for 9 weeks (2 Jul - 27 Aug). For more information, contact kidsclub@islandecc.hk, or fill out a volunteer form at 9/F Welcome Desk.

18 JUNE 2017

Stability When Things Are Sour

²Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

⁷For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

James 1:2-8

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.

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE [f](https://www.islandecc.hk) [t](https://www.islandecc.hk) [v](https://www.islandecc.hk)

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.

Fearless Carnival Celebration



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