

**INFORMANT: HOW JESUS  
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THE CHURCH**

# Title, Author, and Dedication

**INFORMANT:** How Jesus Reassigns the Enemy's Tactics to Strengthen the Church by Eric Brown, Beth-El Church of God in Christ. This expanded edition organizes the original message into a clear journey through interruption, revelation, reassignment, and endurance—showing how Jesus turns the enemy's tactics into strengthening power for His church. The heartbeat of the book is the conviction that Jesus not only saves people but also redeems their stories, their scars, and even their strategies. The result is not a naïve church—rather, a discerning, equipped, and resilient community.

**DEDICATION** This book is dedicated to the believer who has grown weary, to the one wounded in warfare, and to the church Jesus loves enough to warn, protect, and preserve. This dedication recognizes three audiences that often overlap: the weary believer who needs renewal, the wounded soldier who needs healing and retraining, and the beloved church that Jesus shepherds through both storms and strategies. To each: you are seen, you are not alone, and you are not disqualified. What you have endured becomes material for your maturity. Your wounds become wisdom. Your trials become training grounds for future victories. The love of Christ that warns also covers, the love that protects also prepares, and the love that preserves also propels.

**FOREWORD** The church of Jesus Christ was never meant to be naïve. Jesus does not merely rescue sinners—He redeems strategy. The earliest disciples learned this firsthand through the seismic conversion of Saul of Tarsus. The Lord did not erase Saul's history; He reoriented it. What once enforced fear would become a testimony. What once hunted the church would now protect it. This book, *INFORMANT*, traces that reorientation and invites the modern church to embrace the same transformation. We are not spectators to spiritual conflict—we are participants trained by Christ. We are not only forgiven; we are formed. We are not simply kept from darkness; we are commissioned to expose it. The following chapters move from the jolt of divine interruption to the steady cadence of faithful endurance, always with one aim: that the church would be strengthened through Christ's wisdom operating within and among us.

# Chapter 1 – Suddenly: When God Stops You on the Road

CHAPTER 1 – Suddenly: When God Stops You on the Road. There are moments in life when God interrupts our direction without warning. Scripture calls it suddenly. Saul was traveling with authority and confidence, yet heaven intervened. Divine interruption is uncomfortable, but intentional. This chapter begins with the acknowledgment that the word “suddenly” is not accidental or dramatic flair; it is theological shorthand for God’s sovereign timing. When God steps into our momentum, He is not being arbitrary—He is being merciful. The suddenness exposes what our pace concealed. It halts the inertia of self-certainty. It replaces the illusion of control with the invitation to surrender.

Saul’s journey illustrates that human authority, social validation, and personal zeal are no match for light from heaven. The interruption blinds before it reveals; it silences before it sends. For many readers, the divine “stop” came as a lost job, a diagnosis, a confrontation, or a closed door. The discomfort is not punishment but precision. God aims at our trajectory because He cares about our destination. The sudden moment is an altar on the road—a place to lay down motives we did not know we carried and to receive a name for the season ahead: transformed.

Divine interruption is uncomfortable, but intentional. The intentionality shows in how Jesus addresses not merely behavior but identity and mission. He interrupts paths that appear successful but are spiritually misaligned. He stops us to save us, but He also stops us to send us differently. In that pause, heaven reframes our definitions of victory, protection, and purpose. The church grows stronger when its people stop to listen, yield, and obey. Suddenly moments are not detours; they are doorways.



# Chapter 2 – Why Are You Persecuting Me?

CHAPTER 2 – Why Are You Persecuting Me? Jesus identifies Himself with His church. To wound the church is to wound Christ. This identification is not metaphor only; it is covenant reality. When Jesus confronted Saul, He did not say, “Why are you troubling My followers?” He said, “Why are you persecuting Me?” Here, the Head speaks for the Body, and the Body carries the life of the Head. The implication is profound: what touches the church touches Christ’s heart; and Christ Himself will shepherd, defend, and realign those who touch His people.

This identification also heals shame. Many believers carry pain from wounds inflicted by the very community meant to be a home. Jesus’ words remind us that He has not distanced Himself from His people; He stands with them. To those hurt by church conflict: Jesus sees, Jesus owns, and Jesus intervenes. He is not indifferent. To leaders: remember that our treatment of the flock is received by the Shepherd as personal. To persecutors, critics, and even misled zealots: grace waits, but grace also confronts.

The strengthening of the church begins with re-centering on Christ’s presence among us. We cannot be casual about unity or cavalier with one another’s dignity. To love the church is to love Christ. To repent before the church is to honor Christ. The voice that stopped Saul still speaks: “Why?” Not to condemn, but to convert. Not to humiliate, but to heal. Not to end a story, but to begin a new assignment.



# Chapter 3 – Believing You’re Right While Being Wrong

CHAPTER 3 – Believing You’re Right While Being Wrong. Sincerity without truth can still oppose God. Saul’s sincerity was unquestionable, but sincerity is not the standard of righteousness—Jesus is. This chapter addresses a modern temptation: to equate intensity with accuracy and passion with holiness. The church must cultivate a humility that prefers revelation over assumption and obedience over self-justification. We can be zealously wrong, and our emotions can validate our errors if we do not submit to Christ’s light.

How do we detect when we are sincerely wrong? The Lord often sends Ananias-like voices—trusted, ordinary disciples who carry specific instruction. He provides Scripture that confronts our selective reading. He uses community to test our interpretations. He offers providential checks: closed doors, persistent unease, or a rebuke that lands with life-giving conviction. The wise believer treats these as mercies, not annoyances. Repentance, in this light, becomes a joy—an exchange of broken maps for a reliable compass.

This humility strengthens the whole church. A people who can admit error become a people safe for God to entrust with revelation. We stop weaponizing certainty and start stewarding truth. We move from arguing to discerning, from winning debates to winning brothers and sisters. The Lord is not asking for bravado; He is forming a Body that prefers His voice over our volume.

# Chapter 4 – From Enforcer to Informant

CHAPTER 4 – From Enforcer to Informant. Jesus did not destroy Saul—He reassigned him. In the kingdom, former enforcers become informants who expose the old system's tactics and reveal the new way's power. Saul's past did not disqualify him; grace retooled it. The energy that once hunted saints became the endurance that planted churches. The insight that once tracked movements became the discernment that protected believers. This is the gospel's scandal: we are not merely spared; we are sent.

To become an informant is to tell the truth about the darkness you once served and the light that conquered it. It is to use insider knowledge—not to glorify sin—but to warn the saints. Your history becomes a map of potential ambushes. Your deliverance becomes a directory of God's faithfulness. The church grows stronger when former enemies become trusted witnesses, when testimonies are detailed enough to equip yet humble enough to exalt Christ.

This reassignment requires accountability and community. Paul submitted to leaders, received correction, and waited for release. Reassignment without formation breeds chaos; reassignment with formation builds pillars. The Spirit who meets us on the road leads us into a people, and within that people our gifts find stewarded expression. Jesus is not discarding your past; He is drafting it into service.



# Chapter 5 – The Power of Insider Knowledge

CHAPTER 5 – The Power of Insider Knowledge. God redeems experience, even painful experience. What the enemy deployed to break you, God refits to brief you. Paul could name the stratagems because he had lived within them. He understood how fear spreads, how shame silences, how isolation narrows vision, how delay steals momentum, and how confusion crowds counsel. He used that knowledge not to elevate himself but to equip the church. Sanctified memory is not nostalgia; it is a tool.

Consider your own redeemed intelligence. Where did the Lord rescue you? What patterns did He expose? Where were you most deceived, and what finally brought clarity? Write these down. Share them with a mentor or small group. Craft warnings that are specific and scripture-anchored. The aim is not to relive pain but to release wisdom. The church needs briefings from those who have walked the terrain. When we speak honestly about our deliverance, we strengthen the ranks.

God's people thrive when testimony and training meet. Stories stir faith; strategy sustains it. The Spirit anoints both. As Paul wrote letters from chains, he delivered the kind of tactical awareness that transforms households and congregations. Our age is noisy, but insider knowledge—sanctified by love—cuts through noise with clarity.

# Chapter 6 – When Religion Becomes a Weapon

CHAPTER 6 – When Religion Becomes a Weapon. Zeal without revelation becomes destructive. Saul’s pre-conversion zeal had pedigree, tradition, and applause, but it lacked the face of Jesus. Weaponized religion polices people but ignores presence; it prizes control over compassion and conformity over transformation. The hard truth is that religious fervor can vandalize the very temple it claims to defend when it loses sight of the Lord of the temple.

The cure is revelation: a living encounter with Christ that reorders loves and resets loyalties. Revelation humbles the loud and heals the wounded. It makes leaders safe and communities whole. It refuses to use Scripture to excuse cruelty. The measure of our orthodoxy is not how forcefully we argue but how faithfully we love while telling the truth. Jesus is not recruiting bouncers for the kingdom; He is forming shepherds who carry both staff and oil.

For congregations, this means creating cultures where questions are welcomed, confession is normalized, and correction is restorative. For individuals, it means daily surrender—letting the Lord search motives and prune methods. Zeal is beautiful when yoked to revelation; otherwise, it breaks what it should bless.

# Chapter 7 – Not Ignorant of Satan’s Devices

CHAPTER 7 – Not Ignorant of Satan’s Devices. Fear, shame, isolation, delay, confusion—Paul exposed them all. These are not random feelings; they are coordinated pressures designed to separate believers from grace-filled community and Spirit-led obedience. Fear exaggerates threats; shame edits testimonies; isolation removes mirrors; delay dilutes urgency; confusion multiplies options without wisdom. Paul’s pastoral letters function as field manuals, teaching saints to recognize the pattern and respond with gospel reflexes.

Countermeasures look like this: worship in the face of fear; confession to disarm shame; fellowship to break isolation; disciplined decision-making to defeat delay; counsel and Scripture to clarify confusion. None of these are glamorous, but all of them are powerful. The Spirit forms habits that outlast assaults. We do not win by spectacle; we endure by practice.

The church becomes a fortress when it becomes a family—aware, alert, and affectionate. Paul’s exposure of the enemy’s devices is not to breed paranoia but to build preparedness. We are not ignorant because we are informed; we are not intimidated because we are indwelt. The same Jesus who confronted Saul confronts our adversary through us.



# Chapter 8 – Why the Armor Must Be Worn Daily

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Think rhythms: begin the day fastening truth through Scripture reading; check your heart for righteousness by confession; lace up peace by reconciling quickly; lift the shield of faith by rehearsing promises; secure salvation's helmet by naming whose you are; wield the Word by memorizing a verse; pray in the Spirit to align with heaven's agenda. Over time, these practices create reflexes. When accusation comes, the shield is already raised. When opportunity opens, the feet are already shod with peace.

The daily armor is communal as well as personal. Soldiers overlap shields. The church advances best when believers cover one another with intercession, encouragement, and accountability. We dress for battle together so we can stand together.



# Chapter 9 – How Isolation Precedes Defeat

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Recognizing isolation's slide is crucial: withdrawing from gatherings, hiding struggle, resenting accountability, and substituting endless content for embodied community. The remedy is courageous reconnection—showing up, speaking up, and opening up. Isolation tells you that presence will embarrass you; the gospel assures you that presence will embrace you. The Spirit meets us in the room, not merely in the idea of the room. Rhythm and clarity return when we return.

Churches can help by building spaces for honest conversation and practical care. Small groups, prayer partners, shared meals, and service projects break isolation's spell. Pastors and leaders must model vulnerability, setting a tone where confession is normal and restoration is near. In community, defeat turns to deliverance.



# Chapter 10 – When Isolation Becomes Revelation

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Practically, this means framing your quiet seasons with promise. Bring a journal, a Bible, and an open heart. Ask: What is God highlighting? What is He pruning? What is He preparing? Many receive blueprints in hiddenness that later build households and churches. Revelation entrusted in secrecy matures character that can carry it in public. The church benefits when her members steward private encounters with integrity.

The enemy isolates to starve; Jesus isolates to feed. What the enemy uses to diminish momentum, God uses to distill mission. When isolation is reassigned, we emerge with new language, new love, and new loyalty to Christ's heart. The very place of wounding becomes the well of wisdom.



# Chapter 11 – Writing While Restricted

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Your restriction can become a desk. Illness, recovery, caretaking, or unforeseen pauses may confine you, but they need not confine the Word in you. Begin to write, record, or mentor. Draft prayers for your family. Compile a testimony for future readers. Sketch ministry frameworks that outlast your season. The pen of obedience travels where your feet cannot. The church is strengthened when saints steward constrained seasons with creativity and hope.

Paul’s chains also modeled joy. He taught us to rejoice not because circumstances are easy but because Christ is enough. That joy preserves perspective, protects unity, and powers perseverance. Writing while restricted is more than productivity—it is worship.

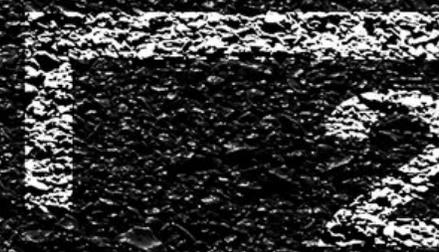
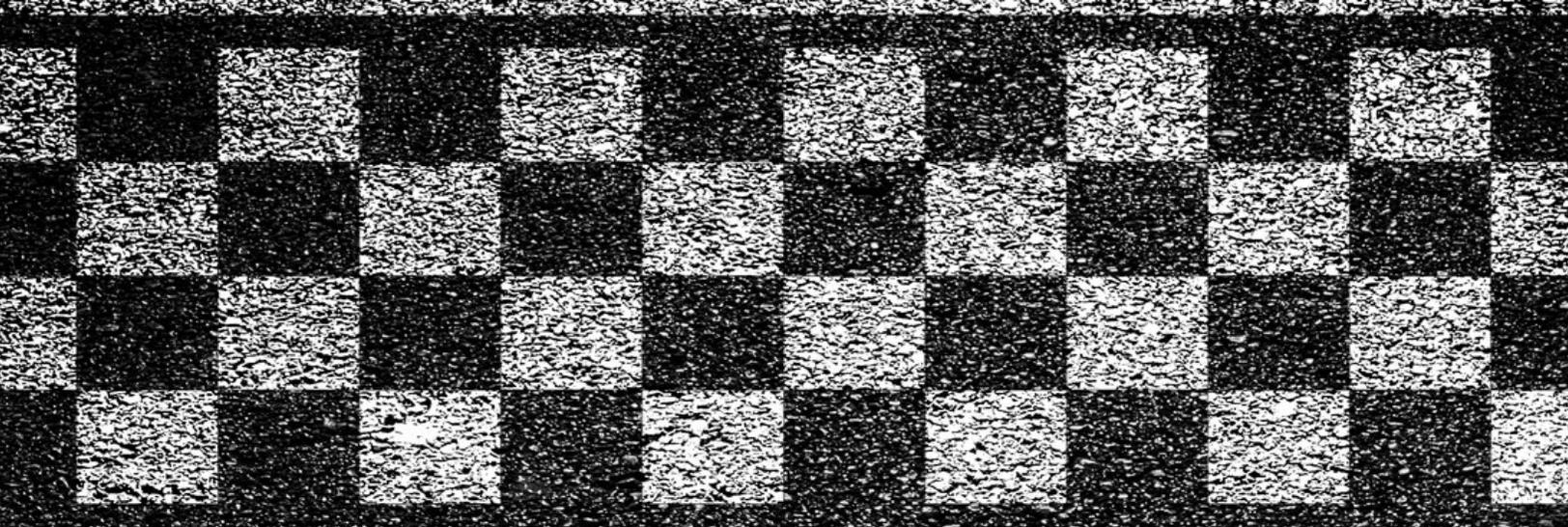


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To finish well, clarify your lane. Receive your portion without comparison. Cultivate disciplines that carry you through winters and summers. Guard your joy. Bless the next generation—write their names into your prayers and letters. And when the finish line approaches, see it not as loss but as completion: the moment when faith becomes sight and labor becomes reward.

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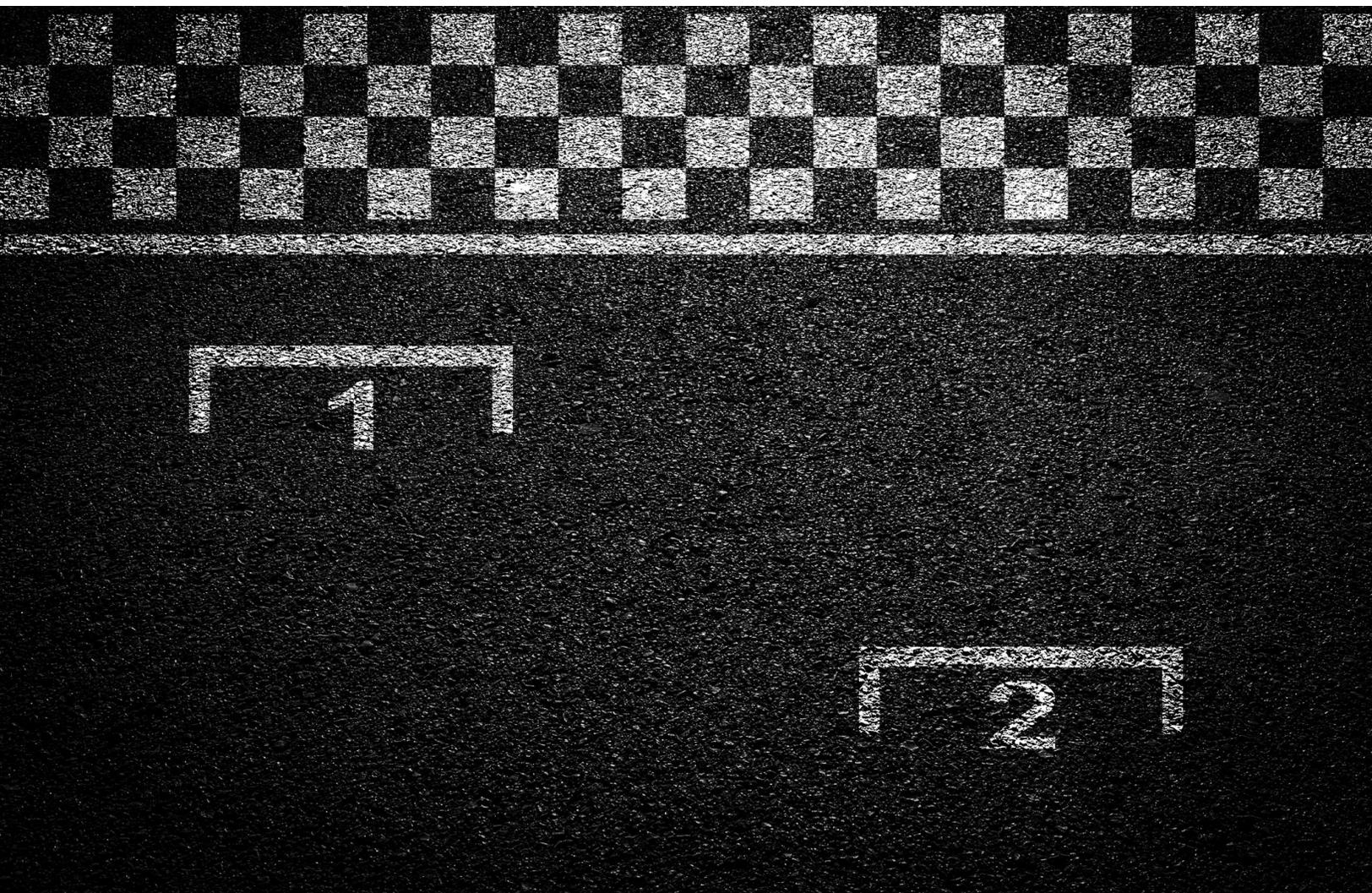


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# Closing Exhortation and Final Prayer

CLOSING EXHORTATION Jesus loved the church enough to warn it. INFORMANT has traced how Jesus reassigns the enemy's tactics to strengthen His people: He interrupts our destructive momentum, identifies with His Body, exposes the danger of sincere error, reassigns our stories, redeems insider knowledge, heals weaponized religion, unveils the enemy's devices, trains us to wear the armor daily, rescues us from isolation, converts isolation into revelation, inspires writing under restriction, and empowers us to finish well. Each thread ties back to one truth: Christ is present with His church and proactive for its maturity.

This is not a call to paranoia but to preparedness; not to hardness but to holiness; not to celebrity but to community. You are not merely a survivor of spiritual conflict—you are a steward of spiritual clarity. Share what you have learned. Serve where you are planted. Stay under covering. Keep your armor on. Let your reassigned history become someone else's early warning and encouragement.

FINAL PRAYER Lord, help us stay covered, guarded, and faithful until we finish our race. Amen. Lord Jesus, Shepherd of the church, thank You for loving us enough to warn, protect, and preserve. Interrupt where we are misaligned. Heal where we are wounded. Redeem our experience into wisdom for others. Make us unignorant of the enemy's devices and deeply acquainted with Your presence. Teach us to wear Your armor daily, to resist isolation, to embrace revelation, to write and build even in restrictive seasons, and to finish our assignments with joy. Keep Your church humble, holy, and whole—until we see You face to face. Amen.