

# Welcome!



Have you ever doubted your faith? Have you ever privately wondered if this whole faith thing was real?

If so, you are in good company.

Pope Francis, the Apostle Paul, Martin Luther, and countless others are on record having dealt with spiritual doubt.

The presence of doubt is pretty normal. But how you deal with it is key to how it impacts you.

Today, in a raw examination of Psalm 73, we're looking at the common experience of doubt, and hopefully devising a plan on how to turn it into deeper faith.

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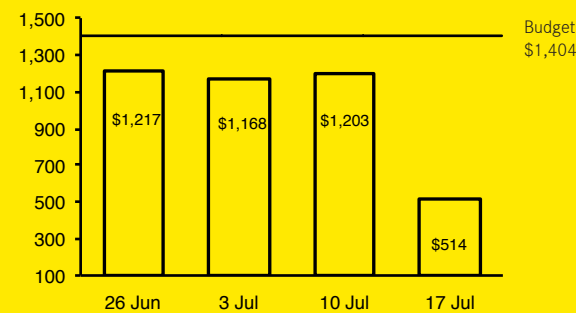
YEAR TO DATE (46 WEEKS)

0.3% deficit on giving

YTD Budget	\$64.6M
YTD Giving	\$64.4M
YTD Variance	-\$0.2M

## FISCAL YEAR SEP 2016 - AUG 2017

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	26 Jun	3 Jul	10 Jul	17 Jul
Weekly Budget	1,404	1,404	1,404	1,404
Weekly Giving	1,217	1,168	1,203	541
Weekly Variance	(187)	(236)	(201)	(890)

Bold Faith Fund \$130.6M    Received \$97.6M    Outstanding Pledge \$33M

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

### Dealing with Doubt

July 23, 2017 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 3 pm, 5 pm  
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

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

# HIGHLIGHTS

## JUL 30-AUG 6 QUENCH SUMMER SALE

Our annual Quench Summer Sale will be held on the last Sunday in July and the first Sunday in August! Don't miss this great opportunity to save (cash only) and continue to enjoy summer with some great reads from Island ECC! 30 July and 6 August, 1/F Quench.

## AUG 12 MOVIE NIGHT: THE SHACK

Join with others for a fun evening at the movies right here at Island ECC. In August, we will be viewing The Shack, with its unique look at how God cares for each of us deeply. Admission is free and popcorn will be served. 12 August, 6 pm, 10/F Auditorium. Register online at islandecc.hk/movie-night.

## AUG 27 KIDS CLUB PARENT MEET AND GREET

All Kids Club parents are invited to a fellowship to meet staff and small group leaders during the first 30 minutes of the 9:30 am or 11:30 am service or 3 pm in 9/F Worship Hall. We look forward to sharing more about our curriculum and plans for the upcoming school year! 27 August, 10/F Classroom. Please RSVP at kidsclub@islandecc.hk.

## OCT 13-14 SAVE THE DATES: "BEING ONE" SINGLES CONFERENCE

What if we're not living to our complete potential because we believe there's something else out there for us? Our upcoming Singles Conference, Being One, will explore how to live our best lives now by harnessing our God-given potential of being present, being fulfilled, and being one. Save the dates and stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks!

## CLASSES

For registration or more information, visit [islandecc.hk/classes](http://islandecc.hk/classes).

## TODAY JEREMIAH: LESSONS ON RUNNING AGAINST HORSES

The prophet Jeremiah had a life filled with trouble. Yet, Jeremiah's life was one marked with the nearness of God and awe-inspiring miracles. This course draws from Eugene H. Peterson's book, "Run with the Horses", to explore how we are most alive and human when we set our goals beyond what is humanly possible. Today, 3:00-4:30 pm, 11/F Classroom.

## CONNECT

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay updated on everything that happens at Island ECC via our social media platforms. We post devotional content, exciting photos from around church, worship song lists and other inspirational content.

 [www.facebook.com/IslandECC](http://www.facebook.com/IslandECC)

 @islandecc

Don't forget to #islandecc in your posts as well!

### RIGHTNOW MEDIA

RightNow Media equips our church with great discipleship and topical study videos for care groups and individual studies. This great resource is made available to our church for free on your devices and computers! Sign up and gain access now at [islandecc.hk/rightnow](http://islandecc.hk/rightnow).

## OUTREACH

### JUL 29 MOBILE SHOPPING FAIR

Each month, volunteers will spend some time chatting with and delivering goods to the immobile families in Shek Kip Mei, who have ordered goods from the St. James' Settlement at a reduced price. We are looking for 20 volunteers to help out on 29 July, 9 am-11:30 am. Please email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com) for more information.

### NOV 4-11 SHANXI MISSION TRIP

Info Session: 30 July

We will be sending a team to a neighbourhood village school in Shanxi. Despite religious red tape, the school has been practicing the Christian values of love and respect. By interacting with the locals and loving them through your actions, you will influence and impact China's next generation. Join the Info Session to learn more, 30 July, 1:30 pm, 10/F Classroom.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### JOB OPPORTUNITY: COORDINATOR OF OUTREACH

We are seeking to hire a full or part-time Coordinator of Outreach. If you have a big heart for missions, possess excellent administrative skills, are fluent in English, and would like to serve with this dynamic team, please email your CV and cover letter to [hr@islandecc.hk](mailto:hr@islandecc.hk).

### JOB OPPORTUNITY: COORDINATOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

If you have a heart for children, have relevant experience, enjoy organising, and can put in a lot of care and detailed preparation for our weekly Sunday Kids Club and special events, we would love to hear from you. Please send a cover letter and CV to [hr@islandecc.hk](mailto:hr@islandecc.hk).

### ISLAND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Do you like playing games, eating delicious food, sharing your faith, and helping the next generation succeed? We are looking for small group and Sunday volunteers to partner with us in serving the next generation. For more information, email [youth@islandecc.hk](mailto:youth@islandecc.hk).

### KIDS CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Training Dates: 20 August or 23 August

Kids Club is recruiting regular Sunday volunteers for the upcoming school year starting September 3. If you have a heart to serve our kids, please contact us at [kidsclub@islandecc.hk](mailto:kidsclub@islandecc.hk) or drop by 9/F Welcome Desk for more information.

23 JULY 2017

## Dealing with Doubt

- <sup>1</sup> Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.
- <sup>2</sup> But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold.
- <sup>3</sup> For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- <sup>4</sup> They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong.
- <sup>5</sup> They are free from common human burdens; they are not plagued by human ills.

- <sup>11</sup> They say, "How would God know? Does the Most High know anything?"
- <sup>12</sup> This is what the wicked are like—always free of care, they go on amassing wealth.
- <sup>13</sup> Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure and have washed my hands in innocence.
- <sup>14</sup> All day long I have been afflicted, and every morning brings new punishments.
- <sup>15</sup> If I had spoken out like that, I would have betrayed Your children.
- <sup>16</sup> When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply
- <sup>17</sup> till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.
- <sup>18</sup> Surely You place them on slippery ground; You cast them down to ruin.
- <sup>19</sup> How suddenly are they destroyed, completely swept away by terrors!
- <sup>20</sup> They are like a dream when one awakes; when You arise, Lord, You will despise them as fantasies.
- <sup>21</sup> When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered,
- <sup>22</sup> I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before You.
- <sup>23</sup> Yet I am always with You; You hold me by my right hand.
- <sup>24</sup> You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will take me into glory.
- <sup>25</sup> Whom have I in heaven but You? And earth has nothing I desire besides You.
- <sup>26</sup> My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalm 73:1-5, 11-26

How to deal with doubt:

1. Choose \_\_\_\_\_
2. Pursue \_\_\_\_\_
3. Recognise \_\_\_\_\_
4. Expand \_\_\_\_\_

## 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](http://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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**Want to learn more about us?**  
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