

## Jesus Changes Everything

Max, a student at Bentley College, immigrated to the U.S. with his family from Uzbekistan after the collapse of the former Soviet Union. His family views religion as a fairytale that is not to be trusted or credible.

Max, however, couldn't shake his curiosity about how the Bible has shaped so much of history. He turned to YouTube, where he found The Bible Project [bibleproject.com]. Through countless hours of listening to the Bible, he began to question his family's view of religion. He began to trust the words of the Bible.

A week into Max's freshman year at Bentley, he met Andrew, a Cru missionary. Andrew presented the gospel to Max, who gave his life to Jesus, was baptized, and started attending a church in Boston. Max has been an example of what can happen when the Holy Spirit comes into our lives. He has repeatedly trusted Jesus, even when circumstances and people have pressed against him.

This came to a head recently when his family began to pressure him away from his faith. First, they threatened to take away the resources to pay for school, then they forbade him from going to church. Max asked them, "What would happen if I went to church?" They responded, "Grab some trash bags and pack your things because you cannot come home."

Andrew did his best to listen and ask questions, helping Max think through his options. "What's your top desire - to go to church tomorrow or wake up at home?" Max countered, "My top priority is that my parents would know Jesus. They have threatened to take away everything, including my inheritance; what more can they take?"

What a faith-filled response! Despite losing much and the emotional turmoil of those he loves rejecting him, Max believes Jesus is more than enough. He is currently living with other family and still following Jesus.

Even though Max's relationship with his family is currently broken, he has chosen Jesus and desires that his family will also. Please pray for Max and his family.

Thanks so much as always for your faithful partnership in prayer and giving as we help get more missionaries to the campuses and cities of the world! Please pray for us as we travel this week to Dallas to visit our supporting church and our ministry partners there! Thanks!!



*With love in Jesus,  
 Steve & Rochelle*