



**BREAD OF LIFE**

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## **CBS Vision Verse**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

### **1 Peter 1:3-5**

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# editors' letter

## **Beloved CBS,**

We wanted to preface this issue by establishing some important context for readers. Due to extenuating circumstances, the Spring edition of *Bread of Life* (BoL) for the 2022-2023 school year was never published before the Spring semester ended. Much of the actual material was already collected, so it was only a matter of compiling it all together. We wanted to authentically preserve what CBS was like back then, which is why the only writing that was created after Spring 2023 in this issue is this letter; the rest is locked in the past. (Outside of copy-editing alterations; we can't help it.)

Thus, we assume that the majority of readers of this issue, at least in the short-term, are alumni belonging to the Class of 2023, wanting to reminisce on their old CBS days. And even if you, the reader, do not belong to this group, we're sure you can still sympathize with some of the sentiments in this letter.

To the alumni, what a year it's been; we can't say how life's been treating you all. Maybe you're finding success and fulfillment in your new job, academics, and relationships from far and wide as God has decided to send you away. Maybe the exact opposite is happening. Or maybe you're somewhere in the middle. Whatever the case is, please find relief in knowing that we, those who are still in CBS, genuinely miss and think of you all dearly. We relate to Paul's words in Philippians 4:1:

*"Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!"*

Just the affection that radiates from these words is overwhelming. Paul yearns for his beloved community who are far from him, in the deepest and truest expression of love, to stand upright in the foundation that is the changing power of Christ in their lives.

We implore the same continued pursuit of truth in Christ for all of you out of our love for you in the hopes of seeing you all once again, if not on Earth, then in Heaven.

But you are still all our joys and our crowns, our humble and loving teachers and friends, for guiding us through life in both spiritual and non-spiritual matters and advice. CBS is a funny thing. We are exposed to some of the wisest, God-fearing people who support and take care of us despite the stresses of classes, relationships, and the other unexpected miseries of college and existence only for them to have to leave us, like clockwork. Technology may help bridge the communication gap between long distances, but eventually, our own responsibilities take precedence, and we fade away into the busyness of our own jobs, our own families, and our own lives. So, alumni, while reading this issue, take the time to joyfully ruminate on your impact on all of us, even if you felt like you didn't do enough work for CBS or felt like you didn't do it well enough. God is pleased with whatever blessings that have been given to his people, including us at CBS. After all, Hebrews 6:10 states:

*"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."*

We hope this issue can be a positive reminder of your time here at Cornell. It is heartbreaking to know a younger generation of CBS students who may never know your generosity and care, but we aspire to be the role models for them that you have all been for us.

Last logistical messages: thanks to everyone who worked on this issue back then and over this winter – interviewers, photographers, writers, designers, etc. You guys make CBS and BoL so much fun.

**In Christ,  
Leland Xu ('24) & Priscilla Liu ('24)**



CBS together



# coordinator letter: meili bowden

## Dearest CBS,

The first time I served in CBS was as the Announcements person. Ya know, that person who goes up to the front at the end of each large group, asks new people to introduce themselves and answer a questionable question, then awkwardly shuffles back to their seat as people make their respective announcements. (Ahh, freshman year bliss. Good times.) When I held this Announcer role, I remember being glad that it was a means of getting to know the “big kids” in CBS a little better and be “in the loop” of things, whatever that meant. It was a fun thing to do, even though it was sometimes nerve-wracking going up to the front with a mic. But besides that, I thought it was nothing much; after all, it wasn’t “spiritual” or anything.

Well, that was my freshman self’s reasoning. But my perspective changed during the Winter Break of my sophomore year, right after I handed off the role to the next Announcer. I messaged my predecessor, Attilus, about the hand-off, and all he said to me was:

“Thank you for your service.”

I thought it was a joke. I pictured him saluting me like I just returned home from war, American flags waving and “The Star-Spangled Banner” playing in the background. *Thank you for your service? What am I, a veteran?* But when my senses returned, I realized the weight of what he had meant. A role that I thought was “nothing much” was just as valuable and pleasing in God’s eyes as any other position within the fellowship. A role that I thought wasn’t “spiritual” was one of many ways that God poured His Spirit into the fellowship for His own glory. In other words, serving in a seemingly insignificant way held more power and meaning than I had thought.

CBS, this year I have witnessed that power and meaning of service to such an extent that I am moved to simply thank God for how He has built up this fellowship.

So many of you have risen up to serve in small groups, Bible studies, worship, fellowship dinners, prayer partnerships, and much more. You have intentionally met up with each other, sympathized with each other, and prayed for each other. You have taken on the task of being role models for those both younger and older than you, so that we may mutually uplift one another to look more like Christ. Aren’t all of these beautiful ways of serving your fellowship and your God? Aren’t all of these evidence that God has used your words, actions, and time to be His working hands and feet? In case you haven’t already heard it, let me say it to you now: you have served well. Thank you for your service.

Now, if you’re reading this and think you haven’t served either as much as you would have liked to or at all, remember my first point: however big or small you think your acts of service are, they matter and have power. So be careful not to fall into the trap of comparison; instead, dwell on the fact that God has given each person gifts and abilities according to His good measure and will give you His Spirit to use those gifts for His good purposes (1 Corinthians 12). And if you have not yet found ways to serve in the fellowship or in your church, ask God to empower you to start now. Be intentional about seeking out these opportunities to serve, knowing that fixing your eyes on Christ is always the first step when it comes to running the race of faith (Hebrews 12). Be bold in living for Christ, ask for His Holy Spirit to equip you, and serve well. God, who called you to be His child and servant, is faithful; He will mature you as you pursue Him (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).

I say all of these things because I have had the privilege to both *serve in* and *be served by* this fellowship and want to exhort you to take advantage of the opportunities to serve in and be served by whichever body of believers you are in next year. Serving with CBS has strengthened my faith, taught me to rely on God more than myself, and brought unexplainable joy in my heart.

But just the same, being served by brothers and sisters in CBS has been uplifting and most necessary, even (no, especially) as one of the coordinators. Indeed, each time this year that I would receive a word of encouragement, a note of gratitude, a sign of trust, or a genuine prayer from one of you, I was overwhelmed with thankfulness and relief. Brothers and sisters, you have shown me the love of Christ. You have shown me the power and meaning of service. You have all served well. Thank you so much for your service, CBS, and thank you for letting me serve you.

See you soon, family. :)

**Your Fellow Servant of Christ,  
Meili Bowden ('23)**

## coordinator letter: daniel woo

**CBS,**

The time has come. Admittedly I have been waiting for this day for a long time. Meili and I have been praying for CBS since the moment we were received by you as coordinators, and we don't plan on stopping anytime soon. The day which we have been praying for is around this time, right here. This heavily felt time of transition. Transition for you into a new semester, and a transition for us seniors out of our precious undergraduate years. It's been a fun four years.

So what will happen next? Who knows. Maybe I'll become the next K-pop world star with my incredible dancing skills, and Meili will own a unicorn startup that rivals that of SpaceX and Blue Origin. You really never know what kind of crazy, beautiful plans the Lord has in store for you. Only time will tell, I guess. We'll just have to wait and see. (And dance.)

I cannot stress enough my deep and passionate love for BoL. I recommend that during this summer, you (yes, you! dear reader) go out and pick one past edition of BoL to read. If you pick Fall 2019, you can see how the seniors looked and talked back then – how fun is that! Anyways. Some things more valuable than the fun pictures and the memories that BoL can provide are the ministry letters and open-ended articles that past leaders and members have written. They are like rare gems found in a sea of counterfeits, and CBS has an awful lot of them, stored away for you to enjoy freely. It is through this treasure trove of well documented letters – letters saturated with honest reflection and encouragement – that BoL can declare a testimony of God's faithfulness to CBS. Within these letters, one can read about God's people rejoicing, crying, pondering, and wrestling, all the while praising God for helping them through their time at Cornell. 1 Thessalonians 5:24 says, "He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it."

Man, has God been ever so faithful to CBS. CBS was founded around 1965, and the earliest BoL that I know of is from 1982. These two dates alone testify to God's faithfulness to our beloved fellowship and His enduring glory. Amen. Truly, truly, may we give Him all the praise.

Recently, I have enjoyed reading the BoL letters of past coordinators. I have read a select few from our collection multiple times, and only now have I noticed myself reading them through a new lens. At the end of my co-coordinator journey, it's almost as if I can finally comprehend the fullness of what they wrote down, so many years ago. I read their words and I hear the unspoken hardships that they went through, the severe doubts that they had in all that they did, the hard moments of brokenness that they experienced to pave the way for love. It is encouraging, in many ways, to know that my hardships are not new under the sun. Still, to the average reader, you can read and glimpse at the hardships that they went through. One of the past coordinators has said that if he was able to redo his coordinatorship, he would redo it, and in an entirely different way. And after all this time, I understand him well. Many things under my time as a co-coordinator have come, of which some have stayed, and some have gone: initiatives, beliefs, feelings...even people. Some of the things I have said, done, and thought I deeply regret, and some of the more pleasant things I did I wish I had done more of. What a wonderful ellipse to sum up my feelings as a co-coordinator: "If I could do it all over again..."

But would I really take up the opportunity to do it all again? If I was asked this around the end of the fall semester, I wouldn't have hesitated to say yes. More recently, however, I have felt a deep pang of pride inside of me swell whenever my heart tries to affirm its yes to that offer.



For I am a perfectionist, and I want the work that I am responsible for to be done perfectly the first time. And if I'm being really honest with myself, not only do I want it to be done perfectly the first time, but I want ME to be the one who does it perfectly the first time. And thus, I have felt strong feelings of guilt in wanting the option to start all over. The wicked seed of self is terribly rooted in me, and it runs deep and widespread.

In many instances, don't we all feel the same? Don't we all want to be the one holding the flag at the end of the battle, victorious? Don't we all want, in our selfish urges, to be the one who triumphs and rallies the crowd together? Certainly we don't want to be remembered as the leader who cried silently in the corner, out of the sight of others, or the leader who just simply didn't do enough for his or her followers. We, in the most human way possible, enjoy self-made success and words of affirmation that accompany it. We simply want all the glory. I know I do.

At the very end of his life, one of the founders of the Methodist Church George Whitfield uttered his famous words, "Let me die and let my name die with me." Many of us may not know who George Whitfield is, but I can guarantee that as a prominent figure of America's Great Awakening, we have certainly felt the lasting, God-fearing and God-loving impact of his ministry. I long for a tenth of his heart. I wish for my name to vanish, and for my presence to remain no longer, but for the Lord's ministry to remain, and to be strengthened and protected, emboldened by the truth. I wish, as George Whitfield once proclaimed, to let my pride die, but to let "Christ be glorified."

Do you know who wrote the words to the hymn "Jesus Loves Me"? It was Anna Bartlett Warner, and she wrote it into one of her sister's novels during the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. In the novel, someone had to comfort a dying child, and sung the words to the tune that we all know today. How many countless children's hearts has Christ touched, and how many souls have been saved, through Anna's desire to center everything around Christ?

Jesus loves me. How He loves me so.

What is hardship, if not God's loving hand guiding me towards His mercy? And what is suffering, if not God's gentle reminder of His love which transcends all things?

What if God's silence towards a matter, however painfully long it may look like, is not silence at all? What if His timing really is perfect? What would happen if I truly lived out the Proverb of trusting in Him in all things instead of leaning on my own understanding?

"What if I care, because He cares?" So wrote CBS alum Faith on her *Keeping Heart* blog.

Amen. He has always cared.

"Surely He doesn't love me now," I often tell myself in confession. "I shall repent, yet He shall reject me still."

"Never," He tells me back, embracing me with as tight a squeeze as how I like to imagine the father squeezed when he hugged his prodigal son. "I shall never let you go. I shall call you by your name, for you are mine."

I am thankful for all the mistakes that God has so lovingly corrected me on during my time as a co-coordinator. I am overjoyed by how much God has done so much for me, for STEAM, for the Bible study leaders and the small group leaders, for the ministry members and the prayer partners, the treasurer and the BoL editor, the fellowship, the pastors and the newcomers, all without my hand. I am grateful to God for the countless number of alumni who loved me so dearly when I was young and eager, who obediently displayed Christ's love in a quiet, undying manner, who planted seeds in me through the power of the Word and the Spirit to produce flowers that have now begun to blossom, who looked at the Lord's promises by faith and waved at them from afar, as well as the alumni who came before them and did the same unto them, and the forgotten ones before them whom God has not forgotten. And I am blessed by God for my fellow coordinator and all of her fervent prayers, the ones prayed with me and the ones prayed for me.

Amen, Lord. Amen. Every bit of it was necessary, and testifies so clearly to me now to your sovereignty. Not a single instance was in vain. Continue to work without me, so that you may receive every bit of the glory.

Lord, thank you for all the accidents, mishaps, and failures that were prevented by you beforehand, as well as the ones that did occur and were used by you to humble me mightily. Lord, thank you for caring for and loving those whom I couldn't care for, and for going out of your way to find the lost sheep. Lord, thank you for showing me one at a time every step of the way, but not the next three steps, lest I forget to place my faith in You. Lord, thank you for the knowledge of the Word and the truth, that Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. How sweeter do these truths taste the further I walk down the narrow road.

I await the glorious day when I can see Him face to face (it won't be for a while, but a man can dream). I long to hear His words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." I obey Him as He tells me in the Word to rest in Him today.

He has done so much.

Thank you Lord for bringing me through. Thank you Lord for bringing us through.

I will see you all very soon.

**Love in Jesus,  
Daniel Woo ('23)**

# reach letter

## Dearest CBS,

I can't even begin to describe how grateful I am to have met each and every one of you. God has been so faithful to us, as He fills the fellowship with so much love & joy.

Throughout this school year, we were able to make many fruitful memories. Apart from going to Small Groups & Friday Large Groups, we had North Dinners, built tiny snowmen, brought back Valentine's felly dinner, played a heated game of "Name That Tune" during ACE, went rock climbing, and did many more.

We also got to witness CBS's great heart for service when we hosted our biggest ACE of the year – Service Marketplace. While raising money for the Turkey Earthquake Fund (NY Research Institute on Turkey), the services that were offered ranged from getting food, learning how to make cards, to having your house cleaned, and getting styled by the Dream Team. We successfully raised \$556, with hopes that our contribution can bring warmth to people who may be hurting.

I am thankful to see how we've been growing closer and building each other up in the faith throughout the semester, which brings me back to our Reach vision verse of the year:

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25)*

Hebrews 10:24-25 reminds us of how important it is to give and receive Christ-like support for one another. As we approach the summer holiday and won't see each other for a while, I pray that we won't stop spurring one another on toward love and good deeds.

With regards to preparing for the Day approaching, Reach hosted an evangelism workshop to equip and discuss questions on the historical accuracy of the Bible. Despite the limited turnout, I'm grateful that we were able to spend time preparing and learning more about God together.

Bittersweet emotions are sweeping in as I'm finishing up with this letter. I felt like it was just yesterday when I came into CBS as a freshman, greeted by our welcoming brothers and sisters in Christ. It has truly been a blessing to see how God has worked in the fellowship and in our lives these past four years. My heart is very full.

**In Christ,  
Dawn Zee ('23)**





# praise letter

**Dear CBS,**

One of the most common questions I have heard since I joined CBS in my freshman year is whether we would have enough. I remember reading former Praise Team coordinator Jasper's BoL letter from two years ago, when everyone on Praise Team was graduating except for him. When he wondered what the future of Praise Team would look like, God provided a host of (then) sophomores who eagerly joined Praise Team. As those sophomores became seniors this year, and as I inherited Praise Team from Jasper and Meili, I found myself in a rare moment of security in terms of personnel – Praise Team mostly consisted of experienced upperclassmen who were familiar with leading worship sets and with all the ins and outs of Praise Team.

But as this spring semester dawned I realized that most of these upperclassmen were graduating. And just as two years ago when Jasper wondered whether Praise Team would have enough, I wondered whether next year's Praise Team would have enough. Would people be willing to serve? Would we have enough people on different instruments so that we could lead a set each week? After many of the CBS newcomers led worship so encouragingly at last semester's Felly Dinner, would they be willing to commit to joining Praise?

Time and time again, when we asked whether we would have enough, God has shown us that He is more than enough. This semester has been a deeply encouraging one for Praise Team. Just like two years ago, God provided a host of underclassmen who expressed interest in serving on Praise Team.

Many of them have stepped up to lead worship sets, serve on tech, and even help with the often-unnoticed task of arriving early to load all the Praise Team equipment from Eddygate to Goldwin Smith. I'm particularly grateful for all those CBS members (not just Praise Team members!) who have so willingly assisted with loading all the Praise Team equipment after Large Groups back to Eddygate. Your eager and faithful service is a living reminder that although CBS may consist of various ministries, we serve each other as a family in Christ.

Speaking of our family in Christ, this semester we also had the opportunity to participate in two interfellowship Large Groups: ignite with the rest of the Cornell campus fellowships, and a hard questions panel with AAIV. But even though we were from different fellowships, worshiping together never felt factionalized. Quite the contrary, our joy was only magnified as we worshiped together, united as brothers and sisters by the blood of Christ. I can only imagine how we will worship our Lord when we stand among the "great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language" (Revelation 7:9).

As this year comes to a close, I will dearly miss the times where we can worship the Lord together, "teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16). To everyone on Praise Team: thank you all so much for your faithful service in the Lord. Although we will go our separate ways as the school year melts into the summer, let us never forget that we are still one family in the Lord.

**In Christ,  
Ambrose Yang ('24)**



# discipleship letter

## Dear Brothers and Sisters of CBS,

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

– “Amazing Grace” by John Newton, 1779.

Some time ago, I came across a folder detailing a portion of the history of our fellowship, from our origins as Chinese Bible Study Group in 1965-1966, to the beginnings of discipleship prayer partners in the 1980s, followed by the transition to an English-speaking fellowship by 1990, and then seeing the start of Service Marketplace between 1999 and 2003. Many things have changed over the years: the fellowship has worshiped in numerous places, including Anabel Taylor, Philips, Statler, and of course, now Goldwin Smith Hall, Bible studies have moved to and back from Friday nights several times, and naturally our favorite hangout spots are no longer the same.

Despite this, what has united us through all these years and through all the generations is our shared goal to know God and walk with Him all of our days. And if we look beyond the fellowship level, this is even more true; when we read the Word or hear old hymns, we can vividly see that we are worshiping the same God, who has loved us and been faithful to us through the centuries, whom we can always trust even as our times and we ourselves change, for “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8).

As I have reflected on this and observed how the days are growing long, the flowers are blooming, and the natural world is reborn, it now has really become vividly clear that my time here at Cornell is coming to an end.

And in looking back, God’s love and faithfulness in the present, in these four years, just as He has been to His people through the centuries, has been wonderful to behold; I have personally grown and matured so much in my own walk with the Lord, and as Discipleship Coordinator, it has been a blessing and gift to see so many of you too grow and mature as Christians.

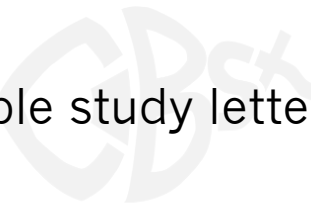
Whether in Small Group, one-on-ones, or in Prayer Partnerships, whether sharing advice on how to maintain a consistent devotional life or just spending time with one another in fellowship, it is a joy to witness your love for the Lord, as well as your desire to know Him more. I would in particular like to thank all of you who have had a real heart to serve and done so faithfully, as well as all of you who came with excellent questions, insightful comments, and an open heart to learn about and examine our faith. I too have learned so much and will treasure the many discussions we have had together. Ultimately, I pray that Small Groups carry on being a fruitful place to learn and apply our faith, that the Prayer Partnerships continue to blossom, encouraging both older and younger prayer partners in their walks with the Lord, and that CBS continues to be a place where we build each other in faith.

Lastly and finally, I just wanted to say that regardless of what stage of life you are in, if we have had the opportunity to talk much or only very little, and whether we meet again or part ways here, please remember God loves you and will be faithful to you all of your days.

*“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is [God’s] faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3:22-23)*

God so loved the world that He sent his one and only son to die on the Cross for our sins; he loves and is faithful to us even when we are faithless; He will be with you always, to the very end of the age.

**In Christ,  
Felix Hohne (MEng '23)**



## bible study letters

**Dear CBS,**

We tackled two challenging books this semester: Habakkuk and Micah. At times, the minor prophets blend together in our minds – aren't they all talking about the same thing? While some of the sentiments expressed in these books may be similar, our in-depth study into these two books have revealed so many beautiful truths about the character of God as well as provided insights into how we should form our relationship with the Lord.

In these times, Habakkuk is frustrated by the actions of Israel, and his complaint to the Lord shows us his trust in the Lord – he is fully willing to take his petition to the Lord instead of relying on his own knowledge. However, we must wait, watch, and trust that God is in control of all things. We can also relate to Habakkuk in the sense that God's plans are often confusing to our limited human minds. The Lord will not change His will due to the whims of man. Instead, he is carefully orchestrating everything and we must have faith in His wisdom.

Habakkuk also taught us that faith is not rooted in favorable circumstances. Faith is not necessarily a picture of perfection either, given that Habakkuk was distraught over the fate of Israel while still trusting God. Instead, faith is our hope that in our darkest hours the Lord will help us and triumph over all. Our God is loving and merciful and we must remember that our security does not lie in external, worldly events. Rather, we must wait for God's timing and give Him our full reliance and trust.

Although set in a different time period, the book of Micah reflects a similar message to that of Habakkuk, painting God's judgment as well as forgiveness. Micah threatens Israel and Judah that they will face punishment and destruction in the hands of a just God if they do not repent of their sins. If they do, he promises God's grace and blessings upon them.

Micah continually reminds us of the wickedness of humanity and the wrath of a righteous and holy God. However, he does not keep us in fear but inspires hope by prophesying a savior who will redeem us from eternal darkness.

When all else fades away, we can always be sure of God's faithfulness to us. He is a God that was faithful to the Israelites generations ago and is a God that is faithful to us in the present and generations to come. We must always remember His steadfast love and continue to "act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with Him" (Micah 6:8).

**Blessings Always,  
Beth Kam ('24) & Sky Kim ('25)**

# bible study letters

**Dear CBS,**

This semester, we looked at two seemingly hard-to-read texts in the Old Testament: Habakkuk and Micah. Now this might seem a little strange at first glance: why would anyone want to read something from the Old Testament? One might believe that the Old Testament is less applicable to college students than the New Testament, since the Old always talks about God's judgment on His people while the New always talks about Christ and ways for us to live for Him. Not to mention the fact that CBS, for the past couple of years, has enjoyed studying the epistles, so it might have felt weird this semester to stray away from the conventional reading that CBS attends to. Even more so, out of all the Old Testament books, we were tasked with reading two little books called Habakkuk and Micah. But why were we tasked with reading Habakkuk and Micah? What kind of co-coordinator who leads Bible pre-study would advocate for these books instead of more favored, cherished titles, like Genesis, Exodus or 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel? Hmm.

Nevertheless, the Bible studies in Habakkuk and Micah persisted. And from our discussions and deep dives into these texts, we were able to see not only clear, continuous evidence of our Lord's love within our passages, but also evidence of God's undying faithfulness to His people. In Habakkuk, we learned about the coming destruction of Israel brought about by the Babylonians. And even with this prophecy, the Lord declares that He will wipe the Babylonians, and that His people shall remain (Habakkuk 2). And in the later chapters of Micah, we hear promises of Christ's coming – a "Shepherd-King" who will come to rule – and of the future beyond Israel's suffering caused by the Assyrians. What exactly is entailed in this future? A future where men build each other up, going together to the highest temple of the Lord to worship the Holy one (Micah 4). Wow.

What a blessed future we have in store for us – all described within these two little books wedged in between the bigger Old Testament giants like the Psalms and Isaiah.

2 Timothy 2:13 declares, "If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself." As Christians living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we always fall prey to some sort of historical prejudice where we stereotype and look down at the people of the past. "They worshiped idols of bronze and wood? We as a society have moved beyond that! They were so impossibly silly, and so deserving of God's wrath." But again and again, just like the foolish Israelites of the past, we fail to live up to the impossibly high standards of perfection that God demands of His people. And still...the Lord declares to us, "I love you." Who knew that our God was this constant in His justice, love, and forgiveness? Amen. From the Old Testament to now, may the Lord continue in His faithfulness towards His people.

Thank you all for coming every week to learn more about how steadfast and unchanging God has been by reading and studying Habakkuk and Micah together. Preparing for each Bible Study before Friday, there were times where we struggled over how we should interpret specific verses/passages and coming up with answers to our own discussion questions. However, leading Bible Study has also emphasized to us what a joy it is to simply be able to dive into the Word alongside fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. After all, so much of our time reading the Bible, doing devotionals, is often spent just with our individual self and God. Being able to learn from each person's unique, thought-provoking ideas in our Bible Studies this past semester has been incredibly fruitful. Praise God for giving us the opportunity every week to gather and grow spiritually closer to one another as we study His Word.

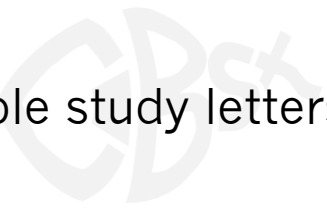


To conclude, here are two of our favorite verses that we discussed in Bible Study. As this semester draws to a close and many of us prepare to enter a new chapter in our lives, it is our prayer that we are all able to keep these verses close to our hearts, to remember that God's overwhelming love and faithfulness to us always gives us reason to rejoice, especially when it seems that nothing is going right.

*"Though the fig tree should not blossom,  
nor fruit be on the vines,  
the produce of the olive fail  
and the fields yield no food,  
the flock be cut off from the fold  
and there be no herd in the stalls,  
yet I will rejoice in the LORD;  
I will take joy in the God of my salvation."*

— Habakkuk 3:17-18

**In Christ,  
Daniel Woo ('23) and Jemima Yoon ('25)**



# bible study letters

**Dear CBS,**

Habakkuk and Micah: written centuries before Christ; on first glance, how could they offer anything to us now? Yet when reading Habakkuk together, we noted that when facing the invasion of the Babylonians, Habakkuk asks God for help, but ultimately places his faith in the Lord, knowing that God is in control, and waits faithfully for God's answer. Meanwhile, Micah professes the coming of Jesus Christ, and points toward the New Covenant. Thus, on deeper examination, the core of these books is hope, even when it is very difficult, even when we feel like we are suffering, even when it seems that evil is winning or the pain will never end. Doesn't that sound relevant now?

To all of you who accompanied us on this journey of discovery through Habakkuk and Micah, thank you so much, that despite the difficulty in finding rooms, inability to spell, and recurring separation by major (all you CS people, please keep a distance), you continued to be deeply engaged, asking great questions, and building off on each other's ideas. We too certainly learned so much from all of the discussion, and we hope it was fruitful for all of you also.

Looking back at the semester, two things particularly stood out to us that will certainly stay with us past the end of our time together, and perhaps will for you all as well. Firstly, we drew hope from our discussion of how God's fulfilling of so many of the prophecies of Micah in Jesus Christ shows that He truly is faithful; thus, when looking at the prophecies of Christ's second coming, we can trust those promises are good and true, and that all things will be made whole in God's time. Moreover, we also realized together how Habakkuk's personal relationship with the Lord meant he was able to find joy in the Lord even in the midst of tremendous suffering, a personal relationship we all can have through the Holy Spirit.

And through all of this, as the semester and school year draws to a close, we pray that, as we read together in these two books, that we all will be able to trust in God's sovereignty, knowing that our true inheritance is in heaven above, not on this earth below, and that we too will be able to find genuine joy and rest in the Lord, our Savior.

**In Christ,  
Joseph Liu ('25) and Felix Hohne (MEng '23)**

# small group letters

**Dear CBS,**

This semester, we decided to dive into the underlying principle of all Christian faith: God's grace towards us as sinners. On a regular basis we hear the word "grace" used in worship, sermons, and prayers. But what does it even mean to have God's grace? And how should we respond knowing we have this gift?

Sourcing from the Bible (naturally), Tim Keller, and other Christian resources, we discussed how grace is an indispensable and costly gift. Even though we are all spiritually dead, God loves us so much that He would send His son to suffer the punishment that we all deserved. Through this act of love, we are united with Christ and receive everything he has (Ephesians 2:1-10). However, until we recognize this truth our lives cannot be changed; a gift cannot be life-changing if we do not understand the impact of it. If we can appreciate the value of God's grace, we experience great joy.

We also discussed how God's grace does not begin with the Gospel; rather, it has been present from the Old Testament, as shown by God's response to the sin of Adam and Eve and the second chance God gave Jonah when he tried to run away. Using a bit of reverse thinking, we also looked at the enemies of grace: pity, pride, and self-entitlement, and discussed the world's misconceptions about grace and how we as Christians should guard ourselves against such teachings that do not come from the Lord but from our own flawed hearts and minds. Finally, we reflected on God's powerful love for us and how we can also be forgiving and gracious towards others.

Our many thanks to those in our small group who attended each week to explore the meaning and significance of God's grace. CBS, we hope that you will continue to be in awe of God's steadfast love, unfailing mercy, and the priceless gift of grace that He freely offers to all who desire Him.

**In Christ,  
Beth Kam ('24) and Jemima Yoon ('25)**



# small group letters

**Dear CBS,**

*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”  
(Colossians 3:23-24)*

Work: it takes up so much of our waking hours (RIP). How then does it fit into our broader spiritual lives? What does a Christian perspective towards work look like? How can there be any meaning to working in a secular world, and how can we glorify God in spite of this?

Once again meeting on a Saturday (We love Saturdays :DD), we focused on what it means to follow the Lord and work for His kingdom in this fallen world. Drawing inspiration from a long list of Christian books, we read excerpts of the texts together, considered their perspectives, discussed how they agreed with or challenged our previous understandings of faith and work, and through application questions, connected them to our personal lives. And despite spicy topics including the Christian value of tbh pretty boring IT specialist work, rich + handsome kdrama MLs, and why Cornell students are incompetent at taking breaks, we somehow managed to cover much. In particular, we noted how salvation through grace alone means we are freed from the relentless pressure of having to secure our identity through work, how the work we do is part of God’s care for this world, and finally, how though because of sin, our work here will often be painful and full of friction, it will ultimately come to full fruition in God’s future. YAAAY!

And through it all, our awesome brothers and sisters have had so much wisdom to share. We too received so much from all of your enthusiastic engagement and insightful comments; thank you so much for your willingness to be open about your personal experiences in what it means to a Christian in this secular world of work. Though we may be in different stages of life, we hope our conversations and discussion will continue to spur us on towards love and good deeds in Christ, knowing that our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ within CBS will stand beside us in all the joys and suffering that comes with being a student in this place. God carefully places every single one of us; your lovely presence here is no coincidence.

We pray that moving forward, even if the schoolwork throughout the semester may be unyielding, the setbacks many, and the future appearing cloudy and uncertain, we all will continue to strive to put God first and let Him guide us for the rest of our days.

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11)*

In Him, our work has ultimate meaning, and in Him, our inheritance never fades.

**In Christ,  
Jade Lo (‘25) and Felix Hohne (MEng ‘23)**

# small group letters

**Dear CBS,**

In many ways, college students are the perfect example of disappointment: both as the disappointments themselves as well as the people who get disappointed. By the time you become a freshman in college, you've probably already disappointed a lot of people. You've disappointed your friends when you treated them like dirt. You've disappointed your lover when you failed to be considerate of their feelings. And at some point, you've likely disappointed your family members, even if they don't show it or say so. (After all, are they not still Asian?) And going through college only opens up the gates to the possibility of being disappointments to a whole bunch of new people in exactly the same old ways.

At the same time, you've lived long enough to be a constant recipient of disappointment. Our friends disappoint us when they fail to meet our expectations. Our lovers disappoint us when they don't understand us or don't reciprocate our passion. Our families disappoint us when we realize that they are not perfect, but are fallible, sinful beings just like us. There are more things to be disappointed by than there are things to disappoint: like not getting the internship you wanted or listening to an album or watching a film you had high expectations for but ended up being trash.

Our small group examined specific cases in the Bible in which people were disappointed; for example, Naomi when her husband and sons died, Jonah when Nineveh wasn't destroyed, Samuel when Saul proved to be an unworthy king and Koheleth when everything under the sun proved to be meaningless.

We learned that disappointment could come in many forms and be rooted in others, ourselves, and even God.

This all might seem like a pretty dreary subject to spend a semester studying. That would certainly be the case if the Bible didn't give any resolution to disappointment. But praise God that it does! Disappointment has no power over us because we have Jesus Christ to fix our eyes upon for hope, encouragement, and new life. Instead of wallowing in suffering, we look to Christ as our ultimate Healer and Comforter. Instead of falling prey to despair in our sinfulness, we look to Christ as our ultimate Savior and Mediator. Instead of dwelling on the failings of other people, we look to Christ in His perfection and trust that God is working for the good of His children.

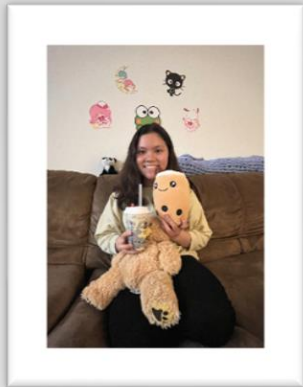
We wish to thank and wish peace on everyone part of our small group: the Ithaca College boys, for their inward and outward display of love and camaraderie with each other and to others; the Cornell brothers and sisters, for your sharing of wisdom and experience, as well as your willingness to learn. It has been a fun time sharing Thursday nights with you all: the laughter, debates, prayers, and iconic slideshow visuals that accompanied our lessons truly surpassed our expectations for this small group. May God bless and keep you always; may good things come your way, despite life's disappointments.

**In Christ,  
Leland Xu ('24) & Meili Bowden ('23)**

**Quatrain (commissioned by Felix Hohne '23):**

"Leland's Experience as Small Group Leader"  
*Though we all nightly voyaged to 3B,  
Enthusiasm killed our weary curse –  
Twas anarchy in honest company;  
I guess it could be a whole lot worse.*

# class of 2023 seniors



**Meili Bowden**  
The Real CBS Boba  
Buddy



**Valerie Chen**  
Class Vegan



**Nat Chin**  
Most Likely to be Carried in a  
Class Photo



**Felix Hohne**  
Owner of the Cleanest  
Laptop



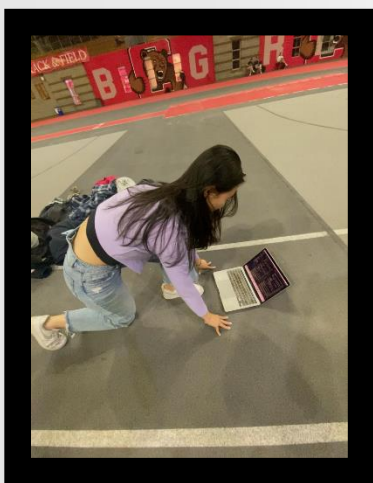
**Justin Hsu**  
Most Athletic



**Rejoice Hu**  
Most Likely to Own a Pair of Crutches



**Kyle Lai**  
Best Gym Bro



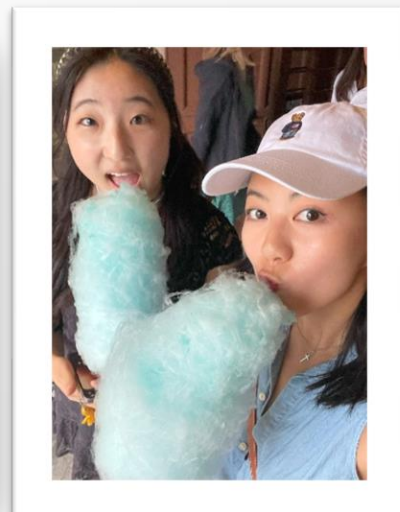
**Emily Liu**  
Cornell CS Speedrunner



**Daniel Woo**  
Impossibly  
Simultaneously Chaotic  
and Serious



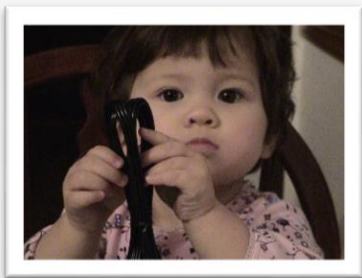
**Tony Yang**  
Most Likely to  
Appear Out of  
Nowhere



**Dawn Zee**  
Class Grandmother

# Meili Bowden

Hometown: Silver Spring, MD  
Major: Mechanical Engineering



"You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."  
– Christopher Robin  
(A. A. Milne)

*After an attempt at a prayer walk with Felix and Jade's small group in the midst of severe thunderstorm conditions and raging winds resulting in one demolished umbrella, five slightly soaked and disgruntled CBSers, and an unquantifiable appreciation for the shelter of Mann Library, I was done with spontaneous adventures for the day. I summoned my obliging interviewee to North campus for dinner and we migrated to the second floor of modern Toni Morrison Hall for our interview. Against the backdrop of the quickly darkening evening sky, Meili's bright smile immediately put me at ease and I settled in for some wholesome, healing conversation.*

## Favorites

**Praise song:** "It Is Well with My Soul" (the hymn)

**Cornell class:** Ooh dang, I should have studied! I'm enjoying Music 2244 (Organ Art and Technology) but another one I like is MAE 4700 (Finite Element Analysis). What else... [You don't have to say every class haha] But there are so many good ones hnnnrgh...okay fine I'll stop, but I really don't think there was a class I didn't like in my college career.

**Study spot:** Upson. I like the second floor when I know I'm studying with people but when alone I'll go to the third or fourth floor. I also like the Olin library ground floor outside of the cafe facing the Arts quad because it's next to the coffee and has the muffled noises of the cafe seeping through the doors while you're studying. It's a vibe.

**Place to eat:** In Ithaca? Mmm...I don't really go that much but I really like Mac's on campus and also Cafe Jennie because I like their desserts for days when I'm like, "I want to eat a cake." I also like Milkstand

because they serve brunch and eggs and I really like eggs!

**Music group/artist:** the Beatles, Bruno Mars, Rihanna, Tori Kelly...yes...and BTS, of course. Also, Omar Apollo!

**Verse:** Um, I have multiple but my lockscreen is Galatians 6:10 – "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith" – and then my homescreen is John 7:38 – "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." I remember I made these when I was going through lots of doubt in my faith and instead of doubting I wanted to remind myself of these principles everyday. Eventually, after reading it so many times I gradually found myself actually believing the verses with my heart...Sorry my interview is going to be even longer than Daniel's haha

**Dessert:** Bruhhhh...yo I actually love every dessert! I have a HUGE sweet tooth...so hard...in general I just really like chocolate; whenever someone would ask me this question, my dad would always answer for me Death by Chocolate cake because I love chocolate that much. But I also like cheesecake! It's the only other dessert without chocolate I enjoy a lot.

**CBS tradition:** Mmm...I do really like North Dinners and apple picking!

## 1. CBS is...

Oh my goodness...ummm...an on-campus fellowship group whose mission is to know Christ and make him known. I don't know, that's just what I say automatically...but beyond that I guess it's a body of friends who become brothers and sisters because of their saving through Christ.

## 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

I think the biggest way is that I'm more confident in what I believe and do not believe so I can defend what I believe without wavering, which I couldn't say when I was a freshman. That doesn't mean I know the answer to every hard question, but I'm not as shaken when I'm asked those questions compared to when I was a freshman. I'm really grateful because God has revealed that when I really ask Him for help to be okay with something that doesn't go my way (like hardships or disappointment), that He will actually help me. So it's not through my own willpower that I

get through something, but it's by His strength that He carries me through everything.

### **3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...**

#### **a. Freshmen**

Freshmeeeeen...oh my gosh they're so cute, I'm so grateful for them! Start early. Not just for homework and stuff although that's good to build discipline for your studies, but also for devotionals and carving out time for church and fellowship intentionally. These things are good to start early on because then it'll be easier to maintain when these practices get even harder. Another thing is to abuse (maybe that's too strong of a word) your upperclassmen. Ask them and lean on them for help when you need it because it will help you and them grow when they realize they need to be mentors to you.

#### **b) Sophomores**

Sophomoooores...mmm...Stay focused. Focused on building your relationships with each other and your relationship with God because it will certainly get harder junior year when you are facing more hardships academically and responsibility-wise as you become upperclassmen. So stay focused on Christ and keep your eyes on Him.

#### **c) Juniors**

Junioooooors...Be lights. Not lice hehe. [*Pffft*] It might be a lot of pressure to think you'll be a senior soon, but ultimately if your main goal is to be a light to each other and those who are younger and those who don't even know you, then that's all God could ask of a senior. Also, on the topic of burnout, that's when your light gets dim and when you can't produce light anymore. Be intentional about avoiding burning out so you can always be a light.

#### **d) CBS in General**

I'd say seek God. I think no matter what stage you're at in college, if your main goal is to seek God then you'll find contentment, in whatever situation you find yourself in, to be a lot easier to gain even if you're not content all the time. Seek God with others. Don't try to figure out everything on your own because God has given you a community for a reason: to learn with each other and stumble with each other but also to lift one another up. Also, find a church in Ithaca and don't be shy in making friends with someone who is old. See people in church as equals, as brothers and

sisters in Christ and maybe you'll find going to church alone less awkward. It's good practice too for when you graduate as many people will have to do this process. And learning how to join a new body of Christians is good for the soul.

### **4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?**

Oh my gosh. [*Too many memories?*] Yeah literally I'm getting flashes. I guess it's interesting that many of my favorite memories involve CBS people, so I'm just grateful...I guess one of them is...mmm...It was my junior year on my birthday. We had to have online classes and it felt like not that many people were on campus. So I was feeling really bummed because I had to go to online class on my birthday and like, RIP. And then Kim, my older prayer partner, told me she would come by and bring me some snacks. I should have suspected something but like a dumbo I just thought she was coming purely to bring me snacks. And then I opened my door and there was a line of people in the dorm hallway and I was like HELLO. I was genuinely surprised and touched by that. The most memorable part of the surprise was when everyone prayed for me and I was moved to tears. There's something special about when everyone puts their hands on you and prays for you...that also happened during Confirmation when everyone prayed for me and Daniel. Yeah, those were some of my most memorable moments.

### **5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?**

I'm pretty revealing so I feel like everyone knows so many things about me...It started during COVID, this habit that I did. Everyone was making sure to wash their hands more and my way of making sure I was washing my hands properly was to recite the Lord's Prayer in my head. It started then and now it's become a habit but I think it's really good. That's something I do I don't really tell a lot of people about.

### **6. What is your favorite spot on campus?**

Oooh...I do really like that overhang above the Cocktail lounge overlooking West. There's two benches with one flower between them, it's really nice. I also really like the general area around Olin Library, especially in the spring because there's magnolias



and cherry blossoms and lots of benches and I just like sitting hehe. It's a vibe in the spring.

**7. What is a prayer that God has answered in the past four years?**

Bruh...just one? I swear if I wrote down every prayer I would see that it would be each one answered. But the biggest one (I think I mentioned it earlier), I really prayed that God would help me believe and have stronger faith. And that became a consistent prayer my sophomore year because before then I didn't realize I could ask that of God. I was reminded of the story of when a man's son was possessed by a spirit and pleaded for help. Jesus asked him if he believed and he said, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" and after reading that I realized I could ask that. And he answered that, gradually of course. It was around that time that I learned the song "Heal Us" by Indelible Grace Music sung by Blessing Ofor and one of the lyrics cites that man. It was really God's timing for when I needed that prayer and read that story and learned that song; it helped me justify why it was okay to ask for that.

**8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)**

Let me think...I just thought of one *\*nervous giggling\**...God, help me. But not in a bad way. In just everything I needed God's help. It's not that I was struggling 24/7, but that I realized in college that I can ask God to help me anytime, in good and bad situations. It's not just all bad. I promise I love my college experience!

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

Short-term, I'm going to stay for my M. Eng in mechanical engineering until December and hopefully get a job after that *\*nervous sweat\**.

Long-term...bro, I'm a really bad long-term planner. I usually don't plan past the next week, so um...long term the best I can say is that I would like to be doing engineering work but to do it for a company or with people that have a mission to serve the community or world. And also I hope and pray that I'll be in a place and community surrounded by people in which I can be fully content.

**10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?**

Oof...I would tell little Meili that she is a child of God. And she doesn't have to be scared to approach others and also God in her imperfection. Ah, little Meimei.

**11. Breh or Bruh?**

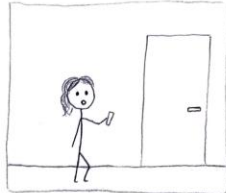
HAHAHA...It's breh. [*But you've been saying bruh this whole time??*] I mean I think I like saying bruh but I think breh sounds better...Kim and Alvin would always make fun of me saying it like a meme.

*Feeling comforted and encouraged by our cozy conversation and laughter, I relented to one more burst of spontaneity before the day came to a close. Meili and I ventured to the new esports gaming lounge to ogle the dark room filled with mildly intimidating gamer guys and a mind-boggling amount of Alienware computers before hopping on a bus back to Collegetown. Aside from being a great adventure buddy, Meili is a God-fearing, loving sister in Christ who inspires me to seek God alongside her. At times she seems to be wise and infallible, but through our interview she has witnessed how God has grown her through times of doubt and need. Though there will be more valleys to come in her future, I have faith God will continue to hold her in the palm of His hand and use her in unique ways to accomplish His great plans. CBS is truly blessed with her presence for one more semester. Cheering you on, (big) Meimei!*

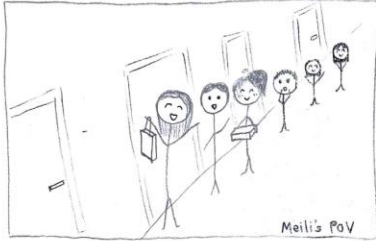
**- Priscilla Liu ('24)**



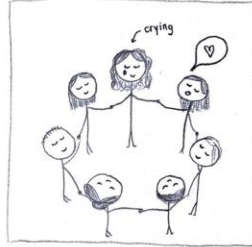
Meili being bored on her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday during Zoom class.



Meili went to let Kim inside her room...



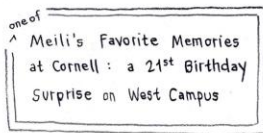
Meili was surprised by not just Kim, but a line of CBS friends who came to say happy birthday! Meili was so happy 😊



Emily K. prayed over Meili, which touched her very deeply.



She even got a White Claw from Alvin... (it still hasn't been opened to this day.)



*“(one of) Meili’s Favorite Memories at Cornell: a 21st Birthday Surprise on West Campus”*

# Valerie Chen

Hometown: Ithaca, NY  
Major: Biology



“slay”

*Valerie and I met at Sage Atrium to try their new “Asian-inspired” menu. Consensus? It was pretty good. Valerie also got me coffee because we decided to combine the BoL interview with our coffee chat that was for SMP. We went to order our coffee, but since I am not an actual coffee drinker I had no clue what to order. Valerie, being the more experienced one, asked me a series of informative questions to enable productive-decision making. Do you like it more sweet? Do you want it to have more milk? I then selected the iced vanilla latte. The past few times I ordered coffee (which I can count off with one hand) I typically didn’t like my selection. Thanks to Valerie, I had a great experience drinking coffee for once.*

## Favorites

**Praise song:** “In Christ Alone”

**Cornell class:** PSYCH 3250, Adult Psychopathology

**Study spot:** Mann Library

**Place to eat:** Bus Stop Bagels

**Music group/artist:** NCT

**Verse:** Philippians 4:6-7

**Dessert:** Vegan chocolate cake

**CBS tradition:** Felly dinner

### 1. CBS is...

A family of believers who want to know Christ and want to make Him known. I think that mission is really an underlying link for everyone – we are all united by one thing which I think brings us a closeness that you might not see in other types of friend groups. I also

think CBS is a place where I can always rely on the people there. I can get support, prayer or listening in a way where I won’t get it from other people, if that makes sense.

### 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

I think I’ve learned to rely a lot more on God and to trust in Him. Freshman year I was very stressed about a lot of things whether it was classes or my future and I felt as if I didn’t really know what I was doing with my life. Since then, God has shown me that He does have a plan for me and that He is watching over me in everything I do. Because of that I’ve been able to fully trust and know that His providence is what is sustaining me.

### 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

#### a. Freshmen

Freshman, try to experience your first year in college more. Do fun things and don’t get so worried about grades and school. School is still important, but it’s also really important to find the people in your life who will be a support system for you. And definitely make church or a fellowship and God a priority in your life. Having that priority early in freshman year will continue to sustain you in college.

#### b. Sophomores

Sophomores, I think sophomore year can be really hard. From my own experience and from my friends and others it can be a time of great change as well as “finding yourself” or realizing what you want to do with your life. With that kind of change comes lots of uncertainty. But I think it’s important to remember that whatever you’re going through at that time you’re not going through it alone and there will be people around you who will understand. And also rely on God; I hope that will relieve some of the stress that you are facing.

#### c. Juniors

Juniors, don’t be afraid of growing up as you become seniors and as you become the oldest one in the fellowship. Being the oldest does come with a lot of responsibility, but at the same time I think it’s very rewarding to see how you have grown throughout the years and also continue to see how younger people in CBS will grow as well. Cherish your last year in CBS

and the relationships you've made and continue building those relationships even through your last year. Those relationships can last a long time. Also be excited for the future. Don't worry so much about the change that comes with graduating, but see it as an opportunity in your life and a chance for God to work in you.

#### **d. CBS in general**

CBS in general, I think CBS should remain rooted in God's love and faithfulness as well as in the love we have for each other. Focusing on God first and focusing on that love will continue to strengthen CBS. And by understanding that our priority is on God, knowing that truth and peace can help resolve any potential issues or fears that one might have. I don't know if that makes sense...kinda? Also, I would say remember to have fun and to enjoy fellowship and do fun things together.

#### **4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?**

I think it was last Fall felly dinner. I remember helping with cooking. This was the Sherlock Holmes ones right? And we were in St. Luke's and just cooking with some of the seniors as well as the underclassmen. I don't know, doesn't sound very interesting, but it was very funny in that we wanted to put more vegetables in whatever was cooking. But whoever was cooking (I think it was Nathaniel?) refused. And when making cookies, the oven wasn't working. But even when these things can be stressful at times, because I was surrounded by CBS people, and we were all laughing, it was very fun.

#### **5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?**

I think one of them is that my fingers are double-jointed.

*[At this point, I asked if double-jointed is real because I thought it was not an actual thing. Valerie then shows me her double-jointed joints and I realized I had been lied to my entire life.]*

A quirk I have is sometimes I get sensory overload. Is that what this question is asking? I don't like loud sounds. Or I don't like sustained loud noise, like white noise.

#### **6. What is your favorite spot on campus?**

I've spent a lot of time studying in libraries. And so my two favorites would be Mann Library and then also the vet school library, even though it's really far. It's just very pretty inside. I like places with a lot of natural lighting, so Sage is also nice.

#### **7. What is a prayer that God has answered in the past four years?**

This one relates to the first question about how God has changed me throughout the years. I questioned a lot what I wanted to do with my life during freshman and sophomore year because I felt that I didn't know what God wanted from me or how what I would do in the future could glorify Him. Since then, God has shown me that the path I'm going on now is the path for me. He's answered that prayer and has given me peace about what I am doing. Knowing that has helped me prepare for my future as well.

#### **8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)**

Stressful – my classes have been a lot of work.  
Exciting – I've been able to meet a lot of people and make a lot of good friends that have made my life more fun and exciting.  
Informative – I've learned a lot just in general. But I've also learned a lot about God and also a lot about myself...maybe I've learned a little bit about myself.

#### **9. What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduation?**

Short-term:  
Short-term plans are kind of up in the air right now. I'm hoping to do research next year during my gap year. Hoping to be in Boston but we'll see where God takes me.

Long-term:  
I am applying to dental school this summer, so that will be another four years of school. So yeah, we will see where God takes me with that.

#### **10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?**

For my younger self, I would tell her that you should be prepared for college and that it is actually a lot harder than high school. Even though that sounds

scary, if you know that it helps you to deal with stress better. And, yeah.

Another thing I would say is don't worry too much about your own plan for college or your own plan for after college because God might change it. And if or when you do, it will be better than what you could have imagined.

### 11. Breh or Bruh?

Bruh.

*I had so much fun eating lunch with Valerie and chatting together! Valerie, I'm going to miss you so much next year at large group and North dinners. I hope that you will always strive to serve the Lord and that you will always turn to Him first in everything you do. You are such a cool person and I'm looking forward to hearing how the Lord will continue to work in your life and the amazing things you will accomplish in Him.*

- Beth Kam ('24)

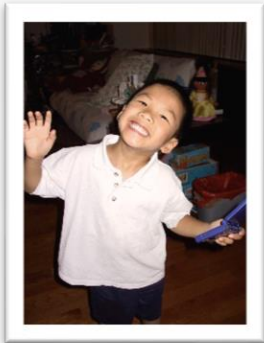


*COOKING durng felly dinner  
but did not add enough  
veggies.*

*"Cooking during felly dinner but  
did not add enough veggies."*

# Nathaniel Chin

Hometown: Manhattan, NYC  
Major: Computer Science



"Don't cry because  
it's over. Smile  
because it  
happened."  
– Dr. Seuss

*Midweek evening on the bridge: idling, waiting  
For Nat to step away from his lab to meet.  
I listened to waves pulsating and crashing;  
Alone standing, evermore near empty streets.  
Though Marx once criticized the bourgeoisie,  
He'd recant if he had gone to Kung Fu Tea.  
And so, for boba we then went, Nat and I;  
To reflect on college and lasting goodbyes.*

## Favorites

**Praise song:** "You Make Me Brave" by Bethel Music

**Cornell class:** Human Bonding (HD 3620)

**Study spot:** CiS Lounge

**Place to eat:** Thompson and Bleecker

**Music group/artist:** Jake Scott

**Verse:** Matthew 6:25. It's a bit of a long one.

**Dessert:** Seven-layer chocolate cake

**CBS tradition:** Service Marketplace

### 1. CBS is...

A God-loving community.

### 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

I think, spiritually, I grew a lot more and gained a more refined perspective on my values, especially in terms of work, but also in general, like in the Christian faith, when it comes to my relationships and how to love God in your day-to-day life.

### 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

#### a. Freshmen

Oh. Just take classes you're interested in and, yeah, take advantage of all the classes Cornell has to offer, especially the P.E. courses.

#### b. Sophomores

Take advantage of the dining halls and Noyes.

#### c. Juniors

Wow. Let's see. Don't be too stressed about internships and trust God will lead you down the right path, regardless of what you do over the summer, I guess.

#### d. CBS in general

Build a community within your class but also look out for those that are struggling or might feel a little lonely, yeah, just don't feel afraid to be a little bit more extroverted than you normally are. I would say that.

### 4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?

My favorite memory was my freshman year, Thanksgiving. That Sunday, there was a big snowstorm, so we had a snow day on that Monday and my friends and I – oh, actually CBS was there! CBS and my other friends went sledding on the slope and we had a snowball fight and that was fun.

### 5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?

I can play the cello.

### 6. What is your favorite spot on campus?

The top of the slope.

### 7. What is a prayer that God has answered in the past four years?

Ooh. That's a good one. I guess, coming into my freshman year, I was really scared that I wouldn't find a close-knit group of people that I can call my main friend group essentially, but I think God really led me to the right people. Yeah. Yeah, I guess that.

**8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words.  
(Explain it only if you want to!)**

Cold, exhausting, fun.

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

That's a bit up in the air. I think I either get accepted into the MS program here at Cornell for CS or I go work for a small defense contractor in Boston.

**10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?**

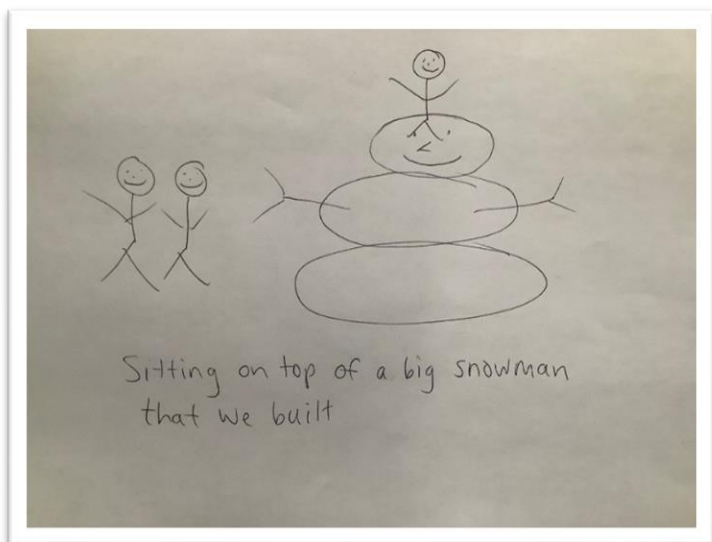
Don't be stressed about classes. College is much more than just the classes.

**11. Breh or Bruh?**

Bruh.

*After sharing his answers, drink unfinished, Nat arranged himself to return back to Rhodes to work, discussing to me his research on robots, AI, and other things many will never understand. I am blessed to have been able to hear Nat share the highlights of his Cornell experience and give thoughtful advice to those in CBS who will still be here. Whatever God has planned for Nat, I pray that he can rely on the strength and wisdom of the Lord wherever he is sent and that he does not forget the bonds of fellowship and friendship he has formed as an undergraduate in Cornell.*

**- Leland Xu ('24)**



*"Sitting on top of a big snowman that we built"*

# Felix Hohne

Hometown: Vancouver, Canada  
Major: Computer Science



“Live to fight  
another day”

*A few weeks before this interview, I was sitting with Felix in Eddygate’s lobby when he asked me whether I was interviewing anyone for BoL. As seniors aren’t told who their interviewers will be, I merely smiled and said yes, and he nodded in approval. Amusing dramatic irony aside, I was excited to get to know Felix some more, and so we headed to Rose’s dining hall despite a blustery, drizzling evening.*

## Favorites

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**Praise song:** “As the Deer”. Everyone always says it’s “Oceans”, but I think for a while now it has been “As the Deer”.

**Cornell class:** CS6220 Matrix Computations. It’s a beautiful mix of using math to derive efficient and clever algorithms.

**Study spot:** This is hard. The third floor of Mann Library.

**Place to eat:** Fusia. No surprises there.

**Music group/artist:** Martin Czerny. He plays sad piano instrumentals that are good for studying and when you’re sad, which are basically the same thing.

**Verse:** Numbers 6:24-26. It’s traditionally the last thing said at New Life sermons, and it reminds me of peace and rest that come from the Lord.

**Dessert:** I don’t really like desserts. Error null pointer exception, I guess.

**CBS tradition:** Small group, followed by informal. Just meeting up with fellow believers and being present with each other.

## 1. CBS is...

A community and fellowship of believers seeking to deepen and strengthen their relationship with God.

## 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

I think when I came in, I was very much a workaholic who intellectually knew what it meant to believe, but through CBS, it now touches so much more of my life. I really know what it’s like to trust in the Lord and walk with Him through the heights and the valleys.

## 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

### a. Freshmen

You often will have perhaps a few hours of rest where you want to do something that is meaningful and will genuinely give rest, rather than make you feel guilty. Ideally you’ll spend it in devotions or reading Christian books, which is the best option, but hobbies are not bad either.

### b. Sophomores

By the time you’re reading this, you’re basically through the worst part of Cornell. I would encourage you to spend the summer reflecting on what you have already accomplished and how you want to spend the rest of your time here, and prioritize walking with the Lord.

### c. Juniors

By the time you’re done with junior year, in many ways you’re wise in the ways of Cornell. You know where to find prelims, how to pre-enroll, you know more than most new assistant professors. But you’re still very young in life, so there’s a tension between being wise about things directly related to Cornell, but not as much spiritually or about life in general. Also, get a meal plan – you will need it.

### d. CBS in general

You’re never gonna live so close to other CBS people and other friends. I was in the Bay Area this summer, and it was a forty-minute commute to meet with friends by public transportation or Uber, while it’s maximum a twenty-minute walk here. So make the most of connecting with other people and walking in the faith together.



**4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?**

All these “best” questions are very hard, but the many one-on-one times I’ve had with people and getting to know them stand out.

**5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven’t found out about you?**

I don't think there are any left. I'm an open book, apparently.

**6. What is your favorite spot on campus?**

Oh, this is a good question. On West, there is this bench. It’s from 1892. “To those who shall sit here rejoicing, to those who shall sit here mourning, sympathy and greeting: so have we done in our time.” It’s by A.D. White and his wife. I believe it's their favorite spot on campus, and both in times of great joy and great pain, I found myself going back to that bench, sitting there and looking down on the slope.

**7. What is a prayer that God has answered in the past four years?**

Probably the biggest one is to find a Christian community at university. My high school was in a very liberal city, and to some extent that also infected the church, so I wasn't very close to many Christians in high school.

**8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)**

Brotherhood and sisterhood of suffering. I know that's not three words, but feel free to delete the gender you want to make it into three words. Cornell is a hard place in many ways, but at the same time, the bonding through suffering makes this place unique and very much describes the last four years.

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

Short term, I hope to be a software engineer if it all works out. And long term, who knows where God will place me next. His will be done.

**10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?**

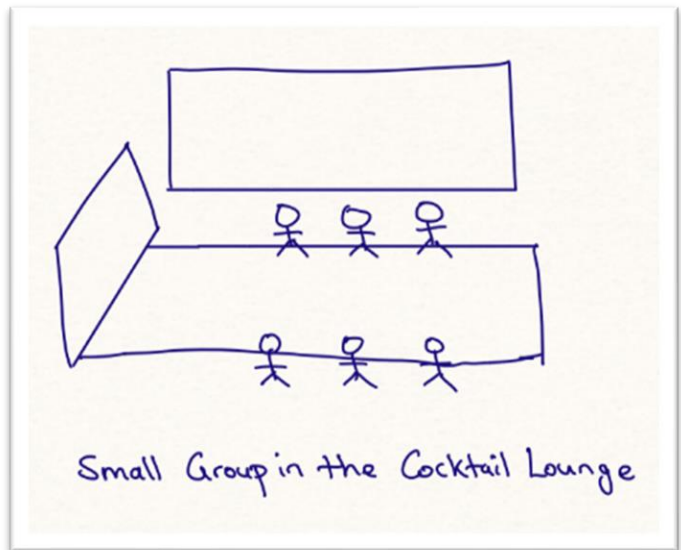
This is a very fun question, because I think everyone says they wish they spent less time studying and more time with each other, but at the same time they spent the needed time studying and the rest with people. But I think it's very true, I wish I had been more deliberate about the time I spent with other people, like with comforting people who needed it.

**11. Breh or Bruh?**

Considering I spend hours on end in the CIS lounge, how could I say anything but bruh?

*After the interview, we headed up one floor to Rose’s library to prepare for leading Bible study that week. It’s been a joy to serve so much with Felix this semester, and his devotion to the fellowship and working for the Lord is deeply evident and impressive. I pray that he will continue to grow in faith and service as he moves on to the next chapter of his life.*

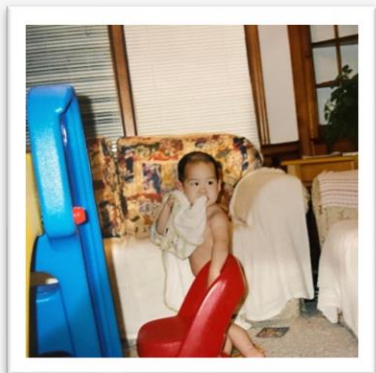
**- Joseph Liu ('25)**



*“Small Group in the Cocktail Lounge”*

# Justin Hsu

Hometown: Lexington, MA  
Major: Computer Science



“Take it easy”

*Just in time, I see Justin leave  
Under the roof of Duffield Hall.  
Sonnets and haiku can't express  
The sickness we feel of this place.  
I no longer would like to write;  
Now let's just start the interview.*

## Favorites

**Praise song:** “Cornerstone”

**Cornell class:** Gotta think for that one. Probably Bowling PE class. It was fun.

**Study spot:** Either my room or the Cocktail Lounge.

**Place to eat:** To be honest, I think Ithaca food is kinda mid. But if I had to pick one, it'd be So Poong. They're pretty good.

**Music group/artist:** Pink Floyd

**Verse:** Romans 5:8

**Dessert:** Tiramisu

**CBS tradition:** Marketplace

### 1. CBS is...

Family.

### 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

Good question. I guess for me, I can attribute a lot of my spiritual growth to Him and also trusting more in His plan. So before going to Cornell, I didn't really have a sense of identity. I didn't know what I wanted to do, what I was interested in, or what I wanted to dedicate my energy toward. I feel like God guided me

along the way. So yeah, a lot of it I can attribute to trusting in God's plan for me and just allowing Him to dictate what to do with my life, making choices that glorify Him. The biggest thing is having faith in His plan and seeing that carry out in my four years here.

### 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

#### a. Freshmen

I would say, don't be afraid to be yourself but also don't be afraid to find out new things about yourself and to change and adapt. Just because you're one way during one day doesn't mean you can't be a different person another day. You can always continue to grow and learn from yourself. That's especially true in terms of your spiritual life: you can go through some rough patches. In the end, there's always room for change.

#### b. Sophomores

Kinda similar. As a sophomore, you kinda know what you're doing and that's actually when you have to start thinking about your career, your major, and whatnot. Try to have a sense of what you want to do and how you're going to attain that. But everything I said before still applies.

#### c. Juniors

I'd say you're getting to the point where you can see yourself becoming a mentor to others so be intentional about the things that you do and how you carry yourself. And try to be a role model to those who look up to you but always be willing to accept criticism and see ways in which you could grow.

#### d. CBS in general

Keep fighting the good faith, you know. Keep doing what you're doing and trust in God. I'd like to see, when I'm gone, that we continue to be Christ-centric and focused on the Bible and His Word, and try not to veer too much away from Him.

### 4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?

I would say, it's not a specific event, but overall something that defined my college experience is going out and just playing basketball at 2 A.M. and freezing my butt off but still having fun. Just finding random times to go outside, go on a walk, and just sort of experience campus.

**5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?**

I can drink a lot of milk. This is possibly gross, but I can down a gallon of milk in one sitting. I am good at picking up random sports and just figuring them out. I don't know. That's enough about me. I don't like talking too much about myself.

**6. What is your favorite spot on campus?**

Either the rock wall or, I know this is basic, but the slope. It's just so good, I feel like we take it for granted. Like when you go to talk to your friends from other colleges and you tell them what the slope is, you realize how good you have it. Everyone I talk to is amazed by all the things we can do on the slope. Somehow still underrated in my opinion.

**7. What is a prayer that God has answered in the past four years?**

I would say the big one was I wasn't super involved in Christian groups when I first got to campus. I wasn't really sure of the things I wanted to do, but God helped me by bringing me to CBS: finding a community that I could trust with my spiritual journey and being with genuinely good people who have grown to become close friends. I guess, to sum it up, God has provided me with a wonderful community that makes me feel like I belong.

**8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)**

Laughter, stress, and growth.

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

Short-term: I plan on hopefully doing well in my first job in New York City and just having friends in the new city.

Long-term: I want a bowling alley in my house. That's what I want.

**10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?**

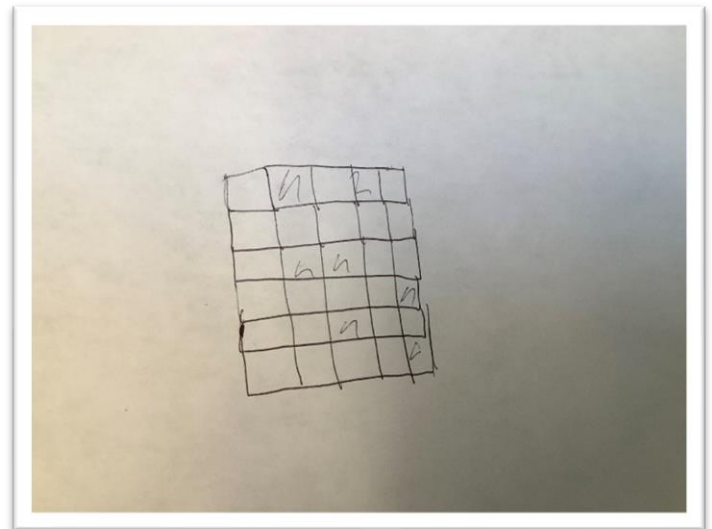
I would say don't take everything too seriously. Every day's a new day. Be prepared for COVID.

**11. Breh or Bruh?**

Bruh.

*I asked Justin what his plans were for the rest of the day and he said he was going to study for a prelim. I lied and said I was too and he seemed to believe me – he probably forgot I was in ILR. Although we only knew him for a short time, I am glad that was able to find belonging with us and reconcile His life with God's will. I pray that Justin's wisdom and experience can help guide him through his new job, and that he does not forget God's love for him, and the wonderful things that are planned for him.*

**- Leland Xu ('24)**



*"Playing Wordle with CBS."*

# Rejoice Hu

Hometown: Demarest, NJ  
Major: Computer Science



"I did my best, and  
God did the rest."  
– Hattie McDaniel

*Heading down Libe slope together with the light snow all around me I arrive at Keeton a bit earlier than anticipated so I scroll through the Webtoon "Eleceed" to look at the adorable kitties drawn in. My interviewee arrives and we get our food. Before settling down, we noticed a big plate of lemon bars that we planned to grab after our meal. However, right before the interview, some mid-tasting coffee cakes replaced the bars instead. 那麼可惜。 Luckily, she had her ginger jelly candies as a sweet treat as I questioned her.*

## Favorites

**Praise song:** My Lighthouse by Rend Collective  
**Cornell class:** CALS Wines and Vines (VIEN 1104)  
**Study spot:** Mann Library  
**Place to eat:** Bethel  
**Music group/artist:** Doesn't listen to music :(  
**Verse:** Philippians 4:8 ESV  
**Dessert:** Apple pie  
**CBS tradition:** 1G Hangouts

### 1. CBS is...

Christ-centered. Everything we do revolves around Him, which is really good!! That's the direction we want it to be headed. *\*soft clap of hands for emphasis\**

### 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

I have changed a lot since my first year at Cornell. I feel like every single aspect [of me] has changed in some way. I guess He's presented a lot of challenges and struggles to me and really challenged my faith in ways that I never imagined could be challenged

before. The three years I've been here I learned to be more dependent on Him and know that His grace is enough. I guess it's a whole process of rebuilding trust for Him.

### 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

#### a. Freshmen

The people make the place. It's very important to value community and to find it and also to not only find it but to give back to it. Do not underestimate the importance of relationships. Don't let work get in the way of fostering your relationship with other people.

#### b. Sophomores

Really use this time to try as many new things as possible, classes, clubs, research, just whatever that might be remotely interesting to you and don't worry too much. You'll figure it out in the end. Don't worry yourself with everything. You'll be surprised by how much you'll change at the end of the year.

#### c. Juniors

Can we come back to this? I guess advice for juniors is don't forget to have fun. Because I feel like it's so easy to get stuck in the cycle of life I have this to do or that to do and just keep going going going. There's more to life than work. Also, don't forget to enjoy life.

#### d. CBS in general

My advice is...wait give me a minute...My advice is don't underestimate the impact and the love that you can spread by the little things like checking in on people.

### 4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?

I guess one of my favorite memories is going to a friend's apartment and baking bread in the middle of the night and having a little movie night and watching rom-coms together during my sophomore spring or junior fall...oh, no...I think it was junior fall. That was like one of the first moments where I felt a more real tangible state of peace.

### 5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?

Did you know that I can play the ukulele? Just sort of...just a little bit. I'm sure other people know this

now, in my lifetime, I have experienced like six leg/foot injuries, two of them being at Cornell. Two sprained ankles here, one sprained in high school, [once in] track in high school I injured my knee, left leg in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, right leg in 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

### 6. What is your favorite spot on campus?

You know, like the garden area in front of the Cornell store and near Statler? In the spring, it is so beautiful. That's my favorite spot to be. It's so beautiful, I would just sit there and look at the views and flowers and skies. It's very peaceful.

### 7. What is a prayer that God has answered in the past four years?

I guess more abstractly it encompasses everything. I remember in freshman year or after freshman year ended I felt so at peace. Everything I wanted I had. I felt so much peace and that was the best of me I ever was. I prayed a lot. I think God placed me in Cornell when everything was perfect and everything I found worth or value in He took away. It's Him trying to teach me or answer me to teach me, shape me, or mold me. I think it's a work in progress. I think it's a process that He took everything away. But I know that God's grace is enough and God is all that I need and you should not rely on everything else but Him.

### 8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)

Resilience, patience, stronger. Cornell taught me resilience [and] patience. It's not really to describe my time but lessons that I've learned. I guess it's taught me how to be stronger.

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

I'll be staying another semester MPS (Master of Professional Studies) in information science. I guess that's a short-term goal. I guess a long-term goal...ooo that one's a good one. I guess continuing to rebuild my relationship with God and just yeah just continuing softening and opening up my heart more. And just serving others or finding myself more. And being able to use that new heart or new rebuilt relationship to serve others.

### 10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?

I would say after much reflection and the struggles that I've been through and the actions that I've taken, there's a difference between what you're thinking that you're not prioritizing God and acting like you are your own God. I didn't realize I was living as my own God until it hit me. I should reframe my mindset and the things that I do.

### 11. Breh or Bruh?

Bruh hands down.

*We coincidentally bumped into two beautiful women (QQ & Jemima) but they left shortly after their meal. Rejoice and I both laughed because we came earlier yet they left earlier. But it was worth it to hear all of her deep and touching thoughts that I hadn't realized she struggled with this whole time. I guess you can never really know a person unless you find time to actually **know** them. Just like how we can know **about** God but unless we make time to actually **know** Him we will never be able to see that His plans for us include suffering to produce perseverance so that our character can be built in hope (Romans 5:3-4). "And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us" (Romans 5:5).*

- Jade Lo ('25)



*My friends surprised me for my 21<sup>st</sup> birthday! 😊*

*"My friends surprised me for my 21<sup>st</sup> birthday! 😊"*

# Kyle Lai

Hometown: Queens, NYC  
Major: Computer Science

*I really thought we would start at 10 P.M. 🙄 After getting back from my small group, I had already postponed the interview by thirty minutes to eat my late-night dinner. After a speedy dinner, I return to my dorm room, unlock my do – wait a second. Where are my keys?! After approximately one panic-filled hour, calling multiple people (including having Pastor Paul look around the back seat of his car for a good five minutes), and getting an RA-on-Duty to unlock the door for me, I learn that I left my keys over in Cornell. Nonetheless, Kyle was super flexible through all of this, and I really appreciated it. I settled my disheveled self for our Zoom interview and then we started.*

## Favorites

**Praise song:** So Will I (Cuz Jake sang that song)

**Cornell class:** Japanese Culture, language, food

**Study spot:** Rockefeller

**Place to eat:** Cook House

**Music group/artist:** Five Seconds of Summer -  
Amnesia, Ghost of You

**Verse:** I really don't know

**Dessert:** Chocolate/Normal Cheesecake

**CBS tradition:** Felly Dinner (usually the end of semester ones)

### 1. CBS is...

CBS is fun!

### 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

I don't really know how to answer that.

### 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

#### a. Freshmen

Do what you think is fun now, cuz you won't have time for it later.

#### b. Sophomores

Hopefully you started what you wanted to do cuz there's (almost) no time left (but it's okay to still be unsure of what you want to do).

### c. Juniors

Time's already up 🙄. Savor every single day.

### d. CBS in general

Just keep going!

### 4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?

Just studying on campus with my friends (late at night). You don't realize how important that time can be when you can hang out with your friends. Even though you're really busy, you should appreciate that stuff.

### 5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?

I can name over a hundred songs by Five Seconds of Summer. [That's crazy bruh]

### 6. What is your favorite spot on campus?

Helen Neumann.

### 7. What is a prayer that God has answered in the past four years?

To keep me focused.

### 8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)

Overwhelming

Amusing

Interesting

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

Short-term: To start work and do my job as of now, SAVE MONEY.

Long-term: Move to Long Island.

### 10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?

Just have fun now and don't worry too much about the future :)

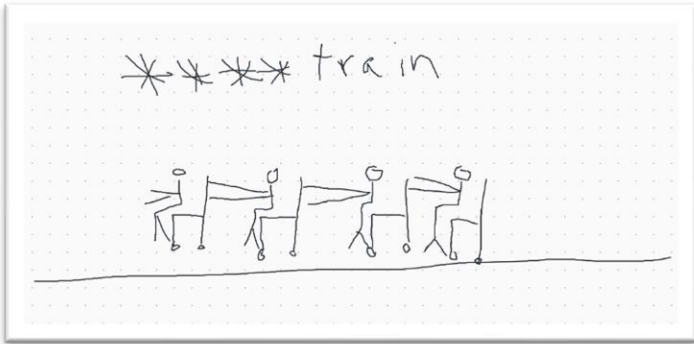
### 11. Breh or Bruh?

Bruh, I never say the other one.

*This was our first time actually conversing with each other, and though it was sadly not in-person, I learned a lot about Kyle! I never would have thought he was such a diehard Five Seconds of Summer fan or a fan of Japanese but not really of anime. He has a fun, easygoing personality, and it was easy to vibe along with him :D I hope he can reach his long-term goal of moving to Long Island while continuing to pursue God in his life!*

*At the end of the interview, the parting words left by Kyle:  
"\*\*\*\* Cornell."*

**- Jonny Lin ('27)**



"\*\*\*\* train"

# Emily Liu

Hometown: Morganville, NJ  
Major: Computer Science



“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”  
– Winnie the Pooh

*Believe it or not it took Emily and I two meetups to finally get started with the BoL interview lols. The plan was to meet up for dinner at Keeton and do the BoL afterwards but we ended up talking for two hours and getting into our feels~. It was a lovely bonding moment filled with laughs, tears, and warmth. Thus we rescheduled to another day to grab bubble tea and from there we began the interview <3.*

## Favorites

**Praise song:** Currently “It Is Well” by Bethel Music and Kristene DiMarco

**Cornell class:** 2023

**Study spot:** Olin Stacks and Libe Cafe

**Place to eat:** Terrace (salad and burrito station)

**Music group/artist:** Tate McRae, Stray Kids

**Verse:** Genesis 50:20

**Dessert:** Fruit tart

**CBS tradition:** Felly Dinner

### 1. CBS is...

A loving tight knit family and fellowship who support each other in the pursuit of God.

### 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

Too many ways oooo – I've def grown closer to God during my time at Cornell. College is kind of a test of faith because no one is pushing you to go to church; everything that you do for yourself and for God is of your volition. I think God has shown me at Cornell that

I really need him and I want to walk in this life with him and not because I grew up in the church. Shown in more ways than one how much I rely on him.

### 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

#### a. Freshmen

Don't be afraid to explore your faith, ask hard questions, really get to know your upperclassmen at CBS this will be your family at CBS. You never know how much you'll grow at college, academically, socially, and spiritually. So really just soak it all in.

#### b. Sophomores

First thing is you guys aren't the youngest on campus anymore! You guys still have so much for college, sophomore is at the thick of things, take some time to step away from academics and if you can really pour back into CBS and you got it. You made it halfway through college, you're halfway there! Even though you guys aren't the babies on campus anymore, you definitely have a lot more to explore and half the years to spend and you're not forgotten!

#### c. Juniors

You guys are upperclassmen now! With that comes a lot of freedom but also responsibilities next year CBS will be given to you guys, with that in mind really pour back into your underclassman. It's always great to be disciplined but it is important to disciple and now is that time, young hearts and young souls. You're ready for this and you got it!

#### d. CBS in general

You guys are such a special group of people on campus. It's not easy to find such pure and uplifting relationships. Really lean into each other and support and be there for one another. Whatever CBS does, we don't lean on our own understanding, but we rely on God's, and we should take that on our relationships in CBS. I hope you cherish one another and cherish the brothers and sisters you have.

### 4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?

These require too much thinking noooo lol. Slope day, my junior year, my first slope day. I love seeing how Cornell as a whole came together. It was the day of the best weather I've seen at Cornell.



**5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?**

I can write mirrored on the wall.

**6. What is your favorite spot on campus?**

It'd just be Olin, it is my home.

**7. What is a prayer that God has answered in the past four years?**

A prayer that God has answered in the past for a year is giving me the experiences that I changed into the person I want to be and discerning the people that I want to keep close to me.

**8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)**

Unforgettable – in terms of the people and memories.  
Tumultuous – a lot has happened for the better or for the worse but have strengthened me ultimately.  
Bittersweet – emphasis on the sweet.

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

Short-term – I'll be in NYC working in software.  
Long-term – not too sure what I'm going to be...maybe...going into the biotech sphere, but hopefully still close to friends.

**10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?**

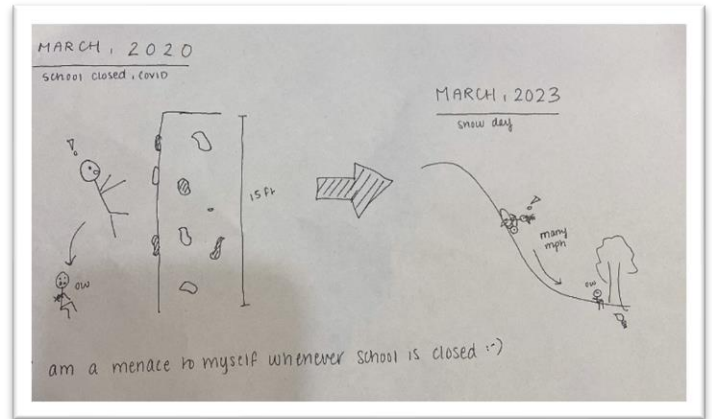
Your college experience will be both better and worse than you anticipated. In particular and almost immediately you will have a shorter time on campus than you expected but that doesn't mean your college experience was any less meaningful or wonderful and so throughout it all, make the most of what you have and don't worry about losing what you enjoy. Ultimately the people will be the best thing you'll get out of Cornell so don't hesitate to pour back into the relationship.

**11. Breh or Bruh?**

bRuH the SpongeBob letters haha

*After the interview, Emily and I talked for some more lols surprise surprise. I am really thankful that I was able to interview Emily and get to know her more on a personal level. I pray that God will continue to protect Emily's faith in whatever challenges she may face after entering the workforce and so on. May she know that she can always go to God when times are tough and he'll be right there to pick her up <3.*

- QQ Lin ('25)



*"I am a menace to myself whenever school is closed :-)"*

# Daniel Woo

Hometown: Basking Ridge, NJ  
Major: Civil Engineering



"When you jump,  
jump with curiosity.  
But when you land,  
land with confidence."

*It's okay, I'm prepared.*

*I was in my dorm room when those dreaded words  
appeared:*

*"I'm here."*

*I take a deep breath, it's finally time.*

*Down falls the elevator, I go out the door.*

*As feared, his brand new 2013 Honda CRV was right over  
there.*

*My polite greeting? Returned with a grin.*

*We careened down that hill, would I even return again?*

*The car screeched to a halt, and then we were there.*

*Finally, he spoke. "Have you been to Gorgers before?"*

*"No," I respond. "I've never been."*

*How kind of him, I thought, making small talk with me.*

*How wrong I was, how so very wrong.*

*"YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TO GORGERS BEFORE? SHAME  
ON YOU." He exclaimed.*

*I shivered, knees quivered.*

*This interview was done for, dead to BoL as I was to him.*

*The end has come. Too fast, too soon.*

*Well, I tell myself, it's time to begin.*

*I don't want my head as another on the shelf.*

*We enter the dark, black door of "Gorgers."*

*My final meal? A medium coconut shrimp sub.*

*And so, at long last, the interview began.*

*Let's hope I can see a ray of light again.*

## Favorites

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**Praise song:** Day by Day (Hymn)

**Cornell class:** Intermediate Solid Mechanics – the  
entire class can be sandwiched into one equation.

[Yum]

**Study spot:** Fine Arts Library

**Place to eat:** Thompson and Bleeker

**Music group/artist:** OOHYO

**Verse:** Psalm 91:1-2

**Dessert:** Watermelon

**CBS tradition:** BoL :D

### 1. CBS is...

CBS is a fellowship. That's all.

### 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

He gave me a new heart; a heart for serving, a heart for Him, and a heart for his people.

### 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

#### a. Freshmen

Make lots of friends and try something new. Don't wait until your senior year to commit to God. Commit to God now.

#### b. Sophomores

Quote by Annie Johnson Flint: "He giveth more grace...when we have exhausted our store of endurance, When our strength has failed ere the day is half done, When we reach the end of our hoarded resources, Our Father's full giving is only begun." This poem encapsulates me saying: God is always there, and the slump ends.

#### c. Juniors

Support one another and know that it's never too late for anything; it's never too late to forgive someone, it's never too late to start ministry, it's never too late to find a new friend, it's never too late to find something new.

#### d. CBS in general

Go to church weekly, read the Bible daily, pray ceaselessly.

### 4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?

That time I met Jonny at the frat party \*dies of laughter for 2.5 seconds\*. I really enjoyed the past two felly dinners this year, it was really special. Another moment that comes to mind is last year when I would pull all-nighters with Jasper and the two of us are sitting in 1G cranking out our overdue presets. We

wouldn't talk, we would just keep each other company...I think I miss that.

**5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?**

I love playing tennis...I think if I could go back I would play tennis more. I can also click my tongue really loud!

**6. What is your favorite spot on campus?**

I like all the buildings that are pretty because it inspires me to work. In the wintertime, I really like being on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Olin Library with the adjustable tables. If I'm just chilling, I like to go to the slope and sit on the grass and watch the clouds (but only in the springtime).

**7. What is a prayer that God has answered in the past four years?**

I've been asking God if he has truly loved me and if he has forgiven me. Just now I start to realize that he always has.

**8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)**

It is finished. *\*stares blankly at me, then chuckles\**

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

Short-term: I'm going to go to a grad school and study civil and structural engineering for 1-2 years and do research.

Long-term: I'd like to stay at my current job in Arlington, VA, doing structural engineering...I don't know what God wants for me so I'll just focus on getting a Masters first and then see what happens after. Maybe ultimately, be close to family.

**10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?**

Be patient with others, and sometimes saying nothing at all says a lot.

**11. Breh or Bruh?**

Bruh (in response to the question, not as his answer). I don't think I say any of them. I think I say goodness gracious...but I would say bruh.

*I'm alive! I'm alive! I was so, very wrong!  
Daniel's no mobster, no hitman, no grinch.  
He paid for the donuts! He's wise and he's kind.  
He has a good heart and he's dressed to the nines.  
My fear is all gone, replaced with just awe.  
The subs were delightful, the donuts a joy.  
Dan is commendable, humorous, bright.  
I wonder if he noticed my doubt or my fright...  
There at the end, when asked for last words,  
All I got was "BAI BAI!!!!," and then it was curtains.  
I'd do this again, but what if next sem!  
Oh, wait... I have another at 10...*

- Jonny Lin ('27)



*"Jasper plays league while Daniel does another pset in 1G"*

# Tony Yang

Hometown: Ithaca, NY  
Major: Computer Science



“Don't talk if you don't know.”

*The last time Tony and I met up in Duffield, we were meeting up to work on ML and fight with Vocareum (the ML autograder). But this time we would not need to call `numpy.flatten` or `numpy.shape` or any of those things. All we needed this time was a Google Doc and Tony's ever-present humor, quick wit, and sharp wisdom. As I sat at an empty table in Duffield working on my semiconductors homework, Tony walked briskly into Duffield and we started the interview.*

## Favorites

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**Praise song:** Way Maker

**Cornell class:** CS 3110

**Study spot:** Duffield Hall

**Place to eat:** De Tasty

**Music group/artist:** I don't know – TWICE.

**Verse:** Philippians 4:13

**Dessert:** Cheesecake

**CBS tradition:** Senior Wills

### 1. CBS is...

I'm gonna say the same thing as freshman year...family – yeah that's what I said freshman year.

### 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

Uh...God has made me realize that there's a lot of unexpected things that can happen, even though there's no reason to believe the things are happening to you, it's all part of God's plan, no matter how bad things are there's always hope.

### 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

#### a. Freshmen

I think freshmen should be confident and not intimidated by things that appear to be intimidating or things that upperclassmen do, it's always ok to swing around at the start and not know what you're doing because eventually it will fall your way.

#### b. Sophomores

You're almost halfway there, by that time you've probably made some friends, built some community here, just keep on working hard and making the most of the time left in college.

#### c. Juniors

It's about time to graduate 😊

#### d. CBS in general

You can always find community here in CBS no matter what changes around you or outside or external factors, CBS will always be a constant force within that, whenever you have something and need someone to turn to, CBS will always be a community you can turn to.

### 4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?

Give me some time to think. Too much has happened. Honestly one of my favorite times is like O-week especially junior year, almost a year and a half after I've seen people, not necessarily anything specific but just the general timeframe, just a really joyful time to see friends that were stuck at home and just to see them all in one place was a wonderful experience.

### 5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?

Is it like the CBS people or just like everyone? [*I guess either.*] I don't think this is like a talent or anything, it's just like a quirk...I get hinged very easily and if there's a competition or something I will probably just keep talking and not let you say anything until I've finished my talk and I'll probably say a lot of weird things, probably only a few people have seen this.

### 6. What is your favorite spot on campus?

Mmm...I think as a freshman it was PSB, because it was like the central hub of where my friends were and other CBS members, but post-junior year it became

Duffield because it just was where everyone would walk by and you could see everyone during the day if you just stayed there.

**7. What is a prayer that God has answered in the past four years?**

I think like from the start of college there was a time where I really did not want to be here at Cornell, I think it just had to do with the general vibes and the weather and not really having a community here, so I really wanted to transfer out after my freshman fall to anywhere else. I just had a prayer to find a solid group of friends and community and even during COVID I was able to keep up with some people and have some consistent friends to turn to, people who are very similar-minded to me and listen to me, and as I've progressively grown after the three years after my freshman year there's always been a small subset of people whom I've stuck with and even though there's been some tension between people it's still a prayer that's been answered.

**8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)**

Fun (because there have been really fun moments throughout college, moments that I could not have experienced in high school but only in college).  
Duffield (I love Duffield Hall even though it's very depressing here even though there's a stigma for engineers but I really enjoy the people who pass by here even though I'm not very productive here).  
Loud (cuz I'm loud and my time at Cornell has either been me having very loud laughs when I'm walking through quads or going to Collegetown or me just talking loudly in study areas where I'm not supposed to be talking loudly...yeah that's just my energy).

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

Short-term plans – to work in New York City.  
Long-term plans – to probably not live in New York City and find a place to settle and maybe change career paths, we'll see, maybe something that's more fulfilling than being a code monkey. [Like what kinds of things?] I don't know...I could be a farmer, I think once I don't need to worry about money I could start doing what I want and pursuing other hobbies, just have more free time, I don't know what that will be right now but that's the plan.

**10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?**

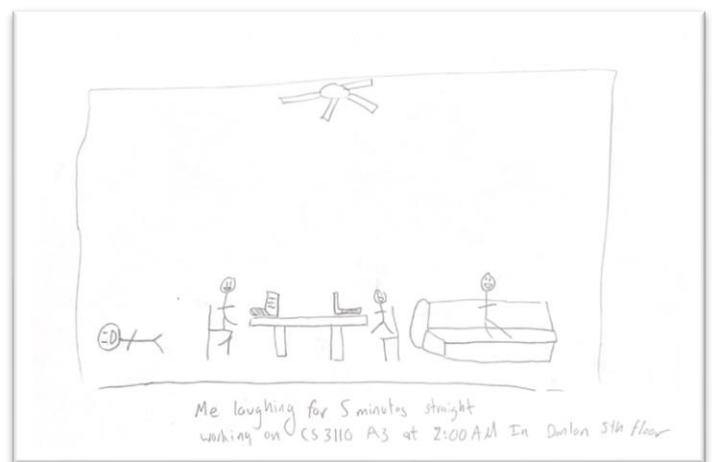
I would tell myself that...even though you will be given a lot of good things, but when bad things happen and it seems like everything is pointless just to keep on pushing through that everything will fall into place because of God's plan, but that it's something that you might not think about in the moment.

**11. Breh or Bruh?**

Bruh.

*Tony was completely right about meeting people in Duffield – every two or three questions one of Tony's friends would come through Duffield to talk to him or just say hi. It really goes to show how much of an impact Tony has had on those around him and the many connections and relationships he has made over his time at Cornell. I count myself among those who have been blessed to know Tony here at Cornell. I still remember how Tony would ask me to text him after I got home after a late-night ML work session, and I am sure that his many acts of kindness have touched more people than he would know. I pray that as Tony moves away from Ithaca that he will continually deepen his faith in the Lord and that he will continue to be the salt and light of this world wherever he goes.*

**- Ambrose Yang ('24)**



*"Me laughing for 5 minutes straight working on CS 3110 A3 at 2:00 AM in Donlon 5<sup>th</sup> floor"*

# Dawn Zee

Hometown: Hong Kong  
Major: Human Development



“Stay joyful in the Lord <3”

*It was a slightly warm but very sleepy Tuesday. Even after 75 minutes of Napitalism (yes, you read that correctly) and gulping down 24 ounces of water, I was still feeling somewhat sluggish when I arrived at Mac’s to meet Dawn. But once I saw Dawn walk in, I instantly felt my tiredness fade away with her dazzling smile and refreshing presence. I knew then that I was ready – more than ever – to hear all Dawn had to say as she reflected on her past four years at Cornell and in CBS.*

## Favorites

**Praise song:** There’s so many!...\*looks at phone\* Chris Tomlin’s “Good Good Father”.

**Cornell class:** Handgun Safety

**Study spot:** Third floor of Mann Library

**Place to eat:** Thompson & Bleeker

**Music group/artist:** Taylor Swift

**Verse:** Matthew 6:21

**Dessert:** Dark chocolate cake

**CBS tradition:** Service Marketplace

### 1. CBS is...

A home away from home.

### 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

Hmm... I think He’s taught me more to love others, and to also trust in Him and His timing.

### 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

#### a. Freshmen

To really make the most of your four years in college, and not only focus on studying and school stuff \*laughs\* make some fun memories!

#### b. Sophomores

Is sophomore year the year where it’s more stressful? [Right now, it is stressful...] Sophomore slump... you may hear about the sophomore slump. Even though school’s getting more stressful, take more time to prioritize God and your relationship with Him, as well as your health.

#### c. Juniors

Now that next year you will be seniors, find ways to love your underclassmen and find ways to be poured into that love as well.

#### d. CBS in general

Just remember our motto: “To know Christ and to make Him known.” I just think it’ll fix our eyes on God and make everything work according to His plan.

### 4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?

I think in terms of CBS, I think my favorite memories would be hosting dinner and Catan nights for the past three years. It was really fun.

### 5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven’t found out about you?

I used to professionally play tennis! I would play it for rankings under 18 in Hong Kong. I think by the time I was 13, I was #100?

### 6. What is your favorite spot on campus?

The top of the slope. It’s very pretty.

### 7. What is a prayer that God has answered in the past four years?

I was originally supposed to go to med school in Hong Kong, but I sorta had a 180 turn and came here. For the past four years, I just prayed to experience God in different ways and trust in Him. By coming here, I was coming halfway across the world with no idea what I really wanted to do, just trusting in Him that He will provide and show me how I can best serve Him.

**8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)**

I would say it was fun, stressful, rewarding.

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

I have no idea *\*laughs\** trusting in God's timing! I might be halfway across the world, or in New York City.

**10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?**

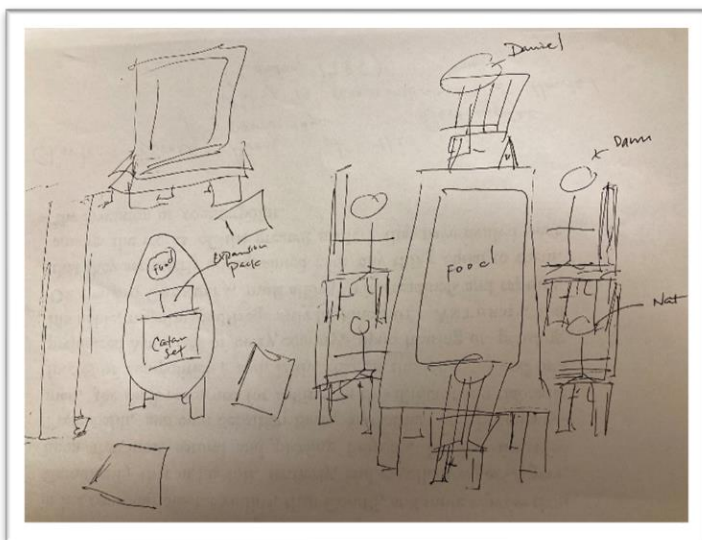
Oh this was pre-Covid...hmm...even though life will take you in many different turns throughout these four years, just remember to hold on to your faith and your friends.

**11. Breh or Bruh?**

Bruh. Breh is weird.

*Upon the conclusion of our interview, Dawn and I were able to casually talk for a little while before she had to go to class. I felt so blessed that I was given the opportunity to interview Dawn (while getting dinner one-on-one at last!) and listen to her wise musings. Praise God that Dawn experienced so much joy and growth during her time in Ithaca! Dawn, as you prepare to enter another chapter of your life after graduation, I pray that you continue to build your trust in the Lord and seek Him first in all things.*

**- Jemima Yoon ('25)**



*"Longest road is the way to win."*

## Meili Bowden

I will to Alice Hu my intermediate typing skills for whenever she scribes and my thankfulness for her heavy lifting with Praise Team before Large Groups.

I will to Alice Ke \$5 (no longer \$2.50) whenever she wants a strawberry lemonade from CTB.

I will to Ambrose Yang post-LG hosting privileges, my love for organs, and my love for the fellowship.

I will to Bella Hu my love for Snoopy and my thankfulness for her heavy lifting with Praise Team before Large Groups.

I will to Beth Kam a joyful willingness to serve the fellowship for God's glory and a fridge that is never rid of eggs.

I will to Candy Wu discernment in making big decisions and full reliance on God's care for her wherever she ends up.

I will to Christine Chang the freedom to enjoy sweet things, the words 小心, that one cozy nook seat at the Bickering Twins, self-serve BBQ pork, pearly white nails, and a heart that is perpetually on fire for God.

I will to Jade Lo my room in 3B, the strong desire to know God and His Word all of her life, and the key to my heart.

I will to Jeffrey Liu my apartment (3B) in like five years, the CBS bass guitar, a free haircut whenever he needs one, and a servant's heart that matures his faith throughout his walk with God.

I will to Jemima Yoon the heart to remain committed to her daily devotionals, the confidence to be an accountability partner for others in the fellowship, a copy of Women of the Word by Jen Wilkins, and the best table in Upson (not Rhodes).

I will to Jenny Chen a copy of the book *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis to accompany her study of who God is.

I will to Johnson Liu sleep, any engineering coursework advice he ever needs, and determination to put Christ at the center of everything in his life.

I will to Jonny Lin my Webtoon hot takes, an Audi (how, I do not know), an expensive backpack (not mine though), wisdom to be a mentor for the IC kiddos, and an earnest desire to seek God's will.

I will to Joseph Liu a vivid memory of all my jokes so that he never lacks a laugh, along with the other best table in Upson (not Rhodes).

I will to Joseph Zhang free time to enjoy jazz music and study God's awesome character.

I will to Josh Persaud my apartment (3B) in like five years, my credible music taste, confidence to introduce himself to new people, and growing knowledge of who God is and what His word says.

I will to Joshua Li my addiction to coffee and the pursuit of the Lord as he walks through life's stages.

I will to Kevin Yang enthusiasm to serve others for God's glory in all areas of his life, along with my full support for his passion of cars.

I will to Leland Xu joy that is made complete in Christ even amidst life's inevitable disappointments, along with my leftover decaffeinated tea supply.

I will to Liz David my K-pop song reviews and empowerment to continue her pursuit of God above anything else.

I will to Nicole Thean all my spare money for seeing her Yamatai performances and an unwavering desire to be close to her Father in heaven.

I will to Priscilla Liu strength to endure stress and disappointment by relying on Scripture and prayer, happy dreams, harmonization superpowers, and future on-call jam sessions.

I will to QQ Lin girl power that is rightfully hers as a daughter of God and the 3B couch for whenever she needs to crash.

I will to Sharon Wu a love for Upson that is greater than Rhodes, and a love for Christ that is greater than anything.

I will to Sky Kim the wisdom and contentment that comes from God alone in any situation, harmonization superpowers, along with the official title of my personal Fashion Advisor.

I will to Teresa Siang Cer Lian commitment to daily quiet time with God and a coffee date whenever she wants one.

## Valerie Chen

I will to Leland the role of being resident Ithaca local (for now), dedication to serving my kids in FICCC youth, and a continued "love" for high school musicals.

I will to Ambrose our praise team/tech team partnership and leading all of Pastor Paul's favorite '80s and '90s response songs.

I will to Alice Ke courage to assert your dominance in Teagle Down.

I will to Beth my love for NCT and the chance to go to another concert together.

I will to Priscilla perseverance in premed/neuro courses, last minute felly dinner decorations prep, and patience with my late BoL deadlines :').

I will to Sharon warm hugs, a cheerful spirit, and the desire to seek after the Lord.

I will to Alice Hu the opportunity to rest and destress in the midst of being a busy premed.

I will to Bella Hu joy in studying data science even if I don't understand it.

I will to Jade our shared love for small animals, strength in pursuing a vet degree, and making fun of Leland.

I will to QQ more CBS BeReals, love for fellowship, and a heart to serve.

I will to Sky time to watch more foreign films and sing more praise songs.

I will to Teresa trust in following the Lord and peace in His presence.

I will to Jemima amazing essay writing skills and my love for California.

I will to Joseph Liu love for ecology and evolutionary biology (but don't take speciation).

I will to Jonny the desire to ask hard questions and the heart to love others around him.



I will to Christine finding new worship songs and the desire to wholeheartedly serve.

I will to Josh Li the one business class I've ever taken (AEM 1200) and love for knowing the Lord.

I will to Jeffrey pull day (best day) and strength, both physical and spiritual.

I will to Josh Persaud our TikTok addictions and a chance to one day overcome it.

I will to CBS continual love for one another and more time to have fun!

## **Nathaniel Chin**

I will Beth all my climbing skills and more.

I will Ambrose all my CS brain cells.

I will Jade my amateur skating skills.

I will Joseph success in his bird studies.

## **Felix Hohne**

I will to Beth a deep love of fellowship. May your wisdom continue to shine as you guide those with you, and may you always be a shining light on the hill for what is right and true.

I will Jemima whatever joy I have left in spending time in Rhodes CIS. May your laughter continue to infuse this place of suffering, and may you continue to encourage all those in your presence in their walk with the Lord.

I will Christine a continued appreciation of New Life sermons. May they provide inspiration and strength in the years to come.

I will Jade my love of Small Groups. May you continue to be patient, loving, and kind, as you shepherd those in your care.

I will to Ambrose all my knowledge of matrices. I don't need that stuff anymore.

I will to Alice Ke my knowledge of Machine Learning. May you be able to find genuine beauty in the subject.

To my Bible Study co-leader Joseph, I will you my copies of the NIV Application Commentary. May its detailed analysis guide you in your faith.

I will to Sharon my love of late-night walks on the Arts quad. May they always rejuvenate your soul.

I will to Priscilla my deep admiration for Rick Warren's *Purpose Driven Life*. May you also find the text deeply moving, and may it be a wise guide for walking with the Lord through the joys and sorrows of senior year.

I will to Teresa and Priscilla all that I have learned through my own Prayer Partnership. May it be a relationship that will always guide and encourage, as you walk together in the Lord.

I wish to Sky the intense thrill of getting your code to FINALLY WORK. May you never entirely lose that real joy.

I wish to QQ my love of the 1892 A.D.W - H.M.W bench. May you find rest, peace, and enjoyment overlooking the slope there also.

## **Emily Liu**

I will to the Class of 2024 all of my love and appreciation for having such a warm and supportive God-seeking community on campus throughout the years. I will a gentle and humble spirit to guide the fellowship and to disciple as the seniors in CBS.

I will to CBS Praise Team my worship song playlist, along with the joy and courage to openly worship Him without fear or self-consciousness.

I will to Priscilla a loving and patient heart for the fellowship in the face of frustration (usually my tardiness), and the courage to trust in Him in times when things are beyond our control.

I will to Ambrose continuous love and discernment in leading Praise Team and CBS as a member of the Servant Team.

I will to Beth a bold spirit in pursuing her passions and in doing what she loves.

I will to QQ my love for fairy lights, the courage to be vulnerable and rely on others, and peace beyond understanding in the presence of God through the uncertainty in life and in relationships.

And I will to my dear friends Meili, Rejoice, and Nat all my love and best wishes as they embark on their grad school journeys at Cornell and in CBS.

## **Daniel Woo**

I will to QQ a pillow so she can sleep and make better decisions and a Hotelies heart for service - to others and to God, first and foremost.

I will to Beth the Fulbright scholarship to Korea and a heart of patience and love that seeks to trust in the Lord first, one that is matured and developed wholly by God's timing and loving grace.

I will to Jemima a love for small groups and Bible studies and a heart that turns to the Word for understanding and daily growth, and a palm tree leaf from my visit to Cali.

I will to Sky the official CBS name plate for best fashion style and a sincere desire to search His living Word for the truth.

I will to Christine a heart of worship that turns to Jesus in seasons of doubts and all the "amens~" in the world.

I will to Sky, Jemima and Christine KBS. 대한민국!

I will to Sharon and Jemima my deep, boisterous laughter that makes everyone turn their head in great, great joy.

I will to Leland the keys to my brand new 2013 CR-V (but not the CR-V) and the powerful potential of being the next esteemed CBS Uber.

I will to Priscilla a paintbrush with the words "good enough" inscribed into it, as well as the BoL legacy and its testimony of God's repeated faithfulness, for He has done so much for us.

I will to Nicole a singular coconut.

I will to Jeffrey and Joshua a deep passion for Christ's eternal love, big gains and the entire MCU.

I will to Jonny bigger gains and a loving, watchful eye over all of the ICU kiddos, and the Terrace dining hall from Cornell (I'm sorry).

I will to Steven the Basking Ridge experience and the continued peaceful and joyful walk down the narrow road for Christ and for Christ alone.

I will to Johnson an \*appreciation\* for project teams and a heart to desire the Lord and to proclaim Him as our Savior.

I will to Joseph Liu a gently and lowly heart and a wonderful listening ear. And the 1G experience.

I will to Alice and Bella the participation award for always being on CBS time and a gentle, servant heart that loves the labor that comes with setting up Praise Team.

And to Ambrose, I will the ability to bring joy to others with storytelling, last minute grad school application edits, the 1G experience, and a love for evangelism. And I will him my love for Psalm 91:1-2 - may we always call God our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.

## **Tony Yang**

I will to Ambrose leadership and confidence as CBS coordinator.

I will to Beth my remaining passion for KPop.

I will to Sharon the ability to relax more and overall peace.

I will to Jade a study spot at Stimson Hall.

I will to Nicole and Priscilla my appreciation for their ability to handle so many extracurriculars.

## **Dawn Zee**

I will to QQ all the love and joy in this world. May you pass this on to your future prayer partner while you disciple her and bring her to all the yummy eats around campus.

I will to Leland a smile.

I will to Ambrose & Joseph L hospitality as they bring back 1G :)

I will to Sharon a desire to reach out to those in the fellowship.

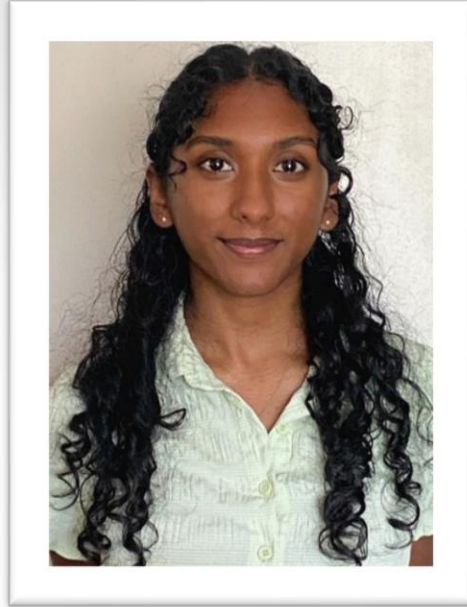
I will to Priscilla a kind heart for the fellowship.

I will to Jade my Cantonese and that she'll eventually be fluent in sharing the gospel through it.

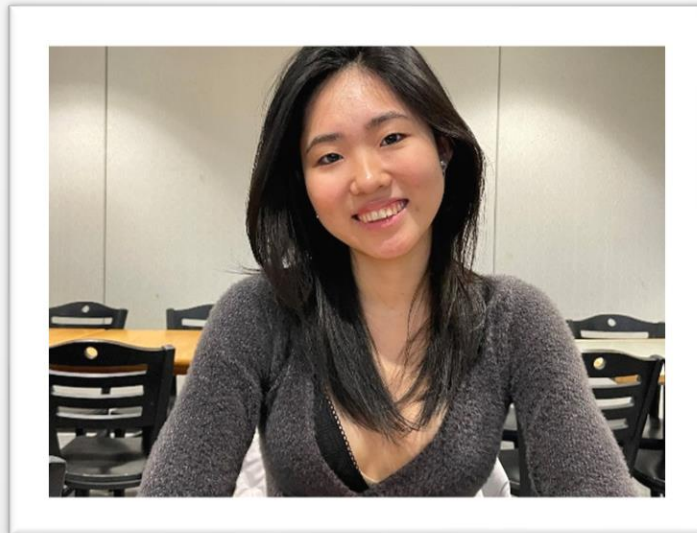
I will to Jeffrey all the good eat recs in Ithaca and a heart to share those meals with others.

I will to Christine my silly, but funny jokes and to have a joyful spirit in the fellowship.

# **newcomers**



**Elizabeth David**



**Veya Zhao**

# Elizabeth David

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Hometown: Queens, NYC

Major: Physical Therapy '28

*With high hopes, I stood at the bus stop watching my breath form fluffy clouds in the silent snowy February air. But as the minutes ticked by with no bus to be seen, I resigned myself to the sad reality of being late to my appointment. When I finally stepped off onto the snow-laden grounds of Ithaca College, I faced the next challenge of navigating a foreign campus. Thankfully, I picked up my buzzing phone to hear the sweetly concerned voice of my interviewee ready to guide me. After ogling the strange silver bubble statue in front of me, I was whisked into the warmth of the campus library where we began the interview.*

## Word Associations

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- \* **Ithaca College:** cold
  - \* **CBS:** Christian
  - \* **Class:** school
  - \* **Zoom:** bad
  - \* **Worship:** fun
  - \* **Bubble Tea:** yum
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### 1. What are your thoughts and impressions so far of Ithaca College? Of CBS?

It took a while to get used to but I think I have gotten in the flow of things and am more comfortable in knowing what to do to succeed. Since I came from New York City, living here seems much more remote and like there is much less to do. But I am glad to have found friends I can hang out with and have fun with.

I am really glad to have found CBS. Going away from home to college, I was worried that I would lose my connection with God and not develop it any further. But really glad to have found a Christian community that I can gather in to glorify God and worship him. It's also nice on Fridays at the end of the week and a way to be present and have fun.

### 2. What is one thing that surprises you about Ithaca College?

This might be kind of corny or nerdy of me, but I was surprised that the professors are really good! They did such a good job of providing me with the resources to be able to do well and teaching classes

in an interesting way. I expected to be struggling not knowing anything but it's comforting to know I have a good school environment.

### 3. If money were no issue, what would your dream job be or what would you be doing with your life?

Probably dance. I love to dance and perform and if I didn't have to worry about money then it's something I love and enjoy! [What kind of dance?] That's really hard since I like so many types of dances...ugh K-pop is not really a genre of dance...I guess hip-hop/Bollywood/contemporary?

### 4. You're having dinner with three people. If these people could be from the past, present, or future, who would they be?

Anybody? Any three people. Hmm...

1. Zendaya, because I love Zendaya...Haha I'm thinking of K-pop groups but it would be weird to have them there with Zendaya. [Your dinners can be separate!]

2. RM from BTS.

Ugh this is hard...

3. Obama or Michelle Obama.

[Anything you would want to talk to them about?] Mmm, I just feel like I could learn a lot from them.

### 5. What is your favorite quote or saying?

Rather than quotes from people I'm thinking of Bible verses, let me pull one up...

"I can endure all things through Christ who strengthens me." – Philippians 4:13. It's very comforting and guides me to be able to trust Him and go through life confidently.

### 6. What is your favorite worship song?

"So Will I", specifically the cover by Jess & Gabriel. [\*gasp\* I like their YouTube channel!] Yeah! Oh, but the original is by Hillsong United.

### 7. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

Becoming ready to go into the world as a physical therapist would be nice and um...I just hope that whatever experiences I go through, I can learn from

them and be able to take those lessons on to my life in the real world.

**8. If you could see one movie again for the first time, what would it be?**

OHHHH such a good question! \*giggles\* Ahhh I'm going through all the different movies...I have a few I'm trying to narrow down. If I could rewatch the whole Harry Potter series, I would.

**9. What are three words to describe you (you can explain them if you want!).**

I might change, but for now:

- 1.) positive
- 2) passionate
- 3) caring

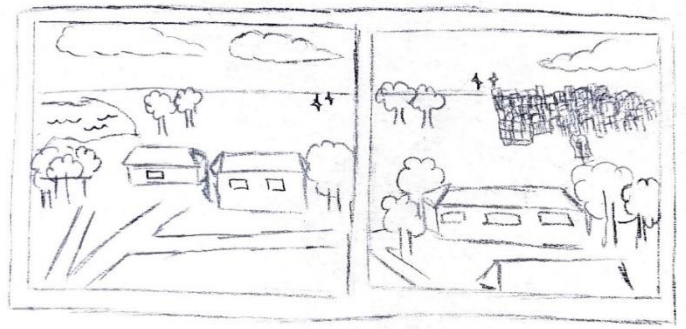
[All very good to have in a physical therapist!] True!

**10. Name an imaginary college class that you wish you could take at Ithaca College before you leave (or an actual class that Ithaca College already has!).**

I think I would be interested in taking a class about, um, stocks and investing. I know it sounds so bad. Now that I've heard myself say it ew...But I have realized how important it is to learn how to manage and build investments so it would be good to just know more. Another thing I would take is pottery since it would be a fun class and a new skill but also therapeutic.

*As we exited the library nook, we admired the clock tower in the distance through the window. My trusty guide then escorted me to my bus stop and sent me off on my merry way. Although we've only had one long conversation, it is apparent to me that Liz is a God-fearing, gentle-spirited sister in Christ. Not only is her personality lovely, so is her heart for God. May her walk with the Lord be steady and her growth into maturity be full of blessings.*

**- Priscilla Liu ('24)**



Cayuga Lake and campus - from my  
dorm window :b

"Cayuga Lake and campus - from my dorm  
window :b"

# Veya Zhao

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Hometown: Vernon Hills, IL  
Major: Computer Science '24

*After some debate about where to get food, Veya and I finally settled on the new cafe that opened in Sage. However, since it is a Wednesday, we change our minds (yet again) and decide to go to North Dinner at Appel instead. After finding a table near our CBS friends, we dig into our overly salty noodles and start the interview.*

## Word Associations

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- \* **Cornell:** snow
  - \* **CBS:** friendship
  - \* **Class:** pain
  - \* **Zoom:** phone [*Do you zoom on your phone?*] No, I use my phone during Zoom.
  - \* **Worship:** faith
  - \* **Bubble tea:** sugar
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### 1. What are your thoughts and impressions so far of Cornell? Of CBS?

Cornell: I think Cornell is a really beautiful place in terms of nature, and I like to take walks so I walk around in hills and mountains and water a lot. But it's like sometimes a bit stressful to be in such a secluded place if something is hard. But I know I can always turn to my friends and God for help.

CBS: I think that everyone is really nice and welcoming. I like how we all share the same faith because most of my friends are not Christians. So sometimes it's nice to be a part of a group that has my religion.

### 2. What is one thing that surprises you about Cornell?

It's less technology than I thought. Cuz my friend from U of I took a picture of the sleeping pods they have in the engineering school. But we don't have that, we just have old old buildings. So that was a bit surprising.

### 3. If money were no issue, what would your dream job be or what would you be doing with your life?

I would want to be like a fashion designer or travel for fun. I feel like there's so many beautiful things that I haven't experienced or seen yet. And if money was not an issue, I'd probably go see everything. For fashion

designer, when I was younger, it used to be my dream job. But I didn't go through with it because I didn't have any ideas about designing. And I didn't really know how to draw.

### 4. You're having dinner with three people. If these people could be from the past, present, or future, who would they be?

Taylor Swift, Elon Musk, and Queen Elizabeth. [*All at the same time?*] I would rather do one-on-one with each of the three people.

### 5. What is your favorite quote or saying?

I don't think it's a famous quote, but it's "relax now and relax later." Because most people say "work now, relax later," but what if you relax now and relax later?

### 6. What is your favorite worship song?

I don't know the name, I just know how to sing it. It's like "what a wonderful name it is." ["What a Beautiful Name"]

### 7. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

Learn French, find a job, and learn how to draw. Because I accidentally bought Procreate. [*How did you accidentally buy Procreate?*] Because I thought I was going to learn how to draw so I bought it, but I didn't.

### 8. If you could see one movie again for the first time, what would it be?

Movie or franchise? [*Movie? But I guess it could be franchise too.*] Ummmm...Harry Potter. Cuz I rewatched it a couple of days ago. [*Oh? The whole thing?*] \*nods\* I realized that when I watched it the first time, I was really young so I thought it was fun and magical, but now I think it's kind of sad. So I feel like if I watch it for the first time, I would have a very different interpretation.

### 9. What are three words to describe you (you can explain them if you want!).

Naps \*laughs\*, procrastination, and fun. By fun I mean I always want to live in the moment instead of doing the right thing. Yesterday I was going to go to

class but I was tired so I didn't go. I did go to my 2 pm class though. [Good job hehe.]

**10. Name an imaginary college class that you wish you could take at Cornell (or an actual class that Cornell already has!).**

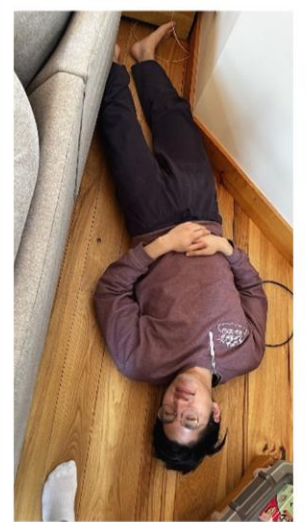
Movie watching class. I feel like my movie taste sometimes doesn't align with other peoples' so if I and a group of classmates all like a single movie category and watch it together...I wonder what would happen.

*After our interview ended, Veya and I talked a bit more before joining in on some conversations that our CBS friends were having. I had a lot of fun talking and getting to know Veya better. Veya, I hope you continue to grow in your faith during your time at Cornell, and that you find many close friendships at CBS. :)*

**- Sharon Wu ('24)**



"Cornell"





# Martin Luther on Sinning Boldly and Having the Feels

by: Daniel Woo ('23)



Here are two reflections that I found deeply challenging yet helpful in my walk with Christ during college. Perhaps they could lend some help to you too as you walk down the narrow road.

## Martin Luther on Sinning Boldly

Martin Luther has two quotes that speak rather controversially about the Gospel. The first quote has been famously paraphrased as: “Be a sinner, and sin boldly, but let your trust in Christ be bolder.” When I first heard this quote, a couple of guardrails popped up in my head and I got all defensive, and I hope that you as well, upon first glance, had some kind of visceral, gut-wrenching feeling of offense come out of you. For, as Christians, shouldn’t our entire mission be focused on running away from sin? Shouldn’t we strive not to be sinners?

And the answer to these questions is **absolutely yes**. Romans 6 tells us very explicitly, “Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.” So God declares sin as evil, and commands us to rid ourselves of every instance of it. Still, this doesn’t help explain what Luther was trying to say when he said to be a sinner. It took reading a lot of commentaries for me to comprehend what Luther was trying to prove, and I realized after some time that it was Luther’s use of the word “boldly” that bothered me the most. Perhaps in this day and age, we interpret someone who acts boldly as someone who acts with prideful intent, and the thought of Luther telling others to sin scares me enormously. But Luther may have defined boldness instead as the *quality* of having a strong or clear appearance. Thus, the word boldly means to emphasize the striking degree of the self-awareness one should have towards their own condition. To “be a sinner” and to “sin boldly” is not a call for us to relish in our evil, but rather a call for us to firmly identify our state of sin and acknowledge the sin which we have committed against God. The question, then, turns from whether we should be “sinning boldly” or not to why it is

important that we acknowledge our sin in the first place.

Time and time again, secular thought pressures us to believe that everyone, deep down, is a good person. According to popular secular thinking, Christianity at best functions as a self-help tool that helps people achieve their “greatest self” or fulfill their “deepest desires.” Yet, if we choose to believe that all humans are at their core really good, we are culpable for diminishing the glory of Christ and the saving power of the cross. The Bible tells us that “sin entered the world through one man” (Romans 5:12) – that we are, in reality, sinful at our core – and that we deserve death because of our sin (Romans 6:23). As we grow in understanding of our flesh and sinfulness, the more we will realize how impossible it is for us to earn our salvation (Psalm 130:3). And the more we learn about the degree to which sin separates us from God, the more beautiful the redemptive power of the cross becomes, the sweeter our salvation tastes, and the more our heart rejoices in thankfulness (Psalm 130:4).

On the contrary, the more we neglect our sinful state, the more we are prone to question the purpose of Christ and miss the significance of our salvation. For why would any of us need saving if we were already good to begin with? In Mark 2:13, Jesus said that “those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.” When we declare ourselves to be sinless, Christ can no longer act as our savior, and the case for Christianity is devastated.

Just by the act of confessing and repenting of our sins, the power of the cross is placed into a far greater emphasis than without. For Jesus did not come down from Heaven to die on the cross so that we could go from being good people to better people – no, but while we were still dead in our sins, He died and rose again to bring us from death into eternal life. He paid the heavy price of our sins on the cross, and freely gave our undeserving souls life: “But the *gift* of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:24).

Yes, Martin Luther was probably not as clear as he could have been when discussing our sinfulness, since this quote has stirred up (and continues to stir up) a lot of moments of confusion within me. Moreover, we should be extremely cautious whenever

we use this quote if we ever are to discuss it with others (The Gospel Coalition makes note that Luther never mentioned such a strong of a statement to layfolk in his preaching). Placing all this aside, the point remains clear when carefully placed in the context of Christ. Only through Christ are we, after confessing our sins and declaring Jesus' lordship and victory over death, simultaneously able to be removed from the penalty of sin and also strive to remove sin's presence from our lives. As a famous pastor once said, "for every look at yourself, take ten looks at Christ." Amen, and may we be sure to look at ourselves, growing in awareness of our depravity lest we misunderstand our placement in this world and ultimately undervalue the depth of Christ's redeeming work.

### **Martin Luther on Having the Feels**

The second Martin Luther quote that I wanted to mention is such: "You should not believe your conscience and your feelings more than the Word which the Lord who receives sinners preaches to you." As Christians, we are bound to go through seasons of doubt – it is inevitable. "Am I really a Christian?" and "Does God really love me?" are just some of the questions that sneak their way into my head throughout the year. Sometimes they come from a heart full of uncertainty and worry, and other times they come from a heart burdened by the guilt and shame felt from sin. When these questions are asked, I start to doubt the faith that I have, question what it means to have faith, and then worry over whether I even had a faith to begin with. And it leads me to experience times of intense worry and itch feelings of self-pity – times and feelings that I know too well.


And yet, through the marvelous assurance of salvation found in the Word, I can still write to you with full confidence that we are freed. By Christ's redemptive work and the power of the Holy Bible, we are *freed* of any doubts, worries, and any other emotion that distracts us from the power of Christ's love. In Romans 10:8-9, Paul addresses the difference between the righteous who live by the law as opposed to the righteous who live by faith, preaching,

*"But what does it say? 'The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,' that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your*

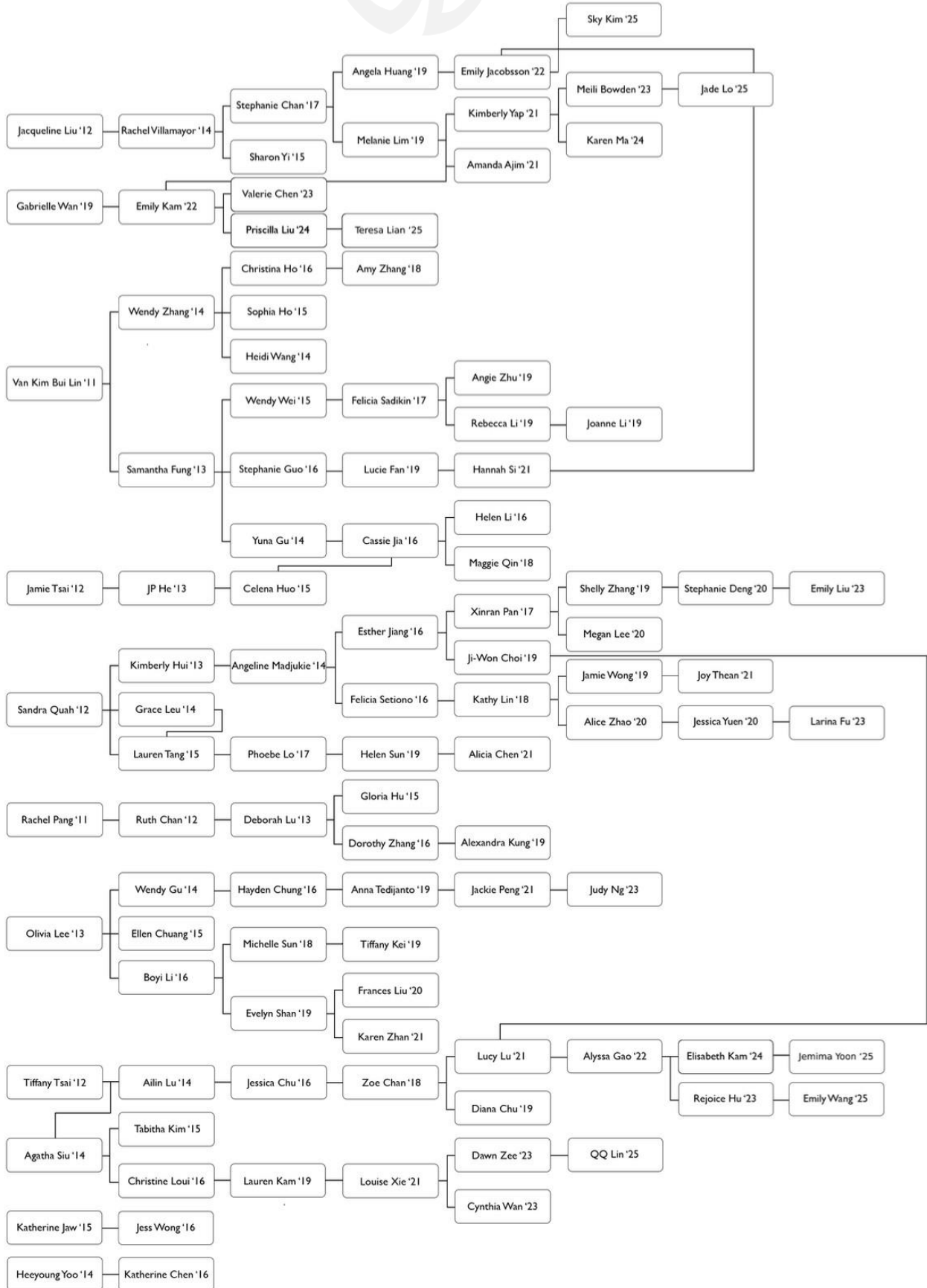
*mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."*

Within these verses, Paul states the *means by which we are saved*, that is, our belief that "Jesus is Lord" and that "God raised Him from the dead," and also the *means by which we can know for this to be true*, which is the Word that is "near us" and in our "mouths" and our "hearts." Sometimes, there is a tendency to focus so much on the source of our salvation that our act of focusing itself becomes the driving force behind our confidence in Christ: the "strength" of our believing assures our faith more than the real source of the truth. During times of difficulty, it can be so easy to get wrapped up in emotion and question everything when our faith is supported by our feelings and not the truths of the Bible. If only we had the wisdom to get out of our heads and read directly from the Word, so that the wrestling would fade away and the message become clear as day. Jesus loves me, this I know – *for the Bible tells me so.*

Tim Keller has a great Jonah sermon about what it means to have faith. Speaking on Jonah's prayer in Jonah 2, Keller outlines the first step of faith as "doubting your doubts." There's a particular moment when Keller declares, "why should your mistrust and your cynicism be exempt from your doubts? Or in other words, why should you be cynical and doubt everything in your life except your own cynicism and doubts?" It's a great sermon quote that has stuck with me for a while. Every time I fall into the pattern of cynicism and doubt, I am reminded by Keller of how much I want to trust myself before I trust God: how much I want to be sure of my own judgment first before trusting what God has declared for certain. And what God has declared for certain is simply thus: that if we believe, then we are saved. Oh, how I always make things difficult. How I wish I ran to the Word first instead of my own thoughts.

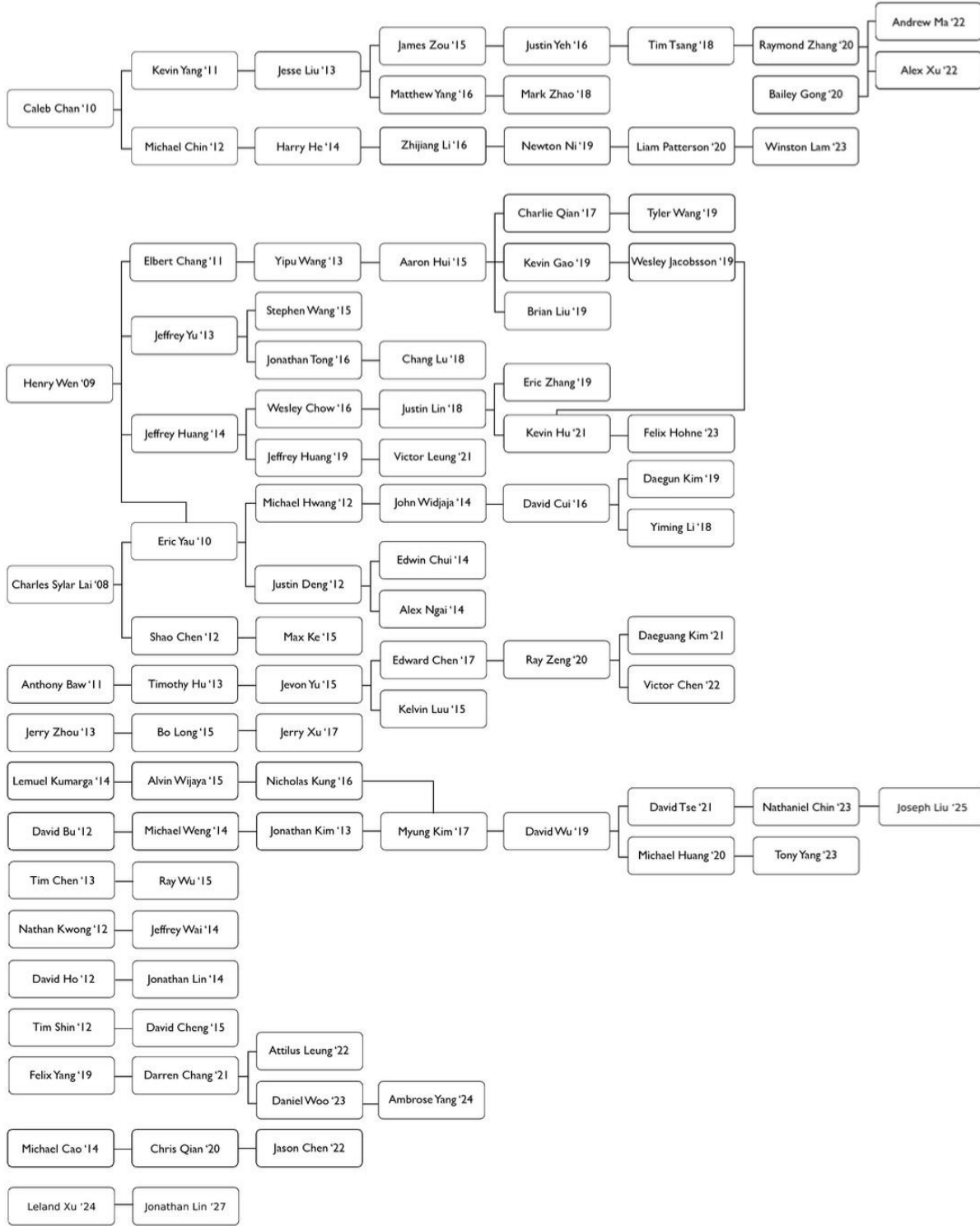
So, dear reader, it is not wrong to be in the feels. For many in the Word cried out to God in fear and anguish: Job, David, and Isaiah, to name a few. Yes, feelings can be affirming, and they are not inherently sinful as well. But they are not where we should ground our faith, nor what we should dwell on for too long. May we always build our faith upon the solid rock of the Word instead of the sinking sand of fleeting human emotions. 

# prayer partner tree



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## brothers of CBS





**To: Meili**

thanks for being a great co-coordinator with daniel for us this year and all you have done for cbs over the years. your love shines through for every one of us both during and outside of cbs even when things have been difficult or uncomfortable. we are eternally grateful that we had the chance to encounter and experience your energy, leadership, and wise guidance. youre going to make us lonesome when you go

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Teresa**

YAS DUO QUEEN! SLAYYYYYYYY with that beauty God made of you!

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Jemima**

I am so happy that God created such a beautiful woman of you and placed you not only in Cornell, but also in CBS so we could live out some good years together through college. Hehehe

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Work SG Co-Leader**

FELIXXXX!!!! Thanks for pairing us up to do SG together :D I only wish the best for you after you graduate, don't drink too, too much coffee! I'm sure you don't want heart palpitations! All in all, I'm glad I got to work with you and discuss some deep but also not so deep topics. I mean love that for us am I right? :)

**From: Other Work SG Co-Leader**

**To: Valerie**

I'M GOING TO MISS YOU SO SO MUCH!!!! But yes leave Ithaca and experience life out there, girl \*massive cry\* Other cities/states (or maybe even countries) I hope you can continue your journey with Christ (and maybe find someone He wants you to meet along the way ;D )

**From: J**

**To: Christine**

Heyyyy girllll!!! It's gonna be a while until I see you after this semester ends but I really hope the next months after this school year are a fruitful and glorifying time for you to learn as much as you can about Christ and grow stronger in faith in Him. I will be praying for your safe return back on campus a year from now ;)

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Jade, Sky, QQ**

ty 4 being kewl cats

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Sky**

So  
Kool  
Yet you're also Sweet, Kind, and Yoked in Christ!

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Jemima, Sharon, Ambrose, Joseph L., Felix**

Thanks for showing that studying in Upson and the CiS Lounge isn't as boring as it sounds

**From: Leland**

**To: Ambrose**

you have the kindest gentlest heart, thank you for always thinking of me and bringing me yummy food and being the best famous TA and praise team leader and storyteller and overall the best person :'))

**From: your bestie on westie rejoice**

**To: Sky Kim**

To my beautiful, kind, and sweet Bible study co-leader!  
Love you so much, Sky!

**From: Beth**

**To: Jade**

love you pp

**From: pp**

**To: Class of 2024**

Although we started off Cornell with less-than-ideal circumstances, I have faith and hope and love that we can take up the responsibilities given to us in our last years here, and that we are unafraid to rely on each other and lift each other up with Godly bonds that can never be broken to continue CBS for another generation.

**From: Class of '24 Member**

**To: My 2 Announcer Descendants**

Although I may have semi-retired, thank you for helping to make all those funny intro slides and having the courage to step up and announce. My hope was that so you would feel closer and more included in the fellowship rather than just watching the sunrise or sunset, you could be a part of this beautiful moment to create the colors and patterns that shape CBS, well, CBS. I hope that I succeeded in this, but if not, I only pray that as more time passes you'll become so one with CBS that you won't even notice :DD

**From: Your Announcer Predecessor**

**To: Seniors**

Even if time is going so fast and we'll miss you guys so much once you leave, we'll cherish the memories we've had. The next step may be unpredictable, but now that I think about it, it's always been. Many other scenarios could have happened but didn't because God decided for you to follow this plan, so let Him guide you through to the end. Also, hey, you're one step closer to getting those senior discounts at movies...or maybe you already can :P

**From: Anonymous**

**To: 姐姐**

You have been a huge part of my journey to knowing Christ and learning to love Him more so that I can learn to love others more too. Our talks of Mark or Romans have been both fruitful and blessings of time spent with you. Thank you for listening to my chaotic self discuss random things and make some pretty unhinged, uncalled for, and insane jokes. I could've never asked for a better older PP, literally.

**From: 妹妹**

**To: Jade**

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**From: Anonymous**

**To: Christine**

why are u leaving us. we would get mad but youre leaving us for a noble reason so we cant even get mad. when u come back pls teach the new people how to praise just as good as u do

**From: Anonymous**

**To: JJJ QTEE'S**

\*boom boom\* \*boom\* \*boom\* Oh man you hear that guys? ...exactly...ITS MY LOVE FOR YOU GUYS CUZ I LOVE YOU GUYS SOOOO MUCH!! Let's thrive together through the next years in Christ :PPPP

**From: J**

**To: Meili Bowden**

To the best apartment mate ever!! I'm going to miss you next year T - T

**From: Beth**

**To: IC kiddos**

Your humor and hearts for God encourage me every time I see you. I pray that God will use you all as lights on IC's campus.

**From: Meili**

**To: Class of 2026**

I hope you enjoyed this year with us just as much as we enjoyed your company, regardless if you were with us for every event or just a couple of things. So, what now? If CBS has produced any sort of joy for you while you were here, I urge you to help make CBS into a place in which it can produce the same joy for the new set of freshmen next year, who are going to look for a home and a place to worship God just as you once did. What will that look like? Well, start small. Greet new people and make them feel welcome. If you feel a calling to do more, I'm sure there are plenty of opportunities for you to serve; just ask the upperclassmen and we'll have plenty of things for you to do. One of the bittersweet things about being student-led is that if no one wants to do anything, then everything just falls apart. But through serving, we grow in love for one another and God, as a faint vision of things that will come to be: all of us in Heaven, all working toward a single goal of making His name known. No pressure lol

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Steven Chen**

Hey Steven! I've enjoyed all our conversations and meals together. Let's do it more in the future!!

**From: Beth**

**To: Felix**

we want you to know that everything you have done for cbs has not been in vain. the sg prep, the discipleship group meetings, just being there for us to chill, and everything else is proof enough that your love for cbs and your desire to see it flourish cannot and should not be hidden. your impact on our college careers will never be forgotten and you deserve to celebrate in the fact that you have inspired others to help belong in and support cbs.

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Jenny Chen**

Jenny, ilysm we need to hangout more!

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Candy**

~Candy, Candy~

Sweet as a lollipop, bright as a star, and pretty as can be!

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Alice Hu**

Alice! Let's keep climbing together!!

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Jemima and Joseph L.**

I am constantly impressed and happy to see how much you have done for CBS this year. When I transferred, I feared that because I had lost a year, everyone would have already had their circles and friends figured out and I would be left out. I was afraid that would happen to you two as well. But your presence and your impact on our lives have become irreplaceable and your work in Bible Study, Small Group, Praise, North Dinner emails, quote collection, and a billion other things, shows that your love for CBS and God is unmistakable. Thank you for proving that transfer students are undoubtedly the best people at CBS forever and always.

**From: Leland**

**To: Qq Lin**

Getting food with you is the best!

**From: Anonymous**

**To: IC boys (+ Liz)**

You guys are pretty cool despite being from Ithaca College

**From: Anonymous**

**To: STEAM (Felix, Dawn, Ambrose, Daniel)**

Thank you for your love for the fellowship and willingness to serve. May God bless you and give you more opportunities to serve in the future. <3

**From: Meili**

**To: Valerie**

Thank you for being an invaluable member to the Ithaca community as a whole, including FICCC and CBS, for so long; nothing I can say now that you don't already know. I can't believe you're getting out of this place before I am. That is not fair

**From: Leland**

**To: BETH KAM**

i love you beth ur so cool hand in marriage? tysm for being so sweet and all the snacks felt God's and your love fr ur so cool

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Juniors**

Your class prayer meetings are #goals and I pray that God continues to grow all of you closer to one another as you each grow closer to Him.

**From: Meili**

**To: Leland**

Thank you for helping to move praise equipment, co-leading a small group, driving people around for events, and being a light to many with your jokes/comments. It is admirable to see all the time and efforts you have put in to help with CBS. Each of your works is commendable and never in vain. I hope that you can continue to find joy in giving to others, just as others find joy in receiving and giving to you.

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Sharon Wu**

Sharon! You're always so bubbly and joyous. I love you sm <3

**From: Anonymous**

**To: QQ**

I think you always Slay All Day! :DDD

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Dawn**

My first CBS SG I was ever in was the one you led about journaling and through that, I found a fellowship of brothers and sisters who wanted to support my spiritual journey in love and a group of friends I could depend on. so thanks I guess

**From: Leland**

**To: Lizbeth**

Dance moves = FIRE!

Smile = BEAUTIFUL!

Hair = SLAY!

Lizzie = ...no words can describe her as a whole \*cry\*

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Jade Lo**

Hey Miss Jade! Thank you for being my co-leader for small group and co-director for our Buzzfeed video! Looking forward to one last year of being partners-in-crime >:]

**From: Beth**

**To: Bella Hu**

Thanks for listening to all my 2950 and 3950 woes--- see you in Rhodes again

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Beth and Ambrose**

Good luck you two will need it

**From: Leland**

**To: Daniel**

your presence as cbs co-coordinator has positively impacted our spiritual lives and cbs for much longer than any of us will be here. the spiritual maturity and humor you share with us give us assurance that we have older brothers and sisters who are willing to dedicate their precious time to see others grow in their faith to become teachers and examples of godliness like you. but please drive slower when you are driving others otherwise they will not grow up at all

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Alice Ke**

Thank you for being such an adorable light!

**From: Anonymous**



