

CBS Sharing 2008-2009

08.29.08

Jamber: Prayer request: pray for alums that just graduated. God is teaching him to rely more on Him.

Richard Kim: Encouragement for Christians and non-Christians: keep your heart open, get to know others; you never know if it will change your life.

Alex W: He didn't get an internship last summer, loaded trucks for UPS instead. While spending time with night-shift workers, God showed him that we are very blessed.

Van-Kim: She hit a deer and it dented her car! She was delivering a memorial book from a friend who passed away and she was going through a lot at that time, wondering why God was bringing so many troubles. Encouragement: James 1:2.

Caleb: When he first came to CBS, he thought he was a Christian. Encouragement for freshmen: CBS is here for you guys, as a family. Don't give up on God!

09.05.08

David Lam: At first he was just a nominal Christian, but then he started to go to church again and felt God's presence. Encouragement for non-Christians: don't give up on God!

Monica: used to be on one of Cornell's sports teams, she did some things that she regrets, took last semester off. God made it clear to her that Cornell was the place where He wanted her to be. She has peace knowing that she's in the right place.

Michael: Has been reading Romans 12:9, 1 John 4:19. Realized that he hasn't been loving God enough, and that he needs to receive God's love first, in order to better love Him. He's been humbled by God's grace. Encouragement: really soak in God's love!

Richardson: he spent the summer in Rochester, finishing up co-op. Was able to grow spiritually, found friends at a local Chinese church, got a new perspective, and got a lot out of the Bible studies at church. Isaiah 26:9.

Austin Cheng: will be leaving Cornell tomorrow (was visiting). Phil 3:8. During his stay, he didn't get to spend as much time with a certain someone, prayed to God for guidance and realized that he was undeserving of her time. The reality of it is that none of this time is his, it all belongs to God. This really humbled him, and he's doing his best to spend as much time as he can with his CBS family.

09.12.08

Henry: Look for the Gospel in the OT. Numbers 21:4-9. This story points to what Jesus did on the Cross. We are saved by looking at the Cross, in faith, and believing in Jesus Christ.

Leslie Chae: She doesn't come from a strong Christian background, and went through a difficult time this past summer. Read The Purpose-driven life. She is struggling to keep having faith in God, starting to understand God's love more.

Shawn: 1 John 5:13. Something that happened this summer: tire on his bike popped, was missing a tool so he started to walk home. Started blaming people and being angry at God, but on his way he met up with a Cornell person, got tools to fix his bike and started home, but it was too dark, so he followed another biker home. God hears us, we just need to trust in Him. God's will will be done.

Becky: She's been doing a lot of new things. She knew about FICCC, and realized there was a strong Christian base at Cornell. God is always around us. Psalm 150; let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Thanh: Got into a bad car crash a few months ago, and she wasn't really thankful that she survived. She is learning to have more faith, and she is thankful to God for helping her survive.

Ruth: Realized that it was going to rain and prayed that it wouldn't. Right when she got back to her dorm, it started pouring. This reminded her that God gives great things to us. There is a God who cares about the little things. Keep praying, God still cares.

09.19.08

Christa: Has been reading *Desiring God*, by John Piper. Psalm 16. She's been struggling with not finding joy in life and in scripture. Encouragement: go back into the Word, make God your priority.

Becky: John 6:51. She had dinner with roommate. Was asked, "is it only through Jesus that we can go to Heaven?" she kept silent and now asks for prayer for her friends.

Yvette: 1 Cor 8:9-13. Encouragement: view each other as brothers and sisters for whom Christ died, and be careful of your actions.

Ruth: Luke 7: faith of the Centurion. She's been learning about humility, and that being The Little Sister is a good thing. God is powerful, and has authority; He knows we are weak and loves us enough to humble us. He gives grace to the humble.

Henry: Praise: Grandpa is still holding on to health, says that he believes. Evidence of God's grace. Pray that this is a saving faith, and a true belief in Jesus Christ.

09.26.08

Jamie: Book of Hosea really moved her. Even when we rebel against God, He still loves us.

Henry: Hebrews 11:13, Hall of Faith. Encouragement: hope for eternal things.

Eric Yau: Stuck something on the bottom of top bunk bed to remind him: poem by Maya Angelou—"When I say I'm a Christian." Poem showed up in Tab bulletin.

Rachel: Had a really tough week. Romans 8:28. Really holding onto God's promises.

10.03.08

Van-Kim: Phil 3:8. Picked this verse for her bulletin in Casc, someone took offense to the verse. She is struggling with loving this person, and came to the conclusion that God will take care of this situation. Prayer request: that she will keep loving this person and that this person would realize that God loves her too.

Chui: Been struggling with what to do for the upcoming weeks. Psalm 131.

David Ho: Thought that if he put in effort, he could do anything, was humbled by prelims. Proverbs 3:5-12. He is learning to really rely more on God.

Becky: Had a very hectic day, lost her keys, someone found them. Encouragement: trust in the Lord, lean not on your own understanding.

Tiffany: Found comfort in Matthew 6:25.

Justin Deng: Learned more about God's forgiveness. Someone asked him for forgiveness today, and even though he forgave, he still felt hurt. So he realized how much God is hurting when we continue to sin.

Judy: Her heart is not settled yet. Asked God to rebuke her for her sins, and God has been good. She's been learning about solitude in God, and realizes that she should be aware of her sins. It's been scary to see how sinful she's been.

Henry: Giving up the media is a common struggle. TV shows show a life without God. 1 John 2: do not love the world and the things in the world. The world is passing away, as is its desires.

10.17.08

Yunni: Jeremiah 29:11-13. Decided not to be a ChemE anymore, switched to ORIE. Encouragement: God wants us to be strong for Him.

Jamie: was feeling a bit depressed today, was encouraged by Ecc 3:12-13. God gives us happiness. Ecc 5:7: stand in awe of God. Remembering these things helped her to think more clearly.

Richard Kim: Cousin contacted him (first time in 2 yrs) and wanted to meet him in a bar. He's been wondering why God has placed this burden on him. Psalm 118:6. No matter how much he doesn't like his relatives, the Lord still loves them. Encouragement: the Lord is on your side, have faith.

Henry: Jeremiah speaks straight to the heart. Why does God use harsh words? Because our understanding of sin is really low, so God uses harsh words to show us what sin is like, and shakes our dignity. In God's harshness, He is also loving. His words pierce.

10.24.08

Ruth: "Man does not live on bread alone." Realized that not having a hunger for God's Word is not good. God speaks to us through His Word, and it is what we live on. Praise God for His Word!

Chui: Numbers 12. God rebukes Miriam and Aaron. Was reminded of God's wrath, and how He defends the humble.

Michael Hwang: Matthew 26. The Lord's Supper. We need to have a desperation for God. Often we restrict and limit our need for God. God is worthy of all of our praise; we should always be aware of God's presence around us.

Henry: Shared from a book for children. The Bible has moral standards for us, it is not about us, but about God. It tells us what God is like and what He has done.

10.31.08

Grace: High school friend has been struggling with addiction for 10 yrs, recently confessed this sin to her. It was hard for her to confess this to Grace, but she felt liberated after doing so. We need brothers and sisters to keep us accountable. John 15:5.

Henry: Has been overcome with anxiety and uncertainty about the future, even when he thought he wouldn't lose faith during this time. Prayer request: for the seniors, that we would remember God's promises. Proverbs 3:5-6.

Eric Yau: In the Seekers study, they went over the cost of being a disciple. He wasn't sure how he would've applied it to his own life. This helped him through the week; knowing that he is living for God. 2 Cor 6:4-10

Alex W: God is so big and great. Have more gratitude for God! Psalm 113:2-5. Has been struggling with trusting in God, but he knows that God is enough for all of us.

11.14.08

Glennis: There is a lot of legacy here at CBS. God gives you just enough so that you can bear it; keep trusting in Him!

11.21.08

Peng: He's not a Christian, but is approaching God. Accidentally joined CBS. Bombed second round of prelims, realized the difference between superficially and really understanding the material. Promised God that he wouldn't play Warcraft for 10 days, and did okay on his lab. He keeps making "deals" with God, and the "prayers" have all worked. Trying to take it slow...baby steps towards God.

Ruth: wants to pray to realize her insufficiency, and to realize that she can't do anything herself. Really thankful that she was able to make it through the week. Struggling with reading God's Word, praying, surrendering. God is showing her what insufficiency is—completely lacking the ability to do something. Psalm 34:8-10. Prayer request: that she would remember to be humble. God's power is made great in our weakness.

Victor: shared feeling of debt owed to parents. Illustrated for him faith and works, and the debt we owe to Christ. Exodus 20:12. Wants to be a testimony to his parents when he goes home for break.

Charles Lai: Ecc 3:11. God has put eternity in our hearts. Charles has realized that he's not doing eternal work with his 9-5 job, but that the eternal things are: being a better son, brother, encourager, working so that he can give generously. Learning to pray honestly and openly with God, learning to be a true worshipper of Christ.

Christa: tends to judge parents quickly, grew up in a difficult household. Has been festering anger and resentment and pride. Isaiah 1:2-3. 1 Sam: to obey is better than sacrificing.

Richard Kim: Reminded of himself when he heard Peng's sharing. After he became a Christian, he didn't see the point of everything. Realized that his mom certainly had faith in God, throughout his life. Phil 4:12.

Thomas: Had a tough week, working on project. Shared with a sister about how he is not content. Read Job 1. Realized that he is putting work before God. Wants to seek God more.

12.05.08

Chui: "if anyone is given much, much will be expected.." Wants to be more grateful to God, and to take care of what God has given her.

Mike Chin: Failed swim test on Monday and passed on Wednesday. 1 Cor 10:13. Quote from Mike Chin: "your swim teacher will never give you more than you can handle."

Judy: REST. Matt 11:28. Oswald Chambers: God will get you out of listlessness and this will be rest. Hebrews 4:9-11. The greatest rest is already here, because we have God.

Tiffany: had a crazy week. Ecc 3:18, 22. Enjoy the life that God has given you.

Edgar: Doesn't know why he's here, but doesn't feel like he wants to leave. Has been in debt, but he is no longer spiritually bankrupt. Learning not to despair, but to cling to God. Matt 6:33. Job 1:21.

Ruth: has been watching House. To live is Christ and to die is gain. Was listening to "Give me Jesus" and this is the promise that we have. Zech 14:5.

Richard Kim: 2 yrs ago, he wasn't Christian. Encouragement: be a light to the people you live with that are not Christian.

01.23.09

Shawn: Phil 2:3. Went to China for winter break, met up with regional director of railroads, rode train for 22 hrs to see Eric Yeh. Learned a lot, felt the Holy Spirit, developed a better spiritual discipline, connected with new believers. Cold contact EV'd in Chinese. God is everywhere, the God that Shawn experienced in Lanzhou is the same God here. Proverbs 16:3. Gal 6:4.

Ruth: Has been reading through Exodus. Exodus 2:23-25. "...And God knew." God knows. Once we trust that He knows, then we will know that He will take care of us. Focus on this promise.

Edgar: Was really blessed by OIL. Jesus only loves sinners; and Christ alone is worthy of our worship. Live as if all of your life is given as worship to God. God is gracious.

1.30.09

Henry: Deut 6:4. God really wants His love, His laws to permeate every aspect of your lives. Make God relevant in your free time, because our free time is really important. What do we really set our hearts on? Where do you set your hearts when it's most at rest?

Faith: Has been learning from God how impossible it is for her to follow Jesus on her own strength. Hebrews 4:16. The more we learn about God, the more we learn about how we're supposed to live. Only the Giver gets the glory! Give credit to God. Phil 1.

Edgar: Romans 7:17-end. Romans 8:1. Ends up despairing a lot, but Jesus has saved us from despair. God is the One who enables you. John 6:60, 68-69.

Thomas: went to EPIC conference for winter break. Matt 25:14-30. Learned about stewardship, entitlement, misplaced ambition. Be ambitious for God!

02.20.09

Mandy & Henry: shared about VSET. Read Eric Yeh's email.

Kersing: First time sharing! Had a big fight with parents last night. God is convicting her of controlling the tongue, and what we say. James 3:5-6. Matt 12:33-37.

Jamie: "Give us Clean Hands" got stuck in her head today. "Let us not lift our souls to another..." Remember Who you're living for.

Edgar: If you love something, you will sacrifice temporary personal happiness. God has given us a global community, there's more to be done for the world. Isaiah 55. "Hungry, I come to You for I know You satisfy..."

Sandy: first time sharing! 1 Tim 5:1-2. Has been thinking about her experiences with brothers. Keep yourself and others guarded. In her experience, the best thing a brother did for her was "define the relationship" and really treat her as a sister. Keep yourselves pure!

02.27.09

Ruth: Hosea 10:6. God is teaching her of her need. The things that she has been basing her identity on are cheap. What she needs is God, and His Word to remind her of this. Prayer request: that she would remember that all we need is God, and that His refinement of us is His grace.

Henry: Reading God's Pursuit of Man. God is working now. WE are stuck in an infinite and cosmic loneliness. Have God be real and present right now in your lives, because He is here. Submit the desires of your heart to God right now.

Caleb: a sister prayed boldly that one of her friends would come to Christ at Coffeehouse. Grandpa accepted Christ on night of LIGHT 09. Gal 6:9. True faith is simply trusting in God.

Richard Kim: Jeremiah 9:23. Performed Christian songs at Asia Night. What do we take pride in? Take pride in Christ.

03.06.09

Van-Kim: Has been sick for a while with mono. Watched Titanic. We are saved, but are we too selfish to go back and save people? Should we be complacent? No! Encouragement: row back! Row back!

Mark Dong: realized he doesn't really care about people. His friend who is an atheist was arguing about religion with his parents and Mark overheard but didn't say anything. Realized that he only wanted to answer to his friend because of an intellectual challenge and not because of God or out of love. 1 Cor 13. Without love, without God, he has nothing. Do things out of love.

Judy: Luke 18:22. Our individual temperament and our natural desires are barriers to coming to Christ. Let God make a Holy Experiment out of you. God has been asking her: do you trust me enough to set aside time for Me and to be still before Me? The things that you think are yours are not—everything belongs to God.

Henry: realizing that he doesn't have a heart for people. Luke 15. God pursues. There is a great joy when a sinner comes to repentance.

03.27.09

Jamie: has been learning more about God's family; being part of it and being a child of God. We have a true family as Christians.

Edgar: Went on Philly missions trip during spring break. Trying to memorize verses for the guys' Bible study. Really seeing the benefit of this spiritual discipline. 2 Tim 1:7.

Ruth: The Word of God is alive and speaks to our lives. God has been showing her and teaching her a lot about sin, and it's been difficult for her to face. Adam and Eve reacted to the revelation of sin with shame and rebellion. Psalm 65:1-4. This is what gives us hope.

04.10.09: Alumni Weekend

Dan Tsui: Remembers first night of fellowship and how amazing it was to see a group of believers worshipping God. Last night at Cornell: Janice Yuen's baptism at FICCC. Has been reflecting on the power of the Holy Spirit, how God has really blessed Cornell and CBS. God has His Hand on this place. College is a place to hone minds but it is also a place to train young Christians, so you can find God in all the troubles of the world. Learn how to apply your mind or God. As a law student, he better understands God's justice, mercy, and love. In this moment of understanding is a moment of worship.

Calinda: God makes people come to Him. Encouragement for those who are not working: you are doing work for God. Philemon 1:6. She has learned what it is to be free. Started out being focused on herself until she knew she had to get over herself. As we grow in holiness, we should look to God, not to sin. 2 Cor 3:18. Behold God's glory, and you will be changed. "I am changed by the presence of a Holy God."

Hanson: Find community in a church, a strong group of believers. This can really help you out in the real world. Do not run from unfamiliar territory, get to know the Lord that you serve, this is the purpose. Do not be afraid of silence. 1 Cor 8.

Jon Ng: the culture in America is changing. Go out there to fight for Christ. We all need Christ.

Brian Yung: realized that working is very different from college. When he went alone to God in college, a lot of people sought him out to help him out with his struggles. Out of college, you really are alone. You need God and community. Genesis 2:18. Look for someone to help you, the Helper and a community of believers.

Alex Shih: At Cornell you are constantly being pushed to grow, and once you set out in the world what really matters in your life will reveal itself.

Melody: Be real and vulnerable with each other. Share honestly, admitting sins and sharing burdens. Be willing to be broken in front of people. Get involved and put effort into serving. Live out Christ's love to people. Don't take for granted your unique gifting as intellectual people. Make your faith your own.

Edgar: Challenge: don't make a distinction between this world and the real world. What we have here is also the real world and it's equally important to find God and community here. John 4:35. Get out there and spread the Word for God. God does the work. You need to know the Lord personally, so go out with the Spirit that God has given you.

Ruth: shared because both Faith and Caleb are here. Read her personal essay for college app again, realized it was mostly falsified (author's liberty!). Reminded of God's grace in family. Remembering shame and thinking about it makes her feel relieved because the people who remember and know about her love her. How much more does God know and how much more does He love us? Pray that we will be able to know that we love God and we love each other.

04.24.09

Yvette: After she graduates, she will take a year off and teach English at a university in China, and share Christ this way. Hebrews 11:8. Pray for her that she will get financial support for missions.

Henry: Chi Alpha. Holy Spirit has been teaching him a lot about this, that it's not about money or politics but it's about an individual's struggle. God is at work, and He still loves the body of Christ. We should respond as humble witnesses.