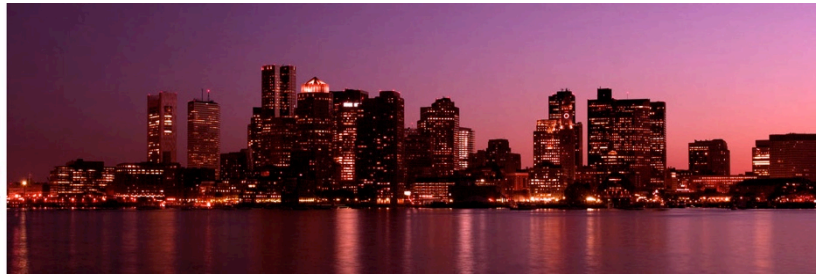


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## God Changes their Whole Direction

“Jill” grew up in the foster system in LA and was adopted by her foster mom when she turned 4. Part of being in the foster system was that she got to go to a camp every summer. Jill loved the camp. And, though she knew it was a “Christian camp”, she told me that she never heard the gospel in a way that made sense to her.

Fast forward 12 years. Now, Jill is a first year at Boston University. Feeling totally overwhelmed by her engineering major, Jill reached out to one of her mentors in the foster system in LA. **“Would you like me to find a way to connect you to Cru at BU?”**  
**“Yes.”**

And so I met Jill initially through a website-email-virtual-cross-country adventure. When we finally tried to meet up in person, she was only available to meet in the one window I was unavailable.

Which lets me introduce Daralyn into the story.

I asked Daralyn, a sophomore from Hawaii, to meet up with Jill. “Yes, I can do that, but I’m scared. What do I say?”

“Just get to know her,” I told Daralyn. “Love on her. Ask her to share her story. Then tell her your story.” Daralyn and Jill had a great time. And **a week later, Jill had surrendered her life to Christ!**

Now, Jill, Daralyn, and I are meeting weekly. Week after week, I’m struck by the profoundness of God entering someone’s life, changing their whole direction and outlook.

And there’s a beauty of God choosing to use us – choosing to use broken, messy people to communicate God’s love and beauty to others.

**Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel.**

Loving our adventurous Lord,

*Brian & Malisa*

**Would you pray:**

- \* for Daralyn, Jill, and me as we meet up on Thursday afternoons to study God’s word?
- \* for our efforts to meet students digitally and build disciples – both in person and online as Covid allows.
- \* thankful that BU & NU are allowing us to meet students in person as long as we follow safety guidelines.



**Daralyn (Left), Jill (Center), and Me on a Thursday afternoon. I love meeting in person outside while the weather is nice.**



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