



# Welcome!

I hope you are enjoying this series on the life of David. We will finish it off next week, and then it's time for Christmas-themed messages! Can you believe we are only a few weeks away from Christmas?

By the way, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, so we will be having the same service times (9:30am, 11:30am, 3:00pm and 5:00pm), but will add an extra floor to accommodate larger crowds that day. We will still do our traditional candlelight singing in each of our services. You may be considering now who you can invite to church that day as many people love to spend the holiday in a church service.

I'll bet you haven't heard of Araunah, have you? He's a very minor character, and his lines are few, in the last chapter of 2 Samuel. However, David's interaction with him reveals a great insight into what makes David great. I think you'll be inspired by God's word today.

*Brett*

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## BOLD FAITH OUR FOUR GOALS

The Bold Faith fund campaign is an initiative to establish a permanent venue in Hong Kong to advance God's kingdom. The objective is to raise sufficient funds to procure and own a building to enable our church to multiply ministries and serve our city well.



## Bold Faith Fund [Target \$1 Billion]

Received	\$107.9M	Outstanding Pledged	\$28.4M
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Total Fund Received and Pledged \$136.3M

## GENERAL OFFERING

### YEAR TO DATE (10 WEEKS)

-23.8% deficit on giving

Budget	\$16.0M
Giving	\$12.2M
Variance	-\$3.8M

### GIVING TO ISLAND ECC

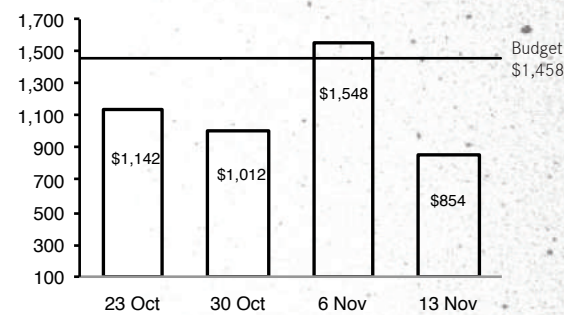
We encourage those who consider Island ECC their church home to prayerfully give a percentage of their income to the church on a regular basis.

- Cheques payable:
  - \*Island ECC Ltd.' for HK tax receipts
  - \*'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc.' for US citizens

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## FISCAL YEAR SEP 2017 - AUG 2018

### PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



WEEKLY	23 Oct	30 Oct	6 Nov	13 Nov
Budget	1,458	1,458	1,458	1,458
Giving	1,142	1,012	1,548	854
Variance	(316)	(446)	90	(604)

## DAVID

### Glimpses of Greatness

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

Are you new here?  
Come to our Newcomers Lunch  
3 December, 2017  
1:30pm, 10F Living Room

# HIGHLIGHTS

## TODAY PRAY FOR OUR SUPPORTED PARTNER

Pray for Coung and Trang Le in Vietnam, for their church to find new ways to share the Gospel, for their family's health and for their son Andy (9) to make some good friends. To learn more and find out how you can help, email [go@islandecc.hk](mailto:go@islandecc.hk).

## TODAY CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS: PICK UP

Deadline to Return Filled Gift Bags: 3 December, 1/F

Today is the last day for you to share the joy of Christmas by picking up a gift bag to fill with love for orphanage workers and children as well as Filipino and Indonesian ministries! Bags will be available on the 10/F only today. Bags need to be returned by 3 December. For more information, please email [go@islandecc.hk](mailto:go@islandecc.hk).

## NOV 25 LAST SUNDAY TO REGISTER: FLOURISH - MOM'S EVENT

Moms, come to our very first event just for you! Hear testimonies and insights from speakers who have found ways to flourish through triumph, loneliness, busyness, trials, and more. Purchase your ticket (\$150) today! Saturday, 25 November, 9:30 am - 5 pm, 10/F.

## NOV 25-26 LAST SUNDAY TO REGISTER: MEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT

Come join "The Great Getaway II" and enjoy time away from the hustle and bustle of Hong Kong to fellowship with other men. Early Bird Registration extended today (\$350) and includes transportation, food, lodging and gear. Sign up today, or register online at [islandecc.hk/greatgetaway](http://islandecc.hk/greatgetaway).

## NOV 26 ISLAND YOUTH THANKSGIVING

Island Youth is inviting all of our Island Youth families to join us for our annual Thanksgiving potluck! We'll provide the turkey and cutlery but are asking each family to provide a side dish large enough to feed at least 10 people. Sunday, 26 November, 1:30 - 4 pm, 11/F. If you would like to join, please email us at [youth@islandecc.hk](mailto:youth@islandecc.hk).

## NOV 30 - DEC 3 THE HONG KONG GOSPEL FESTIVAL

The Hong Kong Gospel Festival 2017 is a large-scale evangelistic event in Hong Kong. The aim is to share the gospel with those who are yet to believe in God and accept God as their Saviour. Seven different evangelistic sessions will be held at the Hong Kong Stadium over 4 days. Limited (free) tickets are available at 1/F Connect Counter. For information, [www.hkgospelfestival.org](http://www.hkgospelfestival.org).

## FEB 2-3 GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Join us for the Global Leadership Summit on 2 -3 February, 2018, a two-day event featuring inspiration and training from world-class leaders. GLS reaches 400,000 people from over 120 countries around the globe. To join in and to register: [glshk.org](http://glshk.org).

## CLASSES

To register and for more information on the following classes, go to [islandecc.hk/classes](http://islandecc.hk/classes).

## TODAY WHAT'S NEXT?

Whether you're new to Island ECC or you've been here for a while and are ready to jump in, we'd like to help you take your next step. This class will allow you to find out more about Island ECC, how to get involved, how God has gifted you, and what opportunities there are to serve. Join us for this 2-week class starting today, 19 November, 3 - 4:30 pm, 11/F.

## NOV 26 NEW CLASS: BOOK OF ACTS

Come explore the book of Acts with us as we see how the early church went from a small group of Jewish believers to a multicultural movement that spread across the Roman empire. Whether you are new to reading the Bible or familiar with the book of Acts, this 4-week class will help you grow in your faith. 11:30 am - 1 pm, 7/F Classroom.

## DEC 3 NEW CLASS: CHRISTMAS RECOVERED

Christmas has become a favourite universal festival but its origins and significance have been tragically lost over the years. Join Martin Radford in this 3-week detailed recovery of the realities of the birth of Jesus to discover more of the amazing faith, humility and obedience of those chosen to serve Him. 9:30 - 11 am, 10/F Classroom.

HOPE October: Cooking competition, Yum Cha with elderly and visit to the homeless



## OUTREACH

### TODAY HOPE OF THE CITY VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Regular home visitation is one of Hope of the City's focus areas. We believe the needs in our city can only be met through consistent and healthy relationship building. Join us for a volunteer training to learn how to care for the physical, mental and spiritual needs of the deprived on 19 November, 1:15 - 3 pm, 10/F Living Room. To register, email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com).

### DEC 1 URBAN TRANSFORMATION PRAYER WALK

Hope of the City is leading monthly prayer walks thorough Sham Shui Po, committing the district to God and declaring His grace and righteousness there. From 7:30 - 9:30 pm, participants will be divided into small groups to walk around the neighbourhood to pray for the transformation of people, streets and businesses. To register, email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com).

### DEC 23/24 CHRISTMAS PRISON OUTREACH REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration Deadline: 23 November / Mandatory Training: 3 December

We will be visiting English-speaking inmates over Christmas at Pik Uk Prison (23 December) and Tung Tau Correctional Institution (24 December) to share our faith through worship and testimony from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Email [go@islandecc.hk](mailto:go@islandecc.hk) to register before 23 November. There will be a mandatory training on 3 December, 1:30 - 3 pm, 8/F Living Room. Priority will be given to men.

### FEB 16-19 ICM PHILIPPINES MISSION TRIP

Information Session: 19 November / Registration Deadline: 3 December

Next CNY, Island ECC will send a team to Dumaguete, Philippines to serve the spiritual and physical needs of the community by helping with a sanitation project, interacting with locals to show love and giving hope to some of the poorest families in the Philippines. Come to the info session next Sunday, 19 November, 1:30 pm, 10/F Classroom to learn more.

### MAR 1-11 ISRAEL STUDY TRIP

Registration Deadline: 3 December

We are excited to announce the Israel Study Trip 2018. If you have joined one of our previous trips, you will know that it is a once in a lifetime experience. We will study the Bible together and walk where Jesus walked 2000 years ago. The application deadline is 3 December, and all details are at: [www.islandecc.hk/israel2018](http://www.islandecc.hk/israel2018)

### April 2-7 VIETNAM FAMILY MISSION TRIP

Information Session: 3 December

Interested to serve together as a family? This will be our third year returning to Hanoi, Vietnam serving orphans and partnering with an elementary school for a day full of activities. The trip takes place 2 - 7 April, 2018. Come and meet the leaders and find out more on 3 December, 1:15 pm - 1:45 pm 9/F Kids Worship Hall.




## OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in the opportunities below, send your CV and a cover letter to [hr@islandecc.hk](mailto:hr@islandecc.hk). Go to [islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities](http://islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities) for more.

### COORDINATOR OF OUTREACH

We are seeking to hire someone in our Outreach team to work with our supported mission partners in Hong Kong and overseas, and to coordinate our annual Christmas Love Offering project. This is a full-time position but part-time could also be considered.

## NEW TO ISLAND ECC

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- 2 VISIT OUR WEBSITE   
- 3 CONNECT WITH US!

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## 19 NOVEMBER 2017

## Glimpses of Greatness

### The Cave

1 Samuel 24: 3-7

<sup>3</sup> He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave. <sup>4</sup> The men said, "This is the day the Lord spoke of when he said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.'" Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe. <sup>5</sup> Afterward, David was **conscience-stricken** for having cut off a corner of his robe. <sup>6</sup> He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord." <sup>7</sup> With these words David sharply rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul.

### The Camp

1 Samuel 26: 7-11

<sup>7</sup> So David and Abishai went to the army by night, and there was Saul, lying asleep inside the camp with his spear stuck in the ground near his head. Abner and the soldiers were lying around him. <sup>8</sup> Abishai said to David, "Today God has delivered your enemy into your hands. Now let me pin him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I won't strike him twice." <sup>9</sup> But David said to Abishai, "Don't destroy him! Who can lay a hand on the Lord's anointed and be guiltless?" <sup>10</sup> As surely as the Lord lives," he said, "the Lord himself will strike him, or his time will come and he will die, or he will go into battle and perish. <sup>11</sup> But the Lord forbid that I should lay a hand on the Lord's anointed.

### The Census

2 Samuel 24: 10, 13-14, 21-24

<sup>10</sup> David was **conscience-stricken** after he had counted the fighting men, and he said to the Lord, "I have **sinned greatly** in what I have done. Now, Lord, I beg you, take away the guilt of your servant. I have done a very foolish thing."

<sup>13</sup> So Gad went to David and said to him, "Shall there come on you three years of famine in your land? Or three months of fleeing from your enemies while they pursue you? Or three days of plague in your land? Now then, think it over and decide how I should answer the one who sent me." <sup>14</sup> David said to Gad, "I am in deep distress. Let us fall into the hands of the Lord, for his **mercy is great**; but do not let me fall into human hands."

<sup>21</sup> Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" "To buy your threshing floor," David answered, "so I can build an altar to the Lord, that the plague on the people may be stopped." <sup>22</sup> Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take whatever he wishes and offer it up. Here are oxen for the burnt offering, and here are threshing sledges and ox yokes for the wood. <sup>23</sup> Your Majesty, Araunah gives all this to the king." Araunah also said to him, "May the Lord your God accept you." <sup>24</sup> But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing."

David's greatness is revealed in his \_\_\_\_\_.

David's maturity is revealed in his \_\_\_\_\_.

David's devotion is revealed in his \_\_\_\_\_.

✂ TEAR OFF THIS CORNER AND PLACE INTO THE OFFERING BAG  
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