

## **LIFE CHANGING STORIES – INGA TUIGAMALA**

What does being a Christian do for someone like Inga Tuigamala? He's a big name in international rugby and used to play for the All Blacks.

Inga says "It has certainly given me a lot of peace to be able to fulfill my God given talent as a rugby player. It allows me to be focused and it allows me to be absolutely committed to my task as a rugby player and hopefully inspire and motivate the guys around me. I have been well respected in my faith, and that is simply because I am able to live it out in such a practical way, and a real way that they can relate to."

"Over the years Jesus has shown to me that life is worth living, and he has certainly given me a peace and a joy and a happiness that I would never have experienced anywhere else."

## **LIFE CHANGING STORIES – JENNIFER, OASIS CENTRE, LONDON**

The Oasis Centre is a place in London that helps to support and give practical help to homeless people. It is run by a team of Christians, including Jennifer.

Jennifer says "One of the things that I realized when I found out more about Jesus, was his love for people, his love for me regardless of what I have done, and the same is true for people here at the Oasis Centre. Regardless of what they have done, Jesus loves them very much, and when he came to earth, he spent so much time with people that the rest of society didn't want to know about."

"There are a lot of people in the world with a lot of problems, but one of the biggest things that I see is how much people need to be loved...and that's one of the things we try to do here – spend time with people, sharing, knowing their names when they walk through the door, spending time chatting is one of the most important things we can do..."

## **LIFE CHANGING STORIES – BRIAN**

Brian Russ has lived the kind of life you would see in gangster movies...

"I grew up in an environment which made me think I was worthless and a nobody, and so for most of my life I tried desperately to make myself into somebody...and I followed the path of the film star gangsters and tried to be like them and I lived out that fantasy and ended up in the end trying to kill somebody...and that put me up in prison..."

But Brian's time in prison was to have an outcome that he never expected...

"Just before I was released from prison, I experienced Jesus for the first time, and after I was released I grew to know him as a real, personal friend...but I found that guilt is hard to live with, and one of the best things that Jesus did was to take that guilt off my shoulders..."

## LIFE CHANGING STORIES – BEN CASTLE

In London's West End some showbiz celebrities are having a party and having their pictures taken...playing the music is Ben Castle, son of the late Roy Castle...

"My dad really inspired me in my musical life. From the age of 7 he got me playing the clarinet and then the saxophone a little later, and I always remember watching him playing the trumpet at the end of Record Breakers and singing 'Dedication's what you need...'"

"He also really inspired me in my Christian faith, as did my mum and the rest of my family, particularly when my dad found out he had cancer, because the peace that he had was incredible, and we as a whole family had peace...I know that that was from Jesus. It was really incredible...as we were going through a difficult situation, my dad – a great dad and a great friend – was more than probably going to die and we had such a peace about that."

"Dad and I used to enjoy a few jam sessions and I know I am going to enjoy a few more with him up there in heaven, with Gabriel and all the other trumpet players..."

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