BREAD OF LIFE

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Editor's Letter

Following after Christ and carrying your cross everyday can be so hard and tiring, because doing so requires a great amount of sacrifice. We are by our sinful nature selfish beings and we don't like to sacrifice things that are precious to us, whether that may be money, time, or ambitions.

But the God that we worship is a jealous God who does not stand for any idols in our hearts and minds to distract us from Him presence. In Luke chapter 18, a rich ruler asked Jesus what he could do to "inherit eternal life," to which Christ responds, "Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me" (Luke 18: 22b). Indeed, He requires our ALL when we choose to follow after Him.

Does that mean we are losing out at any level? Of course not! For the Kingdom of Heaven is our eternal treasure, which is neither destroyable by moth or rust nor could it be stolen by thieves (Matthew 6: 20). Earthly treasures are only temporary and do not give us everlasting satisfaction, which can only be achieved by spending eternity with our Creator.

This companionship with our Father could only be possible with the salvation granted to us through Jesus Christ, his only Son, with his death on the Cross. The most tragic day in Earth's history was also the most joyous for all of Creation, for through His death and resurrection came renewed life. In Him is our all -- our identity, purpose, and ultimate prize -- everything else pales in comparison.

So when trials and sorrows come crashing into our lives, when following Him seems the least enjoyable thing to do, remember Christ on the cross and what that meant for us. When we find complete satisfaction in Him alone, nothing of this world will faze us, because He is the only constant in existence.

When we have nothing on this earth, then we have everything in God.

Your sister in Christ, Shirley Qian '13

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COORDINATOR LETTER I ANTHONY BAW '11

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. - Romans 12:1-2

You must remember the greatest mercy God can ever show us. HE sacrificed his son so that we may be with HIM forever! As someone had shared with me, how romantic is this that Jesus Christ would down to this Earth and die for us so that you may be with HIM forever! I would encourage you to just take some time and ponder over this. Now in view of this, Paul shows that there is an urgency to really "offer our bodies as living sacrifices." It says sacrifices and not offer it when it is most convenient for you. Does it cost you something to follow the one, true living God? Simply put, this is your spiritual act of worship, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices. This life was never meant to be easy, for you now walk the hard, narrow path towards something so much better. Be with the One who satisfies your deepest desires!

With your deepest desires satisfied in Him, conforming to the world is no longer needed because it is unnatural to do so. You can only be in one thing at once. If you try to be in this world and in Christ, your soul will be torn. Do not conform but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Because of God's greatest mercy on you, by faith, you are given a new spirit (2 Cor. 5:17). With this, you are to die to flesh daily and continually have your mind renewed. It is only by the Holy Spirit that this is even possible because as a human you are weak. This process needs to happen each day, to be continually sanctified because this is no one time deal, just as forgiveness may not always be a one time event. There are times when you have forgiven a person but then it "comes back," but that is because it is like an onion sometimes, it takes time, layer by layer.

One important thing to remember is that God has forgiven you. Let God lavish you in His love! At the same time, do not love God because He loves you, but love Him for who He is, otherwise it becomes a selfish love, gold-digger mentality. Stand in awe and wonder in the presence of your creator. Just spend some time and think upon just how infinitely wonderful, magnificent, glorious, powerful, mighty, awesome, holy, just, merciful, gracious, loving, and on and on and on! No words can express the entirety of God but this is the closest we can get at being able to fathom who He is.

How will/do you respond to God? Do you fear Him? Love Him? Yearn for Him? Cherish Him? Talk to Him?

Because this is a process, you are still learning, even when you become a grandparent or great grandparent! As you sit here reading this, pray that the Spirit would change you at this moment, not where He is calling you to serve and for Him to show you, not that it is not right to do so, but have the courage, ask God to change you now! You may or may not be focusing on the future too much and forgetting the present. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline (2 Tim. 1:7). Make that bold prayer and offer your life to God saying, "do with me what you will." I warn you though that God will take you up on that offer and use you in ways that He intends and not you. May the Holy Spirit be changing you this very moment!

Now we shall transition to something different. With that great transition in place, I want you to be excited! Be excited as to what God will do in your life! God is in you and moving. To be at the center of His will is amazing and it is where you ought to be. Whether you stay in Ithaca or go elsewhere, go into summer break with a desire for God to grow you and be a light among lights wherever you end up! However, also remember that God will also use you wherever you go for break! What is your goal for this summer? May it not be to improve your resume or build yourself up but to strive after the most awesome God, spend time with Him every day, allow Him to lavish you in His love, soak in His Word (not just get wet but be immersed!), listen to Him for He is speaking to you, and get excited for what God is doing all around you! Whether you start your job or come back to Cornell, get excited! God has many things for you to do! He is the most interesting, more interesting than video games, TV shows, dancing, singing, shopping, eating, etc. With God, you will never be bored! (I know your friends have bored you at some point but it never happens with God when you truly seek after Him!) Run to your Father for He is waiting with open arms! Do your best wherever God places you and stay there until God calls you to be elsewhere! Wait upon the Lord God and listen!

I cannot wait to see you all of you grow in the time spent apart from you! Excitement is just bubbling out!

COORDINATOR LETTER II

Dear CBS Family,

Once again, second semester in a row, I am finding myself struggling to find words to say in this coordinator letter. First, I guess I am not a good writer, and second of all, writing was never my favorite thing to do. As I think about the purpose of this letter, in particular thinking about what I should share or what I should write that would be encouraging. I am reminded that this letter shouldn't be in any ways for me to seek self-glory. Instead, God is the only one who deserves all glory, and He should be the only reason that we do all things.

Looking back at this semester, God has showed me how weak my strength is, and how only in God alone where I can find strength. Just as King David wrote in Psalm 18:2, "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." Coming back from winter break this semester, I was really struggling with feeling depressed. I struggled to see the presence of God in sufferings and the darkness of despair just doesn't seem to ever be gone. Many times, I found myself dwelling in my emotions of despair and struggled to see and be reminded of the wonder of the cross, the cross where the savior died for me.

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small; Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all". (Jesus Paid It all lyrics)

Right now, as I look back through my struggles in particularly this semester, I can only say that God is good. He is faithful when I am not. He is worthy for me to live for. I know He is still holy even when darkness clouds my life. Not that I can fully say that in all circumstances I can surely say to God that He is still holy when I don't understand His ways, but I know that this is my desire to run this race of Christian life, and hold true to what Christ has already done for me. It is my desire to be able to proclaim that God is still Holy even when darkness surrounds my life.

Holy, You are still holy, Even when the darkness surrounds my life Sovereign You will be sovereign, Even when confusion has blinded my eyes Lord I don't deserve Your tender patience, When my unbelief has kept me from Your truth I want my life to be a sweet devotion to You (You are still Holy lyrics)

God is worthy for us to live for, not because of what we have done, but because of what HE has done. Brothers and sisters, I urged that you not forget the cross, and not lose the wonder of the cross. Keep our eyes fixed upon Jesus' face. Hold on to the Gospel, and put on the armor of God, for it is sufficient for our lives and it is our shelter in the storm. I pray that this Gospel would be true to all of us and that we would be offering up our lives to God as a living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to Him (Romans 12:1-2), and that we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory (2 Cor 3:18). I pray that our hearts would thirst and desire God and be satisfied in Him and that each day, we would take one step at a time to learn how to live a life for God and that the spirit would transform us, so that Christ may be glorified!

The journey of Christian life can be hard and challenging, but don't lose heart. "For the Lord is good; his stead-fast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 100:5

CBS family, it has been a blessing to serve you as coordinator this past year!

To God be the Glory! Rachel Pang

Discipleship Ministry

As the summer approaches and the year ends, we begin to ask, what have we accomplished this year? Have we grown as individuals, have we grown as a class, as a fellowship? Spiritual growth is difficult to quantify, as it is hard to find non-abstract standards of measurement. However, there is one way to see how we have grown, and that is by looking back on the development and fruition of our relationships with Christ and with our brothers and sisters.

Discipleship Ministry has, for this year, emphasized more strongly the role of the older Christian. The relationship is described in Titus 2:2-3:

2 that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; 3 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things—

A workshop held at the beginning of the year set the precedent for the focus on the older to lead, be good examples, and teach good things to the younger. And as prayer partners were assigned, the hope was that the mentality would flow through the individual meet-ups. As upperclassmen, we are able to offer guidance, regardless of any spiritual maturity differences between older and younger, simply due to the fact that we have been college students for a longer period of time. Of course, the teaching does not flow in a one-way direction from older to younger, but we believed it important that the older take the initiative to train, to love, and to guide the people around us. As relationships deepen, then we know we have become more caring, more loving, better teachers of good things—sure signs of our growth.

At the beginning, we had much anxiety and prayer regarding such an idea. Following our vision verse, our monthly emails attempted to deepen the relationships in regard to teaching the Word. However, after two semesters, many of the prayer partners have come to such relationships, to our immense joy. Regardless if any of our ideas had effect, we know for sure that God was the one growing within us the good qualities written in Romans 12:9-13.

9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. 10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; 11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; 13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

Our current prayers are for these qualities to continue to be grown, for us to love good, rejoice in hope, and build upon those lasting relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Praise the LORD for this past year and His continued guidance.

Discipleship Ministry, Mark and Rachel

Evangelism Ministry

Hello CBS! It has been a blessing and honor to serve as your Evangelism Ministry coordinators this year. It has truly been a humbling experience — to see how God works despite our weaknesses, flaws, and shortcomings, and to see that God is at work in a powerful way in and through CBS. It is an encouragement to see how our fellowship is being grown; yet we are eager for more — we believe that God wants to use CBS for even greater things on and beyond this campus!

At Coffeehouse, the gospel was presented to the friends we invited (40 people). Before this event, the fellowship was encouraged to pray for people to invite and then to invite them and follow-up on them. This year we wanted to put less attention and emphasis on Coffeehouse than previous years because evangelism is not a one-time event. Instead, Coffeehouse is simply a tool, or another way to share the gospel to our friends. The skit, the dance, the songs, the testimonies and the message all conveyed the message of the cross in a relatable way.

The fellowship as a whole has truly been growing in their heart for the lost, both in relational evangelism and "cold contact" evangelism through Thursday or Monday EV. Through the sharing time in the beginning of CBS and through just being around other brothers and sisters, we are able to see how God is leading people to reach out to their friends and to place more weight on eternal things rather than on the desires of this world.

But it is our desire that CBS continues to grow in all ways--in fellowship, in love, and in outreach. Our prayer and challenge is that we would be a people not limited by tradition or a small view of God; rather, we would be a fellowship willing to step out and take risks; to be salt and light on this campus in new and creative ways; to become the dynamic, passionate, and sold-out people for Christ who impact the lives of everyone they touch. We believe that God is able to use what little we may have to offer to do amazing things with a clear mark of the divine. The year may be ending but our work as Christians perhaps is only beginning. There is still a great harvest to reap. This campus is still a very dark place for many — we want to encourage you to remember God's faithfulness in the past, yet not dwell too long on it, but strain on towards what is ahead. It is our great privilege to be part of the great work God is doing on this campus and in this world. There is perhaps no better way to end this reflection than with an encouragement from the Word itself:

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." - Matthew 6:33

God bless you! Tim Shin & Jamie

INREACH Ministry

Sandra Quah '12 and Thomas Tran '11

It has been a blessing to serve as leaders for the Inreach ministry this year. Serving the fellowship through Inreach ministry has greatly reminded us of God's love that He has freely given us and how we, as brothers and sisters in Christ, are called to share this love with others.

Over the course of this semester, God has challenged us to look beyond the idea of "inreaching" –caring for our brothers and sisters in the fellowship. Specifically, God has been teaching us how to apply Inreach to other ministries which He calls us to be a part of. Throughout this year, we have seen so much growth within the fellowship through Inreach. First, we were encouraged to step out in faith by sharing with our friends through the EV ACE. Through this ACE, God has continually reminded us of the importance of taking the love that we experience through Christ and each other and using this to love our friends. In addition, we were also able to see brothers and sisters exhorting other brothers and sister to seek after God's kingdom by sharing His love with the people He has placed in our lives, which has been rewarding for us as part of the Inreach ministry.

As it says in 1 Thessalonians 5: 9-11: "For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

As we are reminded through the Word, our hope and salvation in Christ Jesus should encourage us to build one another up. With this, God has led the Inreach ministry to continue to share our love in our own personal ministries. We have also been greatly encouraged by seeing people demonstrate Christ's love to others on their own, whether through care packages, meeting and spending time with people, or other creative ways!

The Inreach team has also been challenged through Sage prayer times by growing a heart for one another and newcomers in praying together. Each week, members of Inreach have gathered to Sage Chapel to pray for various things: the ministry, different classes within CBS, friends, family, missions, and the incoming class of 2015!

Lastly, this semester, Inreach has been memorizing Scripture together in order that we may be continually reminded of God's truths, and of the greatest commandment, which is to love God, Whose unfailing love causes us to love others in actions. As we finish up this year, we would like to encourage all of youthat each member of the body of Christ is part of "Inreach,": we are each called to love and care for our brothers and sisters, to spur one another towards love and good deeds in the different ways that God has called and gifted us to do so. Don't hesitate to reach out to brothers and sisters who God has placed on your heart, and continue to grow in loving one another. Inreaching is not limited to the Inreach ministry, but is personified by each brother and sister's personal ministry!

Praise Ministry

"No matter the circumstances, God is worthy of our praise."

This was our vision for praise team this year. And throughout this year, God has taught us how true and how necessary this statement is. The burden of planning out our futures after life here at Cornell, coupled with spiritual weariness, has been a big obstacle in leading praise ministry. Moreover, logistical problems such as sick praise team members, last-minute changes, room difficulties, and inconsistent praise team meetings were an added weight. Overall, this semester has presented itself with many obstacles. However, throughout these challenges, something we discovered was that our strength to lead was not of ourselves. Rather, our ability to lead was completely reliant on God. Even when we were weary, He filled us with the strength to press on and continually showed us His faithfulness regardless of our own shortcomings. As we faced these difficulties, we were continually reminded of our vision. God is always good and always worthy of our praise. Our emotions and surroundings do not make him any less worthy. God's worthiness is absolute and inseparable from His nature.

Worship and praise must stem from our understanding of who God is and what He's done. As faithful BoL readers will remember, last semester we discussed how as a praise team, we studied different characteristics of God to come to a greater understanding why He deserves our praise. This semester, we continued to discuss more of God's traits, such as His strength, wisdom, and the peace that He gives. We also attempted to dive into our creative sides and write a praise song. The reason for this was to learn how not to feel constricted by the praise songs we know and express our own worship to God in a more intimate manner.

Our hope for CBS is that the fellowship will become more uninhibited and unashamed of their praise for God, as well as obtain a deeper understanding of who God is. Our praise is for God and God alone and must be a raw outpouring of our hearts to Him. It is also our hope that as we sing songs of praise to our God, the fellowship would be brought together in unity by the love we share for our Lord and King. We hope that no matter the circumstances, we will never forget that God is worthy of all our praise.

Prayer Ministry

Ann Yang '11 and Justin Deng '12

What a privilege it has been this year to be the prayer ministry coordinators! God has really blessed us by bringing us deeper into the different aspects of prayer, causing us to reexamine even some of the simplest lessons that we thought we had known about communicating with our God. We have deepened our understanding of what it means to cry out to God in prayer. Sometimes, instead of confessing our true emotions and state of mind, we have a tendency to present ourselves in a covered-up, collected manner before *the God who knows us!* Feelings of shame, fear, doubts and weariness are often swept under the carpet when we think we have no right to feel a certain way. However, God's grace has allowed us to slowly admit these weaknesses to God, recognizing both the need for honesty and the need for God to transform us. Prayer is not just the intercessory work, but also the relationship that we have with God.

Moreover, a foundational lesson that God has taught us through prayer meetings is the POWER that God has given us specifically through prayer. A common trap that we can fall into is praying without faith. James 5 reminds us:

16Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. 17Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. 18Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

Sometimes we can pray without expecting anything to really happen because of our prayers. It is true that sometimes God says "no", but sometimes He says "yes" in a powerful way. No matter the answer, we need to have faith, not in whether something will happen or not, but in a God who can do all things according to His plan. We have become increasingly conscious of our own lack of faith in God, and it has been good to consistently remind ourselves of God's faithfulness, power, and promises throughout our prayers. It is our hope that the entire fellow-ship would consciously remind themselves to have faith in God's power during our prayers.

We can find rest in knowing that we have a God who hears us when we call and meets us in our times of need. We hope that each and every one of you will have willing hearts to seek God as your source of strength, joy and satisfaction. In Phillipians 4, Paul reminds us to "6Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." We want you to remember the freedom that you have in Christ. How great it is to know that we are God's children!

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" - Romans 8:15

Senior Superlatives

Ann Yang Most likely to render a hairbrush useless

Anthony Baw Most likely to join a gospel choir

Becky Lee Most likely to start a professional basketball team comprised of rescued animals

> David Bahena Most likely to say "Yeah ... no"

David Lin Most likely to sing, dance, act on a stage if there was a venue & audience

Elbert Chang Most likely to start a business selling garbage plates

Jeremy Coyukiat Most likely to be on the cover of GQ

Jessica Lo Most likely to be a secret millionaire

> Jimmy Da Most likely to be in Duffield

Joanne Chou Most likely to shake Kobe's hand

Josh Yoo Most likely to be a secret pro dancer

Kat Chang Most likely to babble in Chinese when delirious

Kevin Yang Most likely to be on Jeopardy (and win!)

Michelle Ng Most likely to be survive a zombie apocalypse

Rachel Pang Most likely to buy out American Airlines and make Monchichi its logo

Richard Wang

Most likely to become a vampire and not have anyone notice

Ruth Chan

Most likely to attempt a prank but instead end up talking until sunrise

Thomas Tran

Most likely to create his own cereal brand called "Raisin Tran"

Tim Wang Most likely to become a Youtube star

Van-Kim Bui Most likely to be able to hear an ice cream truck miles away

ANN YANG

CBS is...

Well, my first memory of CBS was service marketplace as a pre-frosh in 2007. It was the most intense out of all the 5 I've been to with a lot of shouting, joking and laughing. I left thinking that was how CBS ended.. every week, haha. So full of joy! But seriously, CBS is a great community of college students that actively pursues love, fellowship, the truth and God.

How has God changed you since freshman year? He has melted, mended and molded my heart in many ways. I have served in ministries and Bible studies and prayer partnerships in ways that I would've walked away from when I first entered college. All of this (and much, much more) has only shown me how God is sooo much greater than us and that is a very good thing. I'm not sure how else to answer this!

What are some advice/encouragements for... Rising Sophomores: Study hard, but don't stress. Continue seeking out older people for advice. Learn the ways you enjoy serving, both in and out of CBS. Make time for things you enjoy doing!

Rising Juniors: Find ways to be active in serving the Christian body in different ways, but do not burn out! Keep studying hard. Go to prayer meetings! They are refreshing and humbling. Remember your friends outside of CBS as well; mental health is a serious issue in college and it doesn't hurt to watch out for others and love them the way you would love anyone else in the fellowship.

Rising Seniors: Love on those younger than you. As seniors, you are looked up to by default. Seek to intercede with truth and prayer when you see those around you struggling. Don't forget about all the friends you have made along the way during your time at Cornell! If it's been awhile since you've talked to that friend you used to have those wonderful conversations with way back when, maybe it's time to meet up with him or her again. Start doing Cornell/Ithaca-related things that you will never get to do again. Have fun! :)

What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduation?

- Short-term: I plan on getting a Master's degree in
- International Health. It's a field I've been pursuing

since my freshman year at college, and hopefully what I will still want to do for at least the next year and a half.

Long-term: I don't know. I'm letting God lead the way. (Proverbs 19:21)

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

Incredible photographic memory. I run into too many mental blocks due to poor memory. Or the ability to fly without any equipment (no broomsticks). It's just faster (than walking).

(**Also, FYI. annyang.tumblr.com is a Wendy fanpage done by me. Wendy is awesome and I'm going to miss her sooooo much.)

JUST FOR FUN

3 random memories:

1) *Freshman year*, I climbed into and out of a window in South Balch to retrieve a set of keys for my friend so we could catch a bus for Fall Break. I didn't know the girl who lived in the room I climbed into, but my friend had left her keys there and couldn't get a hold of the girl. The ridiculous part wasn't just that this was illegal, but also that the window was 7-8 feet off the ground and it was done in broad daylight. I climbed onto my friend's shoulders, tumbled through the window, freaked out that I was trespassing into someone's room, found the keys, and scraped my arm climbing back out.

2) *Making the camping trip senior video*. The slideshow was the product of nearly 16 hours of picture and video editing labor (... slow start) and the intro video was the result of 6AM delirium in Duffield. The lack of sleep really got to us, but it was worth the fun! All-nighters with friends FTW.

3) *Sleeping in 407 with no heat in -15F weather.* Pure torture.

Hometown: Flushing, NY

Major: Biology & Society

> Interviewer: Wendy Zhang

THIS OR THAT

Justin Bieber
VS.
Rebecca Black
(Oh my goodness)

Chicken vs. **Beef**

iPhone vs. Android

Angry Birds vs. **Cut the Rope** (*Requires more thinking*)

Starbucks vs. **Bubble Tea**

ANTHONY BAW

7pm and the deadline's approaching. Oh, how stressful it is to do last minute work! Would the BoL people get mad at me? Can I complete this senior interview in time? I wish were more responsible, better at planning my time, and more on top of things, just like the coordinator of CBS, Anthony Baw. Perhaps I will be able to finagle his secret out of him during this interview.

CBS is...

CBS is coadunation of brothers and sisters (Editor's note: I had to look that up. Coadunation means united by growth.)

How has God changed you since freshman year?

Since freshman year? I don't know where to start. A lot of things. I mean, instead of going to fellowship and church, I used to go to frat houses and get drunk. My life is obviously in a different direction than it was before because I used to blackout every weekend. I felt like I deserved a break from school after every prelim so I would go out and party; I felt like I owed that to myself. During freshman year summer, God convicted me of what I was doing: he showed me that I was wasting my life away and not honoring my parents' money that they were providing for college. So, I decided to go to fellowship. And it was still a struggle to not drink alcohol, but my RA had grace on me, even though she knew. And I think the biggest change occurred during a summer missions trip, just being with God 24/7, not really having to deal with, in a sense, the real world, like school and stuff. I went on missions with the intention of evangelizing every day, and saw the need to rely on the Spirit to even be able to evangelize. There were so many times where I tried to evangelize on my own understanding or my own knowledge, and I always failed. But the times when I didn't realize what I had said because the Spirit was working through me, those were the times that I really saw a change in the person during the conversation. I just realized the power of prayer and how good it is to be in God's presence - all day, every waking moment. God placed a heart in me to love the fellowship, even when I did not know why, and eventually I become coordinator. Yep that's about it. In a nutshell.

What are some advice/encouragements for... Incoming sophomores

I would encourage you guys to hang out with each other. Get know each other, because you guys will be with each other together the longest. Be able to have a Barnabas in your lives, someone you can walk with; well, it might not be someone in your class. I just encourage you to share and pray with each other because there's definitely unity in praying together. And soak in God's work everyday. That's pretty important.

Incoming juniors

My advice would be to not be scared in getting new prayer partners, not to worry so much about the incoming freshman not being plugged, and not to be discouraged as upperclassmen. Remember to love the rising sophomores too. Seek advice from rising seniors, as they had new prayer partners too, about what they went through. I had no idea what I was doing when I had my prayer partner.

Incoming seniors

Remember that you are the leaders of the fellowship and it's not just the coordinators. It doesn't matter if you are on an official role; people will still look up to you. Support the coordinators, too. It will be harder for the sisters, in a sense, because there is no girl coordinator, but remember to lift each other up. And love one another. So my advice for everyone is to love one another and soak in God's word daily. Let's not forgot that God loves us, and to really love God for who He is and to not love God just because He loves us, but to love God because He is God."

What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduation?

Short-term: M. Eng and then missions for a year or two afterwards.

[Author's question: Do you know what kind of missions or where you want to go?] I don't know where I want to go, but I'm willing to go basically anywhere.

Long-term: After that, I am completely clueless.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

To have the ability to make anyone poop. [What?] So, if someone makes you angry, you can make them poop. Or if you are at a banquet and you just don't like it, you can just go 'poop party!' Or if in your opposing team, the running back is about to score, you can just make the running back poop and see how he reacts, if he's selfish or not. Or I want to be able to plow land easily and be able to spit out water to water my crops.

It was definitely great to interview Anthony and get to know this senior a little better. Hearing about how God has worked in his life and his advice for CBS was really encouraging. Thanks, Anthony, for leading CBS this year! Hometown: Voorhees, NJ

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Interviewer: John Widjaja

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Starbucks vs. **Bubble Tea**

BECKY LEE

Hometown: *Hsinchu, Taiwan*

Double Major: Biology (Animal Physiology) & Animal Science

> Interviewer: Ann Lin

THIS or THAT

Justin Bieber vs. Rebecca Black (Neither. But if forced to choose, Justin)

> Chicken vs. **Beef**

iPhone vs. **Android**

Angry Birds vs. **Cut the Rope**

Starbucks vs. Bubble Tea from Taiwan 3C. Comfortable couches. Perfect temperature. Homey atmosphere. I sat down and turned on my computer, excited to finally unleash the questions and hear what Becky had to say. Suspense. Just kidding, there was no suspense. We were very chill. Becky was chill (I really like this word), open and sincere. We sidetracked a lot, touching on topics of life, future and vet school. I really enjoy listening to people talk about their passions. For Becky, hers were about growth in God and about animals.

CBS is...

A group of college students congregated together to learn more about God and fellowship together (giggles). Strong brother and sister support base.

How has God changed you since freshman year?

A LOT. I didn't know what being Christian meant before. I came in as a secular Christian and learned that God should be the center of my life. I also didn't open myself up to people before. I learned that many people have the same struggles and that you can share with them, that communication is very important. Overall: He changed my perspective in life and rearranged priorities.

What are some advice/encouragements for... Incoming sophomores

Very actively seek out God and do not be complacent. Know that there's other stuff in college life that could distract you or take your attention. But in the end what matters most is being plugged in with good support base and opening up to them. Be open. Have doubts or questions. Get them answered. Don't be complacent.

Incoming juniors

Be proactive in taking leadership positions. You may never feel prepared to do it. Pray about it, and ask people to pray for you. (One of Becky's regrets is not taking enough initiatives to lead) Take charge of things you are interested in. Take the initiative, whether it be Service Marketplace, LIGHT, the CLOSER Committee, etc. Wherever you feel your strengths lie. Use seniority to benefit others and yourself. A sister has said, being an older person doesn't mean that he/she is wiser; instead, leading younger people means bearing weaknesses for others to

Incoming seniors Miss me a lot! Just kidding. (Author's note: I

see and asking for accountability.

don't think I'm supposed to include that but I don't think Becky was kidding) The year will pass by faster than you know it, but slower than you think. Grasp every moment! It is easy to waste time playing video games. It may be fun and relaxing. But know that every minute counts! Again, take up the role of leadership, which doesn't necessarily mean the need to know everything, but the heart to train people.

What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduation?

Right after graduation, I will be working on applications for vet schools which are due in November. During the summer I will spend time with family in California, supporting them and helping my brother with his college apps. I'll have time to myself to do what I want to do.

In vet school, I'd like to concentrate in shelter medicine – specifically for abandoned or surrendered animals. (Author's note: something about taking care of the health of a herd) Vet school will also be a good place for research.

(Why vet?) I've always had a passion for animals since I was young. My mom told me that when I was a toddler, I was not afraid of shots and would say thank you when I got them. And once when I was still an infant, I saw a golden retriever and reached out to touch it – like love at first sight. I want to provide better care for the many animals that aren't cared for. In Taiwan, there is essentially no humane care for stray animals and the pet population is huge.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

The ability to absorb the powers of other people with special abilities or powers. (Reference: the power Peter has in Heroes)

Becky reallly loves animals, though she refuses to pick a favorite animal. After the interview, she enthusiastically invited me to share the joy of seeing her pets' pictures in her room. Oh, and she couldn't hide her eagerness in showing me the Ponyo she put in the fish tank (supposedly a prank) in Tiffany's room. I lol-ed at it.

AHH, I don't like people leaving. I'll miss Becky so much.

David Bahena

"Late for your interview again, I see."

"Well, when one's backpack is leaking chocolate syrup and one's wristwatch ticks backwards at twice the normal speed, allowances should be made, I think, for tardiness. In fact it's a miracle that I, armed only with my trusty Vigenere square, managed to escape the velociraptors..." "Wait a sec, raptors don't drink chocolate syrup."

"Well... perhaps if the number of bottles of syrup you have is an irrational multiple of 2 + i..."

"Nonsense, I know for a fact that raptors can't do math."

"Really? Well that's a relief. Why do you suppose that they were following me then?" "Well, rumor has it that some alien spaceship has landed on Earth to negotiate a nuclear arms deal. Velociraptors are, as you know, allergic to aliens and start acting funny when they show up."

"Hmm...I suppose I can forgive them for being a bit jittery. Say, you seem like an intelligent guy. Maybe you can help me answer these questions? They're stumping me at the moment..."

CBS is...

a caring community of believers who encourage and support each other in our walk with God.

How has God changed you since freshman year?

I am now more focused on trusting God's will and making God the center of my life. Before I came to Cornell, I believed in God but was not really involved in a church or Christian community. Since then, I have been able to learn from a lot of people and have had the privilege to see examples of people who live their lives with God as their center of attention.

What are some advice/encouragements for... Incoming sophomores

Continue to focus on building the relationships that you have been able to establish through CBS during your freshman year. Don't let academics interfere with this relationship-building.

Incoming juniors

I like to think of this year as the time when you start planning for after graduation. Trust in God's plan for you as you do this.

Incoming seniors

Beware of senioritis and of any reduction in motivation. Pray through these moments of stifled motivation.

What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduation?

I'm going to San Diego State University to pursue a Master of Science in Accountancy. Afterwards, I hope to pass the uniform CPA exam to become a Certified Public Accountant. I'm thinking of going into some field in accounting and am still looking into options. Perhaps I will go into hospitality accounting or public accounting and auditing.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

I want the ability to teleport. It's a very economical superpower, saving me a plane ticket whenever I want to travel. I would use this power to tour Europe (specifically France, Spain, and Germany) and learn about different cultures.

"Oh my, I didn't realize that you were an expert on so many things besides the eating habits of dinosaurs of the late Cretaceous Period." "Well, it's not so hard, really. In fact, it's almost as easy as breaking the Vigenere cipher." "I see...so when do you suppose the raptors will finally let us go to the bathroom?" "When we convince them that 1 + 1 = 2. And please get your red tentacles off of me." "Oh, you earthlings always crack me up..."

- Raptors can't do math. (Axiom 1)
- Accountants can do math. (Axiom 2)
- David Bahena is an accountant.

(Definition 1)

1.

2.

3.

4. Therefore, David Bahena can do math. (Hypothetical Syllogism with 2 and 3)
5. Therefore, we conclude that David Bahena is not a raptor. (Modus tollens with 1 and 4)

Isn't logic useful?

Hometown: San Diego, CA

Major: Hotel Administration

> Interviewer: Yipu Wang

THIS or THAT

Chicken vs. **Beef**

iPhone vs. **Android**

Angry Birds vs. Cut the Rope

Starbucks vs. **Bubble Tea**

DAVID LIN

CBS is...

A place where I find comfort. I am free to speak my mind and share about my troubles here. When I am overtaken, bummed out, jaded, or down, brothers and sisters are available and will give up their time to listen to me. Furthermore, CBS is a place where I found Jesus. During my freshman year, I was searching for a purpose and seeking after the world, which I thought was most important. Yet God is what we should be seeking for. He is so amazing because He is always searching for me. He even gave Himself for me. That's why our lives should be about praising God and picking eac<u>h other up</u>.

How has God changed you since freshman year?

First, I have become more honest with myself. When I first arrived at college, I was influenced by people around me all the time. I appeased others by pretending to be somebody else. I changed my attitude and identity in order to be accepted and to get friends. Now, I am more able to withstand peer pressure when around non-Christians and also to admit my need to get help when "in a jam."

Second, I have grown to understand the importance of how I portray myself to others. As a freshman, I didn't care whether what I did was wrong. At the time, all my actions seemed meaningless because my record, good or bad, was easily forgotten by those around me. Gradually, God changed my beliefs by putting me in situations where I realized the consequences of his sins. I now know that if I slip and leave a bad impression, it will stick with me. I want to be a better testimony. I also want to have close and long-lasting relationships, which means I need to be honest and reliable and a good listener. Time is God's and not ours, so we should pick each other up.

What are some advice/encouragements for... Incoming sophomores

Start getting involved in what you want to do at Cornell! If you want to serve God, check out a ministry. If you want to take responsibility, pick up a leadership position. Remember to learn to have fun too. At the same time, don't worry if you still have not decided your major—you can take three years! Things will work out. Meanwhile, it's helpful to talk to advisors and professors because they are experienced.

Incoming juniors Brace yourself for a tough year because you will be stuck in the middle. You probably can't see the exit yet, but your options have become restricted. So, have a close group within CBS to share each other's burdens. Take up the challenge to read the Bible consistently because it will enable you to find God and will reveal your weaknesses. *Incoming seniors*

Find a mate, already! Sheesh. Just kidding. People will expect you "to have everything figured out" by now because you have been through all the decisions. Instead of being pressured to uphold this image, just be open and truthful to them. Be especially patient and loving towards freshmen. Also, you might be feeling apathetic towards CBS after three years here, and your desire to try something new or do something for the last time before you graduate will try to lure you somewhere else on Friday evenings. But please go to CBS even when you are not motivated or looking forward to it. You have learned so much through God, so lead and share with the entire fellowship!

What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduation?

I plan to stay at Cornell for one more year to get a Masters of Engineering in environmental engineering because this graduate degree will open up many opportunities. My experience of growing with asthma in New York City makes me want to improve the lives of others by reducing pollution. Eventually, I want to contribute to honest environmental policymaking that builds on solutions to problems. I see myself being involved in scientific data-collection and analysis and helping to pinpoint standards that are necessary for communities.

Besides my academic and career goals, I want to be financially equipped and get married in four years. I also hope to stay in contact with some of the non-seniors and be somebody who will listen to them, help them, and pray for them. In addition, I will try to maintain a regimented schedule that includes sleep, exercise, and sensible eating.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

I wish I could beat my brother in basketball. Every time we play he just hammers me for like 15 points and 10 rebounds, and when we're playing on an open court, it's worse. My ankles have been completely broken at least 5 times this semester, I always play in the most ridiculous attire (dress shirt, short shorts, boots, you name it) and I have to swallow my pride. The part I don't get is why I just want to keep on playing more with him. The day that I win, I'll be able to say, wow, I'm the "beastier Lin."

Hometown: Brooklyn, NYC

Major: Environmental Engineering

Interviewer: Himmy Lo

THIS or THAT

Justin Bieber
VS.
Rebecca Black

Chicken vs. **Beef**

iPhone vs. Android (I use a regular phone, and don't text!)

Angry Birds vs. Cut the Rope (I'm old fashioned, I've never heard of these)

> Starbucks vs. **Bubble Tea**

ELBERT CHANG

Apparently, Mr. Elbert was in shivers; he had been waiting with bated breath for my email. He knew beforehand all the possible interview questions, and as crafty as he is, he had the answers memorized. For a minute I thought this is a skill that comes in handy when you live in the Olin basement for four years but as the interview progressed I saw his indescribable sense of passion for God and the CBS bubble. As we kept the ball rolling, Elbert had so much more to show than his typical tallness:

CBS is...

A family, fellowship, community.

How has God changed you since freshman year?

When I came in as a freshman, I was very independent. So far God has taught me to depend on him, to be more conscious toward him, and to always enjoy his peace.

What are some advice/encouragements for...

Incoming sophomores

Sophomore year is where everything steps up, can seem tough, and can be discouraging. You are encouraged to continue growing as a class, depending on another, and being open to one another.

Incoming juniors

Have no worries; embrace your new status as an upperclassman.

Incoming seniors

Younger kids will be looking up to you!!!!!!!!!!!!! Continue trusting in God's perfect will for you! Seek his wisdom!!!!!!! (Elbert was sort of animated as he answered these questions) Typical senior worries- future, plans after

graduation

What are your short-term and longterm plans after graduation? Short Term Plans: Research for the sum-

mer, missions at Brooklyn with FICC. One more year (Masters) Get over it!!!!! Am here to stay!!!!

Long Term Plans: no idea!! Maybe job, or go wherever (Really wherever???) On second thought: where God leads me

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

I want to come up with a superpower that is very helpful. I Hope to be able to manipulate energy to my will (some living projectile sort of)

Elbert is that sort of guy with huge shoes (not literally). Incoming seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen too will have to work much harder to maintain his shoe size/his legacy. If we all fail, we might then have to do with our small shoes!!

Hometown: Rochester, NY

Major: Chemical Engineering

Interviewer: Edwin Chui

THIS or THAT

Justin Bieber (any day!) vs. Rebecca Black)

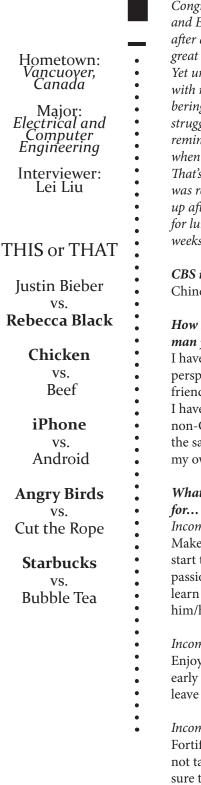
Chicken vs. **Beef**

iPhone vs. Android (does not fancy smart phones)

Angry Birds vs. Cut the Rope (This question seems out of place)

Starbucks vs. **Bubble Tea** (more asian!)

JIMMY DA



I met Jimmy during the Ivy League Congress on Faith and Action 2011. We and Elaine from Campus Crusade talked after a long day of activities and had a great conversation on a variety of topics. *Yet unfortunately, as it always happens* with me, I forgot his name ... (Remembering names has been something that I struggle to improve) and Jimmy had to remind me kindly that we had met before when I was scheduling the interview. That's how we got to know each other. I was really glad that we were able to catch up after the conference! Jimmy and I met for lunch to do the interview about two weeks ago.

CBS is...

Chinese Bible Study?

How has God changed you since freshman year?

I have learned to understand different perspectives of people and appreciate friends from all backgrounds. Also, I have learned to be tolerant towards non-Christians and other faiths but at the same time be convicted deeper into my own faith.

What are some advice/encouragements for...

Incoming sophomores Make as many friends as possible, and start to try to figure out where your passion lies. Find prayer partners and learn to develop accountability through him/her.

Incoming juniors

Enjoy school but take hard courses early on so that you would not have to leave them all for senior year.

Incoming seniors Fortify relationships with friends. Do not take Cornell for granted and treasure the relationships with the brothers and sisters. Be open and actively seek

God's will.

What are your short-term and longterm plans after graduation? Short-term: internship in Boston and then perhaps a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering. Long-term: Summer Mission to China in 2012; work full-time

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

It would be the superpower of persuasion. In workplaces, interpersonal relationships as well as other matters, communication plays a crucial role. Better communication means better understanding. It is a very important skill to be able to convince other people.

Jimmy is a very honest, down-to-earth guy. He does not make too many jokes, yet you can sense his perseverance and *dedication. I guess these qualities are what an education in Electrical and Computer Engineering will teach you* =) I can see him becoming a successful and hard-working engineer! I also feel that God is working in his heart to be more vocal about his faith and appreciate the people around him that God has put in his life. God also put the burden in his heart to work on interpersonal communication skills. In addition to all these wonderful characteristics that God has given him, Jimmy knows that God is calling him to serve Him more with the skills he had acquired at Cornell. He is prepared in many ways to continue to live in Him and serve Him after graduation, which is the greatest thing you can hear from a senior. Hallelujah!

JOANNE CHOU

After finding Joanne, an overcrowded Starbucks pushes us towards a beckoning CTB; we take our seats outside to enjoy what we can of bipolar Ithaca's tight grasp on the sun. I look up to see my beautiful sister's welcoming face and immediately feel blessed by this chance to catch up with her.

CBS is...

Where I grew up at in Cornell

How has God changed you since freshman year?

God has changed me to be more patient, more attentive to other people's needs, more kind and more understanding. Above all, God has taught me how to fellowship with many people from all different types of backgrounds.

What are some advice/encouragements for...

. Incoming sophomores

You should keep in mind that though the job, research, summer plans, etc. are all very important, you should focus on yourself as well: your heart, where you're coming from and who you want to be. Don't stress out (keep telling yourself, don't stress out!) because that only makes it worse. Take a step back and think about what you have to do, and study and plan accordingly; then you can eliminate stress and perform better on tests!

Incoming juniors

Don't be afraid to try something that is out of your comfort zone. Whether it is taking a music class if you've never taken music or taking Spanish if you don't know Spanish, because now more than ever is the time to do something different. Once you start a career, you won't have the luxury to try new things. And it's not just classes, but new groups, new clubs! Get a leadership role in anything that you're passionate about because that helps your resume.

Incoming seniors Enjoy the time that you have left here

at Cornell. Take a light course load, aim for 12 credits -- it'll make life a lot easier, and be sure to appreciate Cornell before you leave. Career advice: try to prep for interviews and have your resume done by the time school starts.

What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduation?

Short-term plans: move to NYC, start job at Citigroup and before that to go between LA and Taiwan. "A little summer vaca."

Long-term plans: quit the job, move back home to California, find a new job - hopefully one in venture capital focusing on technology or health care - and to go to Europe (hoping to be in London next year for the Olympics)!

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

I would want to have the power to heal and to make people stay young! Like Rapunzel! In Tangled! It would be such a great honor to have the power to heal but it would be a great responsibility. It would be the coolest power to have (I would have my own theme song!) and then you'd never have to see people sick and there would be no need for hospitals! You would have the same stamina as when you were 20 and instead of settling early or not reaching your full potential, you could continue dreaming and fulfilling dreams.

Superpowers or not, Joanne already has the power to heal and to make people stay young. It was such an encouragement to spend this time with my sister and I pray that she will continue dreaming and fulfilling dreams. Whether it is in NYC or London, I look forward to seeing how God will use Joanne, how He will cultivate her and grow her. Joanne - your bright spirit from God is healing, youthful, and contagious. I can't wait to hear your theme song.

Hometown: Los Angelos, CA

Major: Hotel Administration

Interviewer: Samantha Fung

THIS or THAT

Justin Bieber
VS.
Rebecca Black
(neither)

Chicken vs. Beef

iPhone vs. **Android**

Angry Birds vs. Cut the Rope (I don't know these games)

> **Starbucks** vs. Bubble Tea

JOSHUA YOO

CBS is...

A community. It's like a place where I can converse with other people who know God and who understand what I'm going through. I can understand what they're going through in a Biblical way – stuff that I couldn't get with my non-Christian friends. CBS is definitely a lot of work, but it seems like people in CBS always want to be together.

How has God changed you since freshman year?

He's definitely broken me a lot of times and shown me what humility really is. I used to be stubborn a lot. I focused so much on what I wanted to do in life and I thought that it was the same thing that God wanted me to do, but it wasn't. That's when He broke me and showed me that I should be more open with what He says.

What are some advice/encouragements for...

Incoming sophomores Don't take organic chemistry! Academics aren't everything—it's important, but that shouldn't take away from your time with God, the church and CBS members. Academics are going to be hard no matter what, but you just have to trust in God, knowing that He will provide you with everything you need.

Incoming juniors

Pretty much the same thing. Keep

- in mind what you want to do after
- college—I think it's a good time to
- start thinking about that, whether it be
- jobs, graduate schools, or even taking a

break. It's a good time to start reaching out to non-Christians as well—evangelize and stuff.

Incoming seniors

Get your applications done. Don't get senioritis. Take some chill classes.

What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduation?

My future is one big question mark *Short term:* I want to find a job. I'm thinking about joining the military as a career. I would also like to find something permanent in the next 4 years whether it be a job or grad school.

Long term: I definitely want to mature as a person. I have some other dreams, like going into business or cooking. I just want to see what's out there. After high school, I thought there was only biology or academics or physics— I thought that was the only way to proceed in life. After CBS and college, I realize there are other things.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

I would have laser beams coming from my fingers because I like to play with fire. My roommate and I have all these cardboard boxes and the way we get rid of them is by burning them.

Hometown: Jericho, NY

Major: Biology & Developmental Sociology

> Interviewer: Justin Deng

THIS or THAT

vs. Rebecca Black

> Chicken vs. **Beef**

iPhone

vs. Android

Angry Birds

vs. Cut the Rope

Starbucks vs. Bubble Tea

KAT CHANG

Yay for procrastination/last minute-ness! On the Saturday before this was due, I took a very long trek to the other side of Cascadilla to interview the one and only Kachang! (Kat Chang). I was greeted by her many, many, many stuffed animals, that seemed to partake in the interview as they influenced her answers >_> hehe.

CBS is...

Family!

How has God changed you since freshman year?

Tough question, tough question. Sophomore year, He made me realize that I shouldn't rely on my own strength and that I am weak- only strength/ wisdom comes from Him alone and that I need to learn to be patient in finding out what He wants me to do. God has allowed me to be more calm because I know that He'll take care of everything for me, and that I shouldn't worry/don't need to worry because He'll provide even if I don't realize it (especially senior year when you're trying to figure out what you're doing after you graduate). Even now, I'm still unsure of what's going to happen, but I know God's going to take care of things so it lets my heart be at rest. *looks at stuffed pig named "Onky" for approval*

What are some advice/encouragements for...

Incoming sophomores

I don't know! ... Have fun. Sophomore year is especially difficult for engineers! Rely on God's strength especially while affiliating! God will take care of things. Be patient!

Incoming juniors (Olivia: ahh that's me! I'm going to be so old! Onky the pig: don't worry you're young. Very, very young.) Spend time with CBS family! Junior year was fun for me! Hehe. Don't burn anything while cooking!

Incoming seniors

Get to know the freshmen, unlike me >.< Again, don't worry about what you're going to do, just rely on God and rest assured that He'll take care of things. Make sure to spend time with your class before you graduate!

What are your short-term and longterm plans after graduation?

Short term: Stay in Ithaca! I'm staying for the summer and will be doing MEng.

Long term: Not sure! That's up to God to tell me in His own time. Still working on patience. Not sure if I will do work or go do a PhD.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

Oinky scratches his head as Kat asks the pig for some help. He says "I don't know!" The pig stares pensively There are too many of them. Maybe to fly! Pig winces/covers his eyes, apparently he's not pleased. Or teleporting! Because I don't like sitting on long flights! Flying to Taiwan is never fun.

I had a splendid time playing with a stuffed seal named something like "mantou" and a puppy named "xiao long bao" while interviewing their owner :) I've been blessed to know Kat over the past two years and am so happy that she will be here for a bit longer!! For those of you that don't know her well- take advantage of this :)

Hometown: New Caanan, CT

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Interviewer: Olivia Lee

THIS or THAT

Justin Bieber vs. Rebecca Black (OH WHAT, I pick Steven Colbert !)

> Chicken vs. Beef

> iPhone vs. **Android**

Angry Birds vs. Cut the Rope

Starbucks vs. Bubble Tea (I'm allergic to both)

KEVIN YANG

Hometown: *Duluth, MN*

Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering

Interviewer: Nathan Kwong

THIS or THAT

Justin Bieber
VS.
Rebecca Black

Chicken vs. Beef
iPhone vs. Android
Angry Birds vs. Cut the Rope
Starbucks vs. Bubble Tea

If you haven't gotten a chance to talk to Kevin before, I'd highly recommend doing so before he heads off into oblivion (aka Seattle, continue reading for more info on that). For someone who I thought was just a quiet, dorky guy not unlike myself, I have come to discover him as a loveable jokester and board gamer extraordinaire. I don't think I've had a conversation with Kevin where he hasn't busted out a joke or two. Somehow he always manages to throw a few in there regardless of what we're talking about. It's hard to put my finger on it, but I think most people would agree that there's just something about Kevin that makes him so likeable. Needless to say, *I* was quite happy to have the opportunity to sit down and interview him. It is with great excitement that I now present to you the earth-shattering, behind-the-scenes look into the mind of Kevin Yang. This is his story.

CBS is... Chinese Bible Study!

How has God changed you since fr

How has God changed you since freshman year?

God has really changed me a lot since then. Before coming to Cornell, I didn't really consider myself much of a Christian. Family-wise we said we were Christian, but we didn't really do anything to act on our faith. Coming here, I wanted to find out exactly what Christianity was like. Before going to college, a family friend encouraged me to check out a fellowship. She told me that college was not only a time to grow academically, but spiritually as well. I decided I would try it out, and if it was weird I didn't have any obligation to go back. But when I got there, I realized how empty was the life I had been living. I was blessed to have many older and younger brothers teach me much more about my faith. One of the biggest things I've learned was discovering more about the nature of God and how He is actively involved and interested in people's

lives.

What are some advice/encouragements for...

Incoming sophomores

Such a wacky class! Anyways, continue to get to know one another more. Even though you guys will be living all over West and Collegetown, make sure to be intentional about meeting together and doing things together.

Incoming juniors

You guys are upperclassmen now! Look for ways to serve the fellowship and the church – it's a great way to grow and challenge yourself in your faith.

Incoming seniors

Senior year is... interesting. Treasure this last year that you guys have left together. Don't stress out too much about the small stuff.

What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduation?

Short-term plans: I'll be working as a software dev at Amazon in Seattle. It'll be cool to experience West Coast life and see what those west coasters are always talking about. [Seattle isn't really West coast, just California]

Long-term plans: Haven't thought too much about long term, but we'll see where God takes me.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

Maybe having your own theme music wherever you go. It'd be cool for about 5 days. Then it'd be pretty annoying. Like when going to the bathroom.

As we go on we remember, all the times we had together. As our lives change from whatever, we will still be, friends forever. La-lalala-lala-la-la... Erhem. Anyways, we're sincerely going to miss your unique sense of humor and the special niche that you bring to CBS. Go West, young man! May you be just as big an encouragement to the better coast.

MICHELLE NG

I walked into Duffield to see a cheerful Michelle – a normal occurrence! As she and another sister munched on lunch, I started the interview with this precious sister.

CBS is...

A television station... a family of believers who truly strive to spur each other toward God. A place where I've learned about what it means to love the body and what true fellowship is, and where I have been able to grow.

How has God changed you since freshman year?

I hate these questions. I'm no longer premed. I'm heading into the one field I told my mom I wouldn't do - business. I've gained a bit of weight and become a bit less interesting. I no longer like horror movies. I think that through the years, God has transformed the desires of my heart to be just A LITTLE BIT more aligned with His. God has also convicted and continue to convict me of my complacency. I didn't even think I was complacent as a freshman. I've also learned that the Gospel should be polarizing. It's either false and you live a life of faith in vain or it's true and totally worth your life completely.

What are some advice/encouragements for...

I will say what I wish I had done. Incoming sophomores Hello cuties! Get involved on campus! Pursue interests and make friends. Find places where you can be a light. Be grounded in the kingdom perspective – be responsible as a student – this is where God has placed you, but don't let this consume you – grades are not your identity or worth. Hello darlings! See above. And love. Continue loving each other and love the younger ones.

Incoming seniors

Hello, my loves! I love you guys! [Author's note: aww] 'The issue of the future is going to come up if it hasn't already. Continue asking God to open the right doors and give you discernment. In everything, always trust in His good plans even if it's not in line with what you had hoped it would be. He is good in His sovereignty!

What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduation?

Short-term plans: Management consulting at Ernst and Young back home in NYC, living at home with my darling two brothers, and hanging out with parents.

Long-term plans: I want to end up in Asia as a tent maker but I don't know how yet. I think that's where I would want to end up, but we'll see where God calls me to. I want to be a mom!

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

The ability to control other people's emotions. [Author's note: That's diabolical!] I can make someone really calm, happy, or no longer angry. Then my babies would never cry and my corporate meetings will always go well. So much power, muahaha.

By the end of it all, I realized how little I knew about Michelle. Fortunately, I got to spend some time with her before I headed off to Olin. And perhaps I'll never know her as fully as some of you do, but I was blessed that day to hear of the Lord's work in this encouraging sister! Hometown: Bayside, NY

Major: Policy Analysis and Management

> Interviewer: Katarina Ng

THIS or THAT

Justin Bieber vs. Rebecca Black

> Chicken vs. Beef

iPhone vs. Android

Angry Birds vs. Cut the Rope

Starbucks (DUHH!)

vs. Bubble Tea

RACHEL PANG

I dragged Rachel to another classroom in Phillips after CBS large group, only to find that Widjaja and Anthony had taken over the room for their interview! They banished us to a far corner, and after Rachel's countless apologies for re-scheduling (It's really okay Rachel!!), we began our interview...

CBS is...

CBS is a Christian fellowship on campus. It's a place where people worship God and fellowship with one another – a family where you build each other up, learn to love one another and walk with one another in truth.

How has God changed you since freshman year? I think God has really changed my heart for

Him. Coming in as a freshman, I initially had the mentality of just going to a fellowship for the sake of going, but God really showed me His beauty and His characters through both fellowshipping with brothers and sisters and the many struggles and blessings that I experienced. Looking back into my freshmen year, one of the first ways God really spoke to me was through Mark 1:17 where Jesus told Simon and Andrew to come and follow him and he will make them "fishers of men." That was the first time God told me to let go of things that I held on to dearly, and to really follow Him, because He is much greater than any other things. One lesson that I feel that I have been and still am learning is to have faith and put my trust in God, and lean not on my own understanding. Honestly, there is still so much I am learning about God, and so much of me that needs to be changed. Also, I think people use to say that I was a punk when I was a freshman... I guess (and hope) I am less like a punk now?!

What are some advice/encouragements for... Incoming sophomores

To be honest, I'm really excited for your class! I am really excited to see how God will be growing your class in the years to come. In terms of advice, I would say, open your eyes and hearts to see how God is revealing himself to you, because God can do a lot of things through you and in you in your next three years here. God can do a lot of things, so just open your heart and allow him to use you. Also, get to know the rest of your class, because these are the people who you will be spending the next three years with.

Incoming juniors

I have definitely seen God growing you guys and your desire to serve God in the past two years, but don't let that passion die. When many of you start serving officially next year, don't forget to lift one another up in prayer and encourage one another and rely on God!

Incoming seniors

It has definitely been a blessing to get to know many of you guys the last three years! Senior year might be tough for some of you with many uncertainties, but hold on to God's promises! And also, keep encouraging and reminding one another with truth!

What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduation?

I'm actually not sure what my short-term plans are yet; I know God is definitely opening some doors, but we will see where He is leading me. My longterm plan is to be able to work in Asia; I don't really know what and where yet, but I want to be able to serve God in China in the future.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

I wish I could actually fly. I mean...I would love to fly a real airplane, but if I could actually fly, I don't need to walk, and it would just make my life easier.

Before our interview, I only knew Rachel as the person who always either opened or closed sharing, so I'm so glad that I had this chance to learn more about her like her favorite bible verses are Isaiah 40: 28-31, her new hobby is talking to me, and there's nothing crazy about her (according to herself). But on a serious note, she will be greatly missed next year, and God bless you Rachel!

Note: Rachel would like me to include some of her random memories over the four years, so here they are: "Cooked ramen and bacon in a rice cooker with Ann Yang once at 3am in the morning, back in freshmen year, YUM! I sprained and dislocated my shoulder, and fractured I toe all during second semester freshman year. (So be careful and do not hurt yourself, but it was a blessing to be cared for; then you learn how to care for people, but it all came with great pain!). Pulled a prank with Kat Ng and Jee Lee, using 360ish post-it notes, on a class of '09 senior's car during camping trip..."

Hometown: Brooklyn, NY/ Hong Kong

Major: ILR

Interviewer: Yuna Gu

THIS or THAT

Justin Bieber

vs. Rebecca Black

Chicken vs. **Beef**

iPhone vs. **Android**

Angry Birds vs. Cut the Rope

Starbucks (with a lot of emphasis) vs. Bubble Tea

RICHARD WANG

It was a rainy day. It was a windy day. It was a busy day. It was a hungry day. It was a weird day. It felt like I was being transported into a new world. *It was a bit awkward feeling like this as I sait here* in Duffield waiting for Papa John's pizza to come to my aid. But then, every thing started to make sense when I saw Richard Wang caome in and feeling the "in his own world" aura coming towards me. I got sucked into his aura and was transported to the Richard Wang dimension where everything seems clueless. So I sought after some answers trying to figure out how Richard Wang is so distinct from reality that he is in his own world. It was a long and difficult process, but I was able to find the deep and inner essence of the cause of "in his own world-ness" with the help of Papa John's pizza. The interview was on.

CBS is...

Chinese Bible Study ?(With a confusing look on his face)? [A long pause... Umm. Anything else?] Oh uh... CBS is a special group of people that I was stuck for 4 years, whether I liked it or not. Haha, Just kidding... Just kidding... It's a religious organization at the surface butand takes a whole different meaning when you are in it and it becomes your family at Cornell. It is a special fellowship that God has given me at my time here at Cornell.

How has God changed you since freshman year?

I guess in college I have been challenged in every way as possible, academically, emotionally, spiritually, and in pretty much in every possible way. And I guess all these things had taught me that, at the end of all these challenges and things, these thingsthey had taught me so much more about how God is always with me and how I can always take these challenges to Him. Personality wise, God has taught me to I guess step out of my comfort zone more. At high school I never got a chance never gotto get out of my comfort zone and I was very timid. I guess now I am still a shy and quiet person but God has taught me to be bold when I need to be and has encouraged me in that aspect.

What are some advice/encouragements for... Incoming sophomores

Never too late to change your major. And make sure you are still exploring everything and always ask yourself, what does God want from me out of these 4 years at Cornell?.

Incoming juniors

Definitely not too late to change your major... You

are an upperclassmaen now, so whether you like it or not, you are really looked at and looked to by the younger people as role models and leaders. Keep in touch with people who are outside of CBS and keep developing your relationship with them.

Incoming seniors

Well for you specifically you, need to lose weight! (I will keep that in mind...) Can you still change your major senior year? Very stressful year in terms of where you are going to be after college and where God is calling you to be. I guess it is important to keep turning to God for all your worries and concerns about the future. And it is never too late to change your major... And also to lose weight HAHA! (Yeah thanks for always pointing that out to me HAHA)

What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduation?

Short-term: I will be doing IT (information technology) in New Jersey at UBS, a financial service company.

Long-term: In terms of long-terms I can't really say I have anything specific. I don't have anything in mind right now. But I am hoping that whatevererever God calls me, wherever it is, I will be able to do that.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

There are a lot of good powers out there. There is one really good one that I saw in Heroes. There is this one kid who can talk to electronics, like iPhonesiphones, TVtv. It would be a great conversation with them, especially with calculators. But something I wanted to have, which isn't really a superpower, and that is the ability to make people laugh. (laughs..... endlessly. Richard you always make me laugh)

So there you have it! The root of Richard's "in his own world-ness!" But I must say that he certainly does have those super powers, to make you laugh. So if you want a good laugh, play some tennis, or need a sweaty work out buddy, Richard Wang is the way to go!

Hometown: *Albany, NY*

Major: Information Science

Interviewer: Phuc Gin

THIS or THAT

Justin Bieber vs. Rebecca Black

> Chicken _{VS.} Beef

iPhone

vs. Android

Angry Birds vs. **Cut the Rope**

Starbucks vs. **Bubble Tea**

RUTH CHAN

Hometown: Staten Island, NY

Major: Policy Analysis and Management

> Interviewer: *Kimberly Hui*

THIS or THAT

Justin Bieber vs. Rebecca Black **puppies!** I don't want to choose. I like Friday. I like Baby.

> Chicken vs. **Beef**

iPhone vs. Android

Angry Birds vs. **Cut the Rope**

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Starbucks (free wifi) vs. Bubble Tea Despite the fact that the calendar claimed it was mid-April, I spotted both Ruth and her breath in the chilly West Campus air as we headed to Carl Becker house for dinner. Our stomachs happy with an impressive tonkatsu (freshly battered, not too dry), I pulled out my laptop, pre-prepared for a finger workout ("you're going to have to tell me when to stop talking") as we began our interview...

CBS is...

oh where do I begin?...a place and group of people that God has used in my life to shape me, grow me, and encourage me to be more like Jesus.

How has God changed you since freshman year?

I don't know. Next question! Haha. You should ask someone else for a more objective answer. I think He's changed my understanding of what it means to be part of a/the? community. To see the importance of the body of Christ in my walk, in how I live, and in what I do. I sing a lot more than I used to. Haha, that's one thing. I think basically I've learned more about what it means to strive after God in every aspect of my identity and in my roles. For example, He's helped me grow as a member of my family, as a sister in Christ to sisters; He's taught me a lot about learning to serve brothers, learning to grow as a woman, and learning to grow in my field of interests. A lot of things. I haven't gotten any taller though haha.

What are some advice/encouragements for...

Incoming sophomores

Allow God to be the foundation of your life in everything that you do and let His Word define what you do, why you do it, and how you see yourself.

Incoming juniors

Learn to cherish each other, learn to see the differences that you have as a blessing and as an indicator of God's creativity, grow in honesty and humility toward one another.

Incoming seniors

Continue to bear with each other in love, let God's Word and the presence of the Holy Spirit be the cornerstone and foundation of how you decide what to do next, where to serve, what to do. Don't let any root of bitterness come up like what it says in Hebrews 12:15 but really seek to understand and demonstrate the grace of God always, even though it's hard.

What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduation?

Short-term: complete the MPA program at Syracuse.

Long-term: be sensitive to where God is leading me. To know where my passions and interests and how I am fit into the world and to really seek after wherever He calls me to be and be faithful in that.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

It's hard. Peter's from Heroes – he can absorb other people's superpowers but if I'm the only one with superpowers then it's pointless. I was going to say Sylar's (also from Heroes) ability to learn – but he uses it to kill everyone so that's a creepy one. I wish I could see music... without doing LSD haha so synesthesia would be cool. You sense images. The increased ability to learn anything would be pretty cool. I feel like there's a cap on some things- like how many languages you can learn.

As we moved on to a bevy of other topics, I was thankful for this opportunity to share with and learn from the experience of this thoughtful, earnest and pun-ny sister. When asked as to how we can pray for her, she replied asking to know what it means to be faithful, to really desire to know God's word more and for sisters and older women next year to learn and grow from. I hope she will come back to visit (only an hour away!), but regardless, I shall miss the encouragement, wisdom and laughter of this wonderful sister in Christ!

THOMAS TRAN

As I walked slowly into Duffield Atrium I looked around at all the engineers. Suddenly, I stopped and saw an anomaly – a hotelie? I looked closer and there he was, studying for a prelim. Because his prelim was the next day, we decided to skip dinner and proceeded right to the interview.

CBS is...

"Congregated Bubble in Society" (Thomas laughs). To me, CBS is family. There are many positives, such as being able to pray with brothers and sisters when you're struggling. You get to live in a community where together we learn to glorify God in everything we do and say. It's a great place to foster deep relationships with fellow Christians.

How has God changed you since freshman year?

For one, I'm much less hyper. I used to be very energetic, always jumping off the walls and hyperactive. I'm a little more toned down now. In regards to spiritual growth, I believe my passion to love God more has strengthened. Before coming to CBS, I had a fleeting passion and no intense drive to know Him more. I feel I now have a more open heart to pursue God more seriously.

What are some advice/encouragements for...

Incoming Sophomores

Don't take anything for granted! It is truly a luxury to be able to live so close to brothers and sisters and see them every day. It becomes much harder to stay in touch with people as the years go by, so take advantage of the time you have to pursue and to know all the people God has put in your lives.

Incoming Juniors Don't be afraid to seek help. Ask for

guidance from older and younger brothers and sisters when you need it. Now that you're upperclassmen, people will look up to you more, but still look for help when you need it. Chase after God after the sophomore slump, and continue to lift up your burdens to God.

Incoming Seniors

Love and support each other. Remember, when one falls, they all fall. You are all leaders of the pack now, so everyone has to watch carefully for each leader. Remember to humbly and passionately seek God.

What are your short-term and longterm plans after graduation?

For the short term, I will be studying at the School of Public Health at UNC Chapel Hill – specifically a two year program for Healthcare Management in Public Health. In the long term, I hope to obtain a job in healthcare management and consulting. Then, I might move from industry to something more direct, such as working in hospitals in Third World countries.

It has been so wonderful getting to know Thomas these last couple of years. He has served CBS in many different ministries, but more than that, he has truly been an accountable and faithful older brother. He has helped out so much in leading In-Reach this year that it will be hard to see him go. May God bless him in his future studies and career! Hometown: *Crowley, TX*

Major: Hotel Administration

> Interviewer: Jeff Yu

THIS or THAT

Justin Bieber vs. Rebecca Black

> Chicken vs. Beef

iPhone

vs. Android

Angry Birds vs. Cut the Rope *(neither)*

Starbucks vs. Bubble Tea

VAN-KIM BUI

CBS is...

CBS is my family. (*Interviewer: How cliché!*) I know, but CBS is my spiritual home. It's the first group of brothers and sisters that really spiritually fed me as opposed to just people I go to church with or with whom I'm just friends.

How has God changed you since freshman year?

[laughs] Oh, my goodness. [faceplant on table] I'm SO different. Uhhhhh People who know my testimony know that during orientation week, I was only looking out for Greek Life info sessions. I didn't look for fellowships at all. The only reason why I went to CBS was because Thomas wanted to go. I think I'm less fun (in some ways) but I'm still fun. I'm definitely still fun. I like to think I'm more mature, but there are times when I regress back to immaturity. I had fun times freshman year and a lot of rough times in between, but there has been a lot of growth. It was a struggle to become who I am today. I'm having a lot of fun my senior year, so it's fine.

What are some advice/encouragements for...

Disclaimer: I give really bad advice. I have nothing to say to anybody. You don't have to listen to this.

Incoming Sophomores

You're not the babies anymore! There's a big transition from freshman year to sophomore year, but learn how to serve and be an older brother or sister—it prepares you to be a junior or a senior. It's worth it! You're now like toddlers with personalities going to preschool!

Incoming Juniors

So this is like the year you become older brothers and sisters, looked up to whether you want it or not. My advice would be to look back on the last two years, remember what older brothers and sisters did for you, and translate that into caring for your underclassmen. You will be distracted because of the increased responsibilities, but love your class and find support with them. Continue to have fun!

Incoming Seniors

You, Jackieeeeeee!!!! (Interviewer is taken aback

by the profusion of the outburst). I can't!! I love you guys! I'll miss you—oh man, I'm getting emotional. (Interviewer: That's okay. Calm down, VK. Tissue?). I feel like you guys will figure it out. You don't need my advice. If you ever need someone to talk to I'll be available. I'll keep in

touch!

Everyone Love God first, then love others. That's it.

What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduation?

Short term: Hang out! See as many people as I can before grad school at Johns Hopkins. I will be getting my Masters of Science in Public Health in Child and Adolescent Health and Development.

Long Term: I hope to be a long term missionary. But I need to settle debts and find a husband. (Interviewer raises eyebrow). Seriously.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

Teleportation. Traveling is the most inefficient use of time. I just want to be at the next point. I'm end-result-based. I just want to get there. That way, I can see whoever I want, whenever I want, save time, and spend as much time as possible with people.

Okay, let's make up our own questions! (Interviewer: My hand is getting tired, but I'll munificently oblige to your effusive request.)

Alternative Interview Questions

Best class ever taken:

Not really a class at all—research! Which was six credits. It was the most valuable thing I've ever done. I strongly recommend you to do that.

Most fun things I do on campus:

Spend time with people, being spontaneous. Schoolwork is important but it's definitely not everything.

Final thoughts on Cornell:

I wish people can understanding the feeling I have inside is inexpressible. Cornell has been such a changing point in my life—because of my recognition of Christ as my savior, as well as recognition of God's will as being superior to my own. It was the densest points of ups and downs in my life, with the lowest of lows and the highest of highs. I'm truly thankful for every memory I've ever had.

Favorite place on campus

Anywhere I can sit outside and watch the sunset. That's one of the biggest things I'll miss about Cornell—the scenery.

Hometown: Sugar Land, TX

Major: Human Development

Interviewer: Jacqueline Liu

THIS or THAT

Justin Bieber vs. Rebecca Black

Chicken vs. **Beef**

iPhone vs.

Android (Don't care)

Angry Birds vs. Cut the Rope (Board games)

Starbucks

vs. Bubble Tea (After long struggle, involving multiple faceplants on the table)

SENIOR WILLS

Ann Yang

I will the remainder of my apartment's pepper to Shirley.

I will the role of honorary junior to Justin Deng.

I will the desire for a heart of prayer and grace to my PPs (Shirley, Tiffany Lei, Yuna). I will Taiwanese pride and food to Tim Hu.

Anthony Baw

None

Becky Lee

3C – Voracious appetite for baked goods. Occasional messiness. General craziness. Good food. Pranks. (Cough. Spiders. Cough. Sandra and Tiffany. Cough) Rising senior guys – love for basketball (You better win the intramural games) Sydney – my fish and love for animals Rising sophomores – inner child (don't lose it) Rising iuniors – maturity behebe

Rising juniors - maturity hehehe

David Bahena

Nothing!? *gasp*

David Lin

Freshman class, I want to pass on the ambition to be part of CAPSU clubs. For their members, these organizations seem to be the answer to life. I wish for the love that Christ has given us to be received by these organizations. I'm looking at you, JY, JZ, those in CSA families, & Leo, as well as the involvement I see from sophomores, including Jerry.

Planning and playing basketball with AAIV to Dave Bu, Justin Deng (and beating them, of course).

My comfort from sharing to Phuc, please treat your next roommate Lei well! Workout schedule to James Gao and a friend accountable to him. Sleep schedule to Richard Wang. Diet to nobody.

Elbert Chang

The title tallest Asian back to Henry Wen Rochester pride to Olivia Lee Love for Olin Basement to Katarina Ng, Wendy Gu, Deborah Liu Love for FICCC to Nathan Kwong

Joanne Chou

I will all of my knowledge to DaveHo & JoannaZhang, fellow hotelies. I will people to come visit me in Southern California! I will my seashells to SammFung. I will my contact information to anyone who wants to ask for advice.

Joshua Yoo

Will to the whole junior class—God bless that class and help you find what you're looking for. Will to the whole CBS—I'll be available at my home to chill and just talk with anyone. Will to the whole freshman class—keep on

Kat Chang

going to CBS.

I will to an unnamed pre-frosh/Tim Shinall my knowledge of mechanical engineering! (There are none below Anthony/I) I will Becky Lee kidnapping powers I will cooking powers to the sophomore (rising junior) girls I will hippo/laughter/ and cookies to Tiff Lei I will my silliness to Deborah and Shirley.

SENIOR WILLS

Kevin Yang

I will Michael Cao and Mark Dong MEAD. Or rather the privilege of waking up at 7 am to go exercise, play some basketball, and do devos.

I will Jesse my trademark smile and nod. I will the rising senior ECEs my love of Phillips lab and CSUG.

I also will the rising senior ECEs the power to shoot lightning from their hands. Actually wait, I think I'll keep that for myself...

Michelle Ng

I will my gung zhu bang (senior joke) to my PPs

I will my NYC pride to all City kids and the incoming NYC freshmen (if there are any). [Author's note: She means Boston pride... jk! :D]

I will my Cantonese pride to Wendy Gu, Kim, Debra, Dave Ho, Agatha, Jeff Wai, Patrick, Himmy... and all other canto kids [Author's *[Katarina Ng]* note: Yea! Canto!] I will Thomas' blanket to myself (also a senior joke).

Rachel Pang

ILR Pride...actually I don't have a lot...to Patrick and Wendy Zhang...and many other ILRies that I missed and to come! Canto/ Hong Kong pride to all the Hong

Kong ppl and Cantonese people out there! I will Sandra Quah (hahahahaa) my "softieness"!!!!

I will Wendy Gu the job of exploring the entire Cornell campus before she graduates!

Richard Wang

Will my passion for tennis to Patrick. Will my gym membership and work out routine to Phuc (Please, you barely go to the gym! You would go if I go! Both of us laugh endlessly.).

Will my late night coding sessions to Mi-

chael Chin

Will my spontaneous questions to Jeff Huang.

Will my sleep schedule to anyone who just can't seem to hear that alarm clock in the mornings.

Ruth Chan

Jane Yang – all of my New York City, Stuyvesant, & Staten Island pride; random videos of pandas; my enjoyment of Psych, viral videos, and puppies Ann Lin – my cooking "skillz"; my random spurts of laughter & random thoughts on anything

Deborah Liu – the excessive amounts of sleep I get; my hugs & foodiness Sisters in the Class of 2012 – My goofy pranks, corny jokes, late night talks, and earnest thanks for bearing with me in love =) The Men of 2012 – My respectful appreciation for their serving and honoring us sisters, but even more so for growing to be men of God

Thomas Tran

I will my sass to Phuc. I will my quirkiness to Tim Chen. I will my little bits of Asianness to JZ Buckley to make him more Asian. I will my love of coffee to Samm. I will the "glories" of HADM 3305 to Dave Ho.

Van-Kim Bui

Even though it sounds super cliché, I really do believe that there is nothing I have that I could give. This may seem super spiritualized but I do really believe God gave us each exactly what we need and made us exactly as we are for His purpose so knowing that, I feel like I have nothing to give to anyone.

Faithin' It

Our bible study is the best. There is no denying this fact. This semester, we read through Hebrews 11 with humble servants VB, DH, and CL. Yes, we were so into Hebrews 11 that it took an entire semester to read forty verses. These forty verses described the acts of faith of several people in the Old Testament. Using verse 11:1 ("Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see") as a guide, we examined historical figures like Abraham and Moses to understand how they demonstrated faith in God. Through our study of these different characters, we learned how their faith worked in their lives, and also how God worked in their lives, because of or in spite of the level of faith they had at the time. Ultimately, they owed their faith to God, who was in control of all things and already had a plan for how things would turn out. However, these people, uncertain of their personal futures, lived out parts of their lives in faith and with the certainty that God would follow through on His promises.

There was dedicated time for us to share with each other about our personal matters. We were able to reflect on these biblical heroes' lives and realize that they themselves were not perfect, but it was by God's mercy and love that they were able to have faith. Through Abraham's story, we learned to be patient; even though our present circumstances may not seem promising, if we are persistent and patient, God will come through in the end. Although it may be difficult at times to hold onto God's promise for us, He is always faithful and remains with us even when we lose faith in Him and stop believing in His power.

Our bible study has been an enjoyable, educational, and spiritually challenging experience for all of us. Faith is a complex issue that we, as Christians, must persistently wrestle with. Our struggles with our faith come in many different forms and life experiences, so we must constantly rely on God for guidance. However, it is these very struggles that have the potential to grow our faith in our amazing God and convict us more of his love and mercy. God truly loves us.

Who do you think the Holy Spirit is, and what is His role in our life? Is He a counselor? A friend? God? Yes, He is all of these and much more. Imagine how great it would be to have Jesus physically walking beside us at all times, guiding us and bringing us peace. Well, having the Holy Spirit within us is the equivalent of having Jesus physically beside us. Does that change our approach to life?

Unlike a typical bible study, which examines the Scripture closely, we studied the Bible through a book written by Francis Chan, Forgotten God. In this book, Francis Chan presents the problems of the contemporary views of the Holy Spirit and uses Bible verses to show the truth about the Holy Spirit and His work in our life. During our bible study, we reflected on our own walk with the Holy Spirit. Through sharing our experiences of how the Holy Spirit has worked in our lives and praying for each other, we were able to build each other up as brothers and sisters in Christ. Our discussions and activities helped us to better understand God's expectations for us, how much we fall short of these standards, and how the Holy Spirit can guide us to become better witnesses of our Father.

We often view the Holy Spirit as the lesser part of the Trinity, but that is not true. We cannot have a relationship with God without the Holy Spirit in our lives. Instead, we should let go of our previous misconceptions of the Spirit and embrace this precious relationship we have with Him.

Forgotten God

IRON MAN

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. -Proverbs 27:17

The men's bible study, Iron Man, was a time for CBS guys to gather, eat together, and learn how the proper Christian man behaves while encouraging one another to better ourselves. Rather than studying one book, we covered a number of specific topics and looked at what the Bible says about them. Topics studied include pride, insecurity, how to treat other brothers and sisters, and more. We've looked at passages in 1st and 2nd Samuel, Titus, Timothy, Ephesians, as well as other books to see either examples of proper action or to see what the Bible explicitly tells us to do. The topics we went over and the lessons we learned were usually also applicable to women, but the all male environment promoted greater intimacy between brothers. It was a time to show faults and vulnerability, and a time for edification and sharpening. Ultimately, Iron Man was not about asserting the strength and masculinity that society has pictured, but about being a man who is strong through Jesus Christ.

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. –Ephesians 4:22-24

The purpose of the Women's Bible Study is to understand, through seeking God's words, our identity as daughters and followers of Jesus Christ our King. Ann, Samm, and Shirley led the girls each Wednesday night to tackle some of the important as well as practical issues that we face as Christian women. We have covered a variety of topics such as gentleness, inner and physical beauty, success, spiritual gifts, and emotions. Through the stories of Ruth, Martha, Mary, and of many other godly women in the Bible, we have learned that emotions are a blessing but should not come before God, that God does not condemn outer beauty but he does not use it to praise women, that "the wife of noble characters" is willing, honorable, and fearful of God, and much, much more. One aspect I particularly love about our Bible Study is that Ann, Samm, and Shirley do not simply feed us with what we need to know; instead, they ask us reflective questions like "What do you think is God's purpose in creating emotions?" or "Do you think your emotions are helping you to become closer to God" or "What are some ways you enjoy serving others?" These questions instigate discussions that everyone can engage in and leave us with more to reflect after each week. During the discussions, we share our thoughts, our stories, and our struggles, and through the sharing, we have been able to grow closer and to bond as sisters in Christ. In short, our bible study has truly been a wonderful time to encourage one another, to pray with one another, and to learn with one another.

Living as Daughters of the King

GLORY, GLORY, GOD'S GLORY

This semester, our Bible study dove into the depths of learning about God's glory. As Christians, we were made and redeemed to glorify God. We use the term "God's glory" so frequently that sometimes its meaning can get muddled in legalisms, misunderstandings or confusions. We defined God's glory as the sum of God's attributes. As it says in Hebrews 1:3-- says that "[Jesus] is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word."

At each meeting, we discussed a new facet of God's glory: from how God can use even sin to ultimately glorify Himself, to how the cross and the Gospel glorifies God. We talked about practical applications of our study and examined the areas onin our lives that were not glorifying to God and/or were self-glorifying. We learned that God is a jealous God--, jealous not in the sense that He wants something that He doesn't have, but jealous in the sense that He is zealous and passionate about His Name, and that He should be the only God in our lives.

We talked about sin and the cross and how even though God hates sin, He can take what was intended to harm and use it for good. In Genesis, we see God take the sins of the Joseph's brothers (jealousy, lies, murderous thoughts, etc.) and use it to save Joseph's family during the famine. We see God harden Pharaoh's heart during Israel's time of slavery in Egypt, so that God could display his power and great love for His people through the plagues, through using a bumbling speaker, Moses, and ultimately through the mass exodus, --a glimpse of God' plan for the redemption of all those who believe in Him.

This Bible Study led me to a greater understanding and awareness of how my life is not about me, but it is about God. He is working in each of us to bring more glory to Himself.

Rachel Har '12

Gospel of Mark

How do people pursue greatness in their lives? Some individuals find excellence in academics, others in their interpersonal or social relationships; but how does one truly become great in the Kingdom of Heaven?

In the Gospel of Mark Bible Study, we looked at how Jesus interacted with those around Him, including the sick, His disciples, the Pharisees, and the crowds that would often gather to hear His teachings. As we read about what Jesus did, we often asked ourselves what we would have done had we been in His place. Would we have acted in a similar manner? What if we had been one of His disciples or a member of the crowd? If we were ill, would we have unwavering faith in Jesus that we would be healed? Such was the faith of the woman who touched Jesus' clothing, knowing that if she did she would instantly be healed. Jesus said to the father of the boy with an evil spirit, "All things are possible for one who believes" (9:23). He reminds us that if we have faith in God and conviction in our prayers, then there are no limits for us in the realm of possibility.

We also looked at the way Jesus lived in an effort to learn how to better imitate Him. Jesus was constantly traveling and preaching; He was sleep deprived and often skipped meals (much like college students), although He never procrastinated (rather unlike college students). The word "immediately" is used more than thirty times throughout Mark, highlighting Jesus' desire to teach as much as He could in what time He had (ESV, 2001). In chapter 6, although Jesus and His disciples "had no leisure even to eat", Jesus "had compassion on [the great crowd], because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things" (6:31, 34). Jesus' humanity and servility are emphasized in Mark. On more than one occasion, Jesus found His disciples arguing amongst themselves over which of them was the greatest. In response Jesus reminded them, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant [...] For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve" (10:43, 45).

Becoming great consists of devoting oneself fully and surrendering one's entire life to God. For we are reminded that Christ is the light of this world and that we must follow His example and obey His command to spread the gospel, even if it means getting paired up with Judas...

Encouragement from the Past

Dear Chinese Bible Study,

I have seen and experienced firsthand how God has changed and grown you to be the fellowship you are now. God will continue to sanctify you and complete the work which He has started because we know that He is good. Therefore, I want to encourage you to continue running after God and seeking His will by telling you a story about your forgotten past and God's unchanging faithfulness. Forgive me if some things are unclear for my memories have grown old...

CBS first came into existence between late 1965 and early 1966 when God led a handful of oversea Chinese graduate students decided to meet together on a Saturday afternoon in Anabel Taylor Hall. With the purpose of growth through fellowship, Cornell Chinese Bible Study Group was born. Composed of mainly Chinese speaking graduate students, CBSG grew to around 30 people by 1969. Meetings consisted of worship together, sharing, Bible study, then serving each other by cooking dinner afterwards. God provided for CBSG's spiritual growth by occasionally bringing in traveling speakers.

As times changed, so did CBSG. To document the fellowship, Bread of Life was started with publication in Chinese. The leadership of CBSG consisted of an internal coordinator (for matters within CBSG) an external coordinator (for inter-fellowship matters) and the Mandarin and English group leaders. Between 1973 and 1975, God started to bring in a growing number of undergraduate Chinese-speaking Asian Americans. CBSG made a change to serve the new undergrads by starting a separate English speaking Bible study. Although there were differences in age, language, and background, CBSG continued to stay together through corporate praise, picnic fellowships, and interpreters.

Throughout the 1980's, God grew CBSG in many ways. Newcomers' picnic at Stewart Park, camping trip, Co-workers meeting, Sage Time prayer, discipleship prayer partners, and an evangelical group called Basic all began within the decade. With around 60 people by this time, there was numerous Bible studies, most of which were in English and only one in Mandarin and one in Cantonese. Meetings were moved from Anabel Taylor to Olin, to Statler, then finally to Philips 101. Coffee House was started as an outreach event to the Cornell campus which consisted of skits and testimonies. The fellowship served one another through a Valentine's Day dinner every year which was a big dress up event. In the spring, there was Senior Dinner to honor the graduating seniors. In the late 80's and early 90's, a couple of choir groups sprang up to spread the praises of God: Little Group, Leftovers, Son-rise (or Son-shine?), and Grace Notes that performed at CBS events, and even Asian cultural events. CBSG slowly became known as CBS and the official name was changed permanently to CBS. By 1990, the Chinese speaking Bible studies had disappeared and CBS switched to all English with around 70-90 people. Meetings had switched to Friday nights from Saturday and were held in Upson B17 due to renovations in Philips 101. In 1993-1994, talks of merger with Campus Crusade began. After countless prayer and meetings, this decision was held off for now. Around this time, a group of CBS brothers lived in a house in Collegetown that became known as the "CBS-House" which was used for hanging out, Super Bowls, prayer meetings, and even dances. Also, the official CBS fish was designed in 1993 composed entirely of Nike swooshes.

Between 1994 and 1999, God changed CBS in many more ways. Four official ministries were established: Outreach, Inreach, Prayer, and Discipleship (?). Bible studies were moved off Friday night and into the week with different locations. Instead, large group gathering would be for corporate praise and then message from an invited speaker. In 1999, God provided for CBS with affiliation with Crusade for 2 to 3 years. Through this affiliation, CBS joined Cru for fellowship meetings and the leadership received mentoring and meeting with Cru staff. God's provision spread over many areas of CBS, such as Praise and Inreach ministry. Praise team upgraded from the single guitar and piano in the 80's to the PA system and then up to a sound board with amps and speakers; Inreach started sponsoring a child through World Vision in the late 90's.

The CBS hangout spot at this time was the Uris Library runway and intramural sports participation included not only basketball, but also volleyball. Fellowship Dinners (not yet Felly Dinners) were held in places around campus (such as Riley Robb) before the strong affiliation with Tabernacle Baptist Church. The hangout time after CBS large group became known as ALGE (After Large Group Events). Service Marketplace started sometime between 1999 and 2003. Its precursor was a slave auction where the money raised was used for CBS funds. In 2002, God led CBS to start-up the winter retreat again...

Even though CBS have changed throughout the decades, many things have stayed the same. The heart to love, willingness to serve, and desire to seek God have always been there. By reading this story, I hope you can see that God have always led CBS according to His good will and we can trust Him to continue to do the same. I also hope that you can gain a better understanding of the things that CBS does and really think about why you do those things.

By God's Love,

John Huang, Joseph Cheung, Vivian Yee, ManLoong Chan, Jamie Hsieh, Brian Hui, Timothy Tien, John Wang, Vivian Su, Joseph Huang, Chris Huang, Kathy Chen, Michael Feng, Jamie Tsay, Glennis Shih, Candace Chow

-- Thank you for all your help and info.

SHOUT OUTS

Greenyo, I wonder if you will ever read this. Thank you for being in my life and encouraging me and allowing me to encourage you. I appreciate you so much. You are very dear to me. ~Pinko

Sandra,

Thanks for putting up with my weaknesses and issues, and caring for me still. There is so much more I could say about how you have so encouraged me and how much you have changed (in a good way) over the course of this semester. It completely blows my mind--how much you have grown in spiritual fruit, in depth of love, in hunger for God, and I know it could only come from God. You are truly an encouragement to me, and I value our friendship dearly.

Tim Hu,

Your desire to please God, and your boldness in stepping out of your comfort zone encourage me greatly. There are many many other things that have encouraged me; it is hard to describe them all, or to put them into words. It is really just seeing God in you, seeing that humility and gentleness and fruit of the Spirit that encourages me. Continue growing and pursuing after the heart of God.

Jackie,

sorry for all the times you had to wash the dishes and clean the apartment even though you had tons of work to do. =/

Hey Jon,

I really enjoyed meeting up and getting to know you this year. It was great being able to read the Bible and pray with you (almost) every week! Enjoy the summer & keep in touch bro.

The lovely sisters of 2012,

Don't give up -God is with you!

Don't give in -your identity is in Christ, not appearance, success, prestige, or wealth. =)!

Men of 2012,

Thanks for all of the ways you've been serving us sisters by walking us home, carrying stuff for us, praying for us, and cooking for us. It's been really encouraging to see you all grow, and it really helps us understand God's love when we are affirmed in our identity as sisters.

Thanks!

Anthony,

thanks for leading CBS and steam. Encouraged by your genuine heart for God.

Justin and Sandra,

I wouldn't have made it through MSE without your help. I am grateful for both of you. --Jamie

Van-Kim,

Thanks for your hugs and reassurances. -- Jamie

Samantha Fung: you are His beloved and you are beloved. forever and always.

Wendy Zhang: God grows your mind AND your heart, and He's the best gardener. Ever.

Joanna Zhang: Hold onto everything God has to offer you because it's better than anything else in the world and definitely worth the wait.

Joanna, Samantha, and Wendy: I won't miss you because that would mean we aren't going to keep in touch! You are with me for eternity, and I am beyond grateful for how God has divinely placed us together. You three will never know how much you mean to me. Truly love you <3

End of Semester Meal Girls (you know who you are): I love you SO much. I will always be here for you with or without the meals.

Senior Class: Thank you for the last four years. We definitely had our share of good/bad, easy/difficult, fun/awkward times, but God was with us in amazing ways. Never doubt His awesome power!

To Samm, my beautiful, talented, & loving sister (and i mean every bit of that):

Don't be discouraged! You were fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of the Most High, Perfection Himself and in time He shall reveal to you all that He has made you to be :) Thank you for being God's providence to me these past 2 years! David & Phuc: It's been a blessing serving with you two this past summer & year! May God continue to challenge, strengthen, and grow you this summer. Acts 20:24 & Hebrews 12:1-3

VK & Michelle: Thank you for being encouraging & showing me so much love! God has taught me so much through you both, whether by word or by example. May you continue to be His fragrance wherever you go, may His love & grace overflow into all your relationships, as I have been blessed by you both :) Ephesians 3:17b-19 - kim

M, I want to say I appreciate always having company at 2am but I don't think I should encourage our night owl habits. May we use our time wisely, work diligently for the Lord, and find rest in Him! - K

Justin Deng, you are the best best brother ever! Reliable, humble, enthusiastic and hard-working. You are just AWESOME. I am glad to have been your partner in bible study during last summer and when I count my blessings, I count you twice!! -- Lei

Ann Yang, I'm behind you Becky Lee, You are tall as tree Please don't leave Stay, drink some tea Michelle, you are interesting. -- Jamie

Edgar, thanks for being a brother to the sisters, watching out for us and guarding our hearts

Mike Chin,

Thanks for the encouraging email to the PBCFC (cbs2012 email)

Rachel Pang

I'm proud of you. You made it through. God loves you more than you know.

Agatha: Keep on listening for God's will. "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails" (Proverbs 19:21).

Ruth: Thank you for sharing at large group and just being someone whom I can really look up to.

jackie,

I'm so glad I got to know you! You have no idea how huge a blessing you are to me. Thank you for all your encouragements and prayers. Stay strong in God! =] -chanvim

Rachel V,

I feel like whenever you've asked me anything, my answer had always been something along the lines of "I don't know." I'm sure that God will show you in due time. Ephesians 1:11. Hope to see you around over the summer and next semester!

wendy z,

it was really awesome and encouraging talking to you about being intentional in our faith over brunch. I'll be praying about that bible study you plan to lead someday.

JP, There have been times when I've had something on my mind, but really didn't know how to voice it. Thank you for being so encouraging and keeping me sane and grounded this semester.

Thomas!

Man, I can't believe you are leaving already :'(!!! I would not be able to make it here without you bro. I enjoy every single meets up that we had! You have always been such an encouragement to me! Keep walking and trusting in God and I know He will lead you to do great things. I am so totally looking forward in seeing what He will do in your life. Keep in touch bro.! I will truly miss you... Jeremiah 17:7-8. The best prayer partner in the world, Phuc Gin

Hi Himmy,

Congrats on making it your first year of Cornell! It has been a great year and I will be looking forward to next year! Keep growing and seeking Him. It has been a fruitful year! Continue to keep in touch! Colossians 3:2 Your Prayer partner, Phuc Gin

Hey Junior girls!

Thanks for an encouraging and fruitful year! You all rock! Thanks for always putting up with the guy's sillyness! It is encouraging to see how God is working in each and every one of you! Keep seeking Him! -- Your Junior Bro.

Hey Kat,

Thanks for always keeping me in check with my coffee drinking! Even though I am crazy and all, thanks for putting up with that when I am on a coffee high! Haha. Have a great summer! And stop being so sassy now! Haha... JK! Phuc Gin

Sup Mike Hwang,

You wish you had these guns. You wish you have my endurance and running skills. Haha. But thanks for being my workout buddy! It is very encouraging to see how you grow over the years and I pray that you will continue to seek Him. I will pray for you as you head to missions!

Phuc Gin

Hello Freshman class,

Congrats on making your first year here at Cornell! It is very encouraging to see you guys grow over the years! Continue to seek Him!

Hey senior class,

Wow... What a year it has been. I will definitely miss those duffield late nights with each of you guys! I will continue to pray for you guys as you all graduate. I will miss you all!

Your dearest brother

Hey David Lin,

It has been a great year in rooming with you. It is such an encouragement how you just go outside the realm of CBS and serve the people who you have a heart for. I admire your boldness and courage! I will miss comparing which side is cleaner and what now :p! Haha. Continue to pray, trust in the LORD, and to really just give Him your struggles. Keep seeking Him for wisdom and for His providence and faithfulness. Your best roomie,

Phuc Gin

Hi Nathan,

Thanks for always being patience with me when doing physics. Thanks for always helping me too. Haha. It is very encouraging to see how you grow in God. I hope you have a great summer! Don't play too much you know what right? :) Phuc Gin

Hey Junior Bros,

Thanks for all the encouragement that you guys have been to me. It has been such a fun year in knowing you guys more this year. Have a great summer! Your other bro, Phuc Gin

VANKIM. Thank you for calling everyday. For seeming like me on the outside but actually seeing like me on the inside. For praying, for patience, for perseverance. For loving me with God's love. And for teaching me all of this and more. I love you. Your Little One. SHIRLEY. Thanks for leading bible study and for making BoL possible. But even more, thanks for being my mom at Cornell. It really means a lot.

KIMBERLY. You are srsly a beautiful sister and bestfriend. I love you.

VIVIANYANG. You da best. And a bottle of coolness. See you in Europe, sista. Let's go get some banana warriors. Maybe in crêpes? :]

SOPHOMOREclass. It has been an absolute blessing. Looking forward to the memories to come.

"Can I..." believe that three years have passed so quickly since that meal at Oakenshields? "

Should I..." sing worships songs with fobby accent by myself?

"Will I..." admit that I will miss you greatly? Most definitely. And you will too. So just admit your mushyness! :)

(*touch* Shaggy)^infinity. What else is there to do/say? Please call me at 1:15; I like to be needed :P. I give you permission to cry as well. But not too much.

To: ""Most likely to cause a conversation to go into the wee hours of the morning""; So thankful to have AEM class with you (it meant I finally got to see you around); thank you for continually challenging & encouraging me from freshmen year onwards, please don't stop!

Doggie, what shall be done when there are no pets left in 3C? Who will entertain the apartment by torturing [names that will not be mentioned]? And who will dramatically croon fobby love songs with me? Keep in touch. This is a command; you don't want to face my wrath.

To the gong zhu who once upon a time wanted to be a kpop star: thank you for your encouragements and heart for sisters. I've been very blessed to serve with you in Inreach! :) -sq

Thomas: hellooo "Other Half"! I am very thankful to have worked with you this year, to see your heart for CBS and your faithfulness in seeking God's wisdom in all things. Thanks for picking up after me when I forgot things and being such an encouraging older brother!

Pony: Maybe you should be a sheep to better match your last name. Your generosity and willingness to serve have taught me much; thank you for your encouragements; I will never forget the hummus and fries... hahaha.

YangAn: I really appreciated how you took initiative to lead the girls in S-team. Thanks for sharing your wisdom and reaching out to me."

"Agatha: Thanks for being such a faithful little pp! Remember to trust God through thick and thin and know that he will provide for you! Wish you the best with the rest of college!

To the beautiful girls of the Women's Study:

We are so blessed to have such amazing sisters as yourselves. It was a joy to spend these past Wednesday nights sharing and growing together. May we continue to reaffirm our identity in Him and continue to be refilled by Him everyday.

You are beloved daughters of the King! :) 9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,10 and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. -- Colossians 2:9-10"

Hi Ruth,

Thanks for the wonderful past few years! You have always been an encouragement with your sharing! Thanks for always challenging us in so many different ways! I hope you the best! God will do great things! Your Bro.

To CBS '11 graduates (and even to those graduating early): Congratulations! The years at Cornell aren't easy, but you all made it! It has been exciting to watch you all grow as a class and individually; most of all, your faith in Jesus Christ alone encourages me. May you continue to find God as your Rock in the best of times and worst of times, and may He continue to draw you to the foot of the cross for His glory.

II Timothy 1:8-10 Love, a sister in Christ

Jessica! Thanks for being crazy with me. And telling me stories. And listening to my stories. I've been really encouraged seeing you seek after God this past year. You've been such a blessing that...I can't believe it's not butter! -crazy #2 (KatNg)

RachelHar, thank you for being a blessing: 3AM talks, laughing hysterically when we don't close the door, and listening to me when I go on and on. God has grown you so much ever since that day you forgot I existed during club volleyball. :D <3, dear. Keep running after Him! -KatNg

Elbert, thanks for all the ChemE advice and for being an example of what a godly leader looks like. Good thing you're staying...we gotta go to Disney World w/ Henry S.! :D -KatNg

To KatarinaNg:

Thanks for being patient with my sarcasm and my sometimes not-youth-group-leader-like behavior for this year. I hope you can continue to grow in Christ for the next upcoming year as well! Don't let me drag you down :) --Markie Dong

Kevin! Bad! Well...not you. Thanks for always defending me! And for growing in your obedience to the Lord. MEADing and West clubbing with you was fun! -KatNg

"To JustinDeng and DaveBu(sleeping):

What a great year praying with you guys. And now you two can go on and do big things. Thanks for encouraging me by sharing your struggles and always feel free to come and pray together again. Let God lead you forth in full confidence and faith. --Mark "Snake" Dong

RachelPang, AnnYang, Van-Kim, thank you for encouraging me these past few years. Continue to grow into godly women! I didn't realize how much I looked up to you until recently. Basketball, guacamole, very loud laughter all the time in 4E. Thank you for showing me the importance of sisterhood. :) -KatNg

Ruth, my...twin apparently. Thanks for everything: from those Saturday morning quiet times freshmen year to being there for me when I needed someone to just listen [always there at the right place, right time! same topic. haha!]. Remember, as you've always told me and demonstrated to me, God will provide. -KatNg

Becky and KatChang, thanks for being a blessing to me! Becky, you meow at me. Kat, you stole my name -- ok maybe I stole your name, and people think I'm you/ you're me. But God has clearly worked in you BOTH. Thanks for being encouraging PP sisters! -KatNg

Mark, although you won't go running, seeing you run after God is one of the biggest encouragements you could give me. both would make anyone pink in the face. -KatNg

Junior brothers/ this shout out's for you/you shouldn't be surprised/this is nothing new./You've truly become leaders./And I think I know why./You've lived in obedience to the Lord! -from your former honorary guy.

Patrick "spartacus" Liu:

Thanks for being a lovely addition to 2E. Thanks for watching terrible movies with us, introducing us to noodles, and driving us around. Michael Chin says you are the most exciting thing that has ever happened to him. (but we know what it really is.) -2E

To my sophomore brothers:

It has been such a blessing this past year to watch how God has worked in each of you, molding you into the unique individuals He has created you to be. Fix your eyes on the Author and Perfecter of our faith and keep pursuing Him with all you have! I pray that you all may become men after God's own heart and look forward to growing together in the coming years. - your sister in Christ

David Lin, thank you for being such a wonderful brother. Thank you for showing me around in New York City's Chinatown before I flew back to China during the summer. Thank you for the prayers and invitations to events throughout the semesters. You are talented (what a great performance in HKSA culture show this year!!), hard-working and full of compassion! I feel sad that you will be graduating soon. I pray that God will lead you to the perfect purpose and fulfillment that He has set in your life! Lei

to Faithin' It Bible study: thanks for the super fun times and for reminding us of what it means to live by faith! =) ~edgar

Tim S.,

thanks for your brotherhood! may God continue to grow you in beautiful ways as you seek His face! humbly lead other men, and raise up more leaders and disciples. i love you, brother. ~edgar

Tim H.,

thanks for your brotherhood! His grace is ever-sufficient for you, and His power is made perfect in weakness, so boast in your weaknesses! may God continue to mature you in obedience and you die to self and put Christ first in your heart and in your life. ~edgar

James,

thank you for your brotherhood! may God sharpen you and build you up in passion for His name, service to the brothers, and love for the word and for the world! your life is hid in Christ, bought at a price, so remember His love for you, and live for Him always! ~edgar

Mark,

Thank you for your brotherhood! rejoice in the Lord always, and count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ! may His supremacy be evident in your work, your play, your relationships, and in all your life. ~edgar

to CBS: thank you for your love! ~edgar

kafreeeen!!!! ^_^ V

to eric yau: punnnnncheeed!

wendy z., you have much to grow but i am so deeply encouraged by how God has been working in you. may you grow in steadfastness and maturity as you keep your eyes on Christ! ~e

isac, you are ridiculous, but i love you, bro =) ~edgar henry wen, keep up the good fight. ~e

3C, thanks for your hospitality! you women are truly a blessing! may you grow in your understanding of biblical womanhood and in your imitation of the noble woman of Proverbs 31! =) ~edgar

3D&E, thanks for welcoming me and letting me freeload off of your food, tv, and games! don't imitate me (at least not the stupid stuff!) haha ;) but be imitators of Christ, and grow in your understanding of biblical manhood. the world is in need of men whose hearts are set aflame by Christ, so i believe that the world needs you... thanks for being a blessing - it has been an encouragement to see your maturation since freshman year! continue to fight and grow, brothers! i love you all dearly. ~edgar

To Chao, Shao, Justin, Chucky and Phuc,

When I think about the way ... He loves us, Ohhh how He loves us... Ohh how he loves... I love the way He loves us, Ohhh how He loves us... I remember the times we talked when I wanted to. God bless your lives and the people you encounter. DL

to charles: :throw hands up in air: ""heyo! gotta let go" <3

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6 A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?"

"All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.

7 The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass.

8 The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

9 You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain.You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout,

lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah,

"Here is your God!"

10 See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm.

See, his reward is with him,

and his recompense accompanies him.

11 He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms

and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand,

or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens?

- Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance?
- 13 Who can fathom the Spirit of the LORD, or instruct the LORD as his counselor?

14 Whom did the LORD consult to enlighten him, and who taught him the right way?Who was it that taught him knowledge,

or showed him the path of understanding?

15 Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket; they are regarded as dust on the scales; he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust.

- 16 Lebanon is not sufficient for altar fires, nor its animals enough for burnt offerings.
- 17 Before him all the nations are as nothing; they are regarded by him as worthless and less than nothing.

18 With whom, then, will you compare God?To what image will you liken him?19 As for an idol, a metalworker casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold

20 A person too poor to present such an offering selects wood that will not rot; they look for a skilled worker to set up an idol that will not topple. 21 Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? 22 He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. 23 He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. 24 No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff. 25 "To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. 27 Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"?

and fashions silver chains for it.

28 Do you not know?

Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.30 Even youths grow tired and weary,

and young men stumble and fall;

31 but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles;

they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

-- Isaiah 40: 6 - 31