SUPERBOOK 112 –THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS

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CBN TAKE-AWAY - No matter how bad you are, or what you have done,

God can help you change.

SYNOPSIS -When a delinquent teen enters Chris and Joy's life they

don't see any chance of him changing his ways. However, SUPERBOOK

takes our heroes on a journey to the early days of Christianity,

where they encounter a man named Saul of Tarsus, who also seems to

be an impossible hard-case. His violent actions towards the

church take a startling turn on the road to Damascus. There, the

kids witness Saul's miraculous conversion and follow him to his

healing and baptism at the hands of Ananias. Once the persecutor,

Saul, now called Paul, finds himself becoming the persecuted, and

our kids are instrumental in his exciting escape over the city

wall and away from others bent on rooting out Christianity. The

kids' involvement in this exciting story of conversion brings them

home with a renewed hope that amazing change is always possible

with God.

CAST:

Superbook

Chris

Joy

Gizmo

Jason

Phoebe

Officer #1

Saul

Guard #1

Guard #2

Caleb

Ananias

Stephen

Cephas

High Priest

Jesus

Old Man

FADE IN:

EXT. QUANTUM HOUSE - PUSH IN EST. SHOT - DAY

JOY 01:00:01 Come on, Chris. Let’s see if Gizmo wants to go to the park and kick a few...

CHRIS 01:00:07 Hmm... that’s strange...

JOY 01:00:10 Yeah. Your mom never leaves the door open.

CHRIS (O.S.) 01:00:26 (calling) Mom? Dad?

GIZMO 01:00:29 (muffled calls) Hey... hey I’m in here.

CHRIS (O.S.) 01:00:32 Hey! What are you doing?!

JOY 01:00:35 GIZMO!

JASON 01:00:39 Get out of my way! (effort)

GIZMO 01:00:41 Chris, the alarm was not turned on and he just...

JASON 01:00:43 I said “out of my way!” (throwing effort)

<ALARMS BLARE> LIGHTS FLASH.

CHRIS 01:00:49 Looks like it’s on now!

JASON 01:00:56 (frightened efforts)

01:00:58 OPEN THIS DOOR, NOW!!

CHRIS 01:01:00 You tripped the security lockdown.

GIZMO 01:01:02 It will not open until the police arrive!

JASON 01:01:05 (frustrated GRRRR turns into resigned GRRRR)

FADE OUT:

END OF TEASER SUPERBOOK SONG

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

JASON 01:02:37 (Angrily) What are you looking at?

GIZMO 01:02:39 We are looking at a thief. A criminal. A crook. And you will certainly pay for...

JASON (O.S.) 01:02:43 SHUT UP!

JASON 01:02:45 You don’t know me! You don’t know anything about me!

JASON 01:02:47 Rich family. Robot toy. High tech lab in your expensive house.

01:02:53 You don’t know a thing about who I am or where I come from.

JOY 01:03:03 Were you... hungry?

CHRIS 01:03:05 (sotto - warning) Joy, don’t talk to him.

JOY 01:03:08 Is that why you broke in?

JASON 01:03:10 What do you care?

JOY 01:03:14 My name is Joy... What’s yours?

CHRIS (O.S.) 01:03:17 (sotto - admonishing) Joy, what are you doing?!

JOY 01:03:20 You must be scared. I know I am. But maybe this was just a mistake, right? Coming into this house...

JOY (O.S.) 01:03:28 Maybe there’s a way to explain.

JASON 01:03:32 (caving - eyes welling) I didn’t mean to... It was just... (then, hands to ears - frustrated again) Can someone turn off that alarm!!!

OFFICER #1 01:03:40 Don’t anybody move!

PHOEBE 01:03:56 I’m just glad everyone’s okay.

GIZMO 01:03:58 Yes, perhaps we should all try to forget this ever happened. I know I’m going to spend the rest of my life trying.

OFFICER #1 01:04:04 Professor, let’s go inside for your statement and a damage report.

PHOEBE 01:04:08 Officer, what’s going to happen to that boy?

OFFICER #1 01:04:11 (trailing off) Uh, his name’s Jason Dunning and he’s been in trouble before. So, if you press charges it’ll get serious from here.

JOY 01:04:19 Chris, did you hear that? We have to tell your parents he’s not a real criminal.

CHRIS 01:04:24 What are you talking about?

GIZMO (O.S.) 01:04:25 (trailing off) He came into the house.

GIZMO (CONT'D) 01:04:27 He stole food from the kitchen. He tied me up and who knows what he would have taken if you hadn’t arrived, Chris.

GIZMO 01:04:32 It was more than my circuits are programmed to take.

JOY 01:04:42 Chris, I mean it. There’s something about him. I think if he was given a chance he could change.

CHRIS 01:04:48 He’s a thief, Joy! And he deserves whatever happens.

CHRIS/JOY 01:04:53 SUPERBOOK!

GIZMO 01:05:02 Oh no! Chris, please, I will clean up the whole lab myself! But just let me stay behind this one time. Whoa-ho-ho!

CHRIS/JOY 01:05:10 Whaoaaa.....

SUPERBOOK 01:05:14 I am taking you to witness the miraculous change in a most dangerous man.

Our trio lands down into three separate stone vats. <WHUMP-WHUMP-WHUMP>

CHRIS/GIZMO/JOY 01:05:29 (falling shouts into impact grunts)

GIZMO 01:05:35 Okay, I’ve seen enough. Let’s go back. (efforting out of vat)

JOY 01:05:39 (effort of exiting pots) Giz, do an info-scan and find out where we are this time.

GIZMO 01:05:46 According my geo-sensors we are definitely not in Kansas anymore. It appears we have landed in the ancient city of Jerusalem. And the year is...

CALEB (O.S.) 01:05:55 (screaming on the run - Whoaaaa...)

GIZMO 01:05:56 (scream into impact)

GIZMO 01:05:59 Okay... I’m thinkin'; that’s gotta stop. (ohhhuuu)

SAUL (O.C.) 01:06:07 Get them! They went that way.

GUARD 1 (O.C.) 01:06:09 Down that alley.

CALEB 01:06:10 Hurry! Follow me!

GUARD 2 (O.C) 01:06:12 Two more went west.

<CRASHES/HORSE WHINNIES>

CHRIS 01:06:22 Who’s that chasing us?

CALEB 01:06:24 Saul of Tarsus!

JOY 01:06:29 Giz, hide near those pots!

GIZMO 01:06:35 Zzzzz...AGGGHHH!

SAUL 01:06:42 I want these followers of Jesus caught and caged tonight! – Search every house if you must! Chhyyaaa!

GIZMO 01:06:58 Oh good! Danger, excitement, AND new shoes!

Caleb 01:07:09 <TAP- TAP-TAP-TAP>.

(ALL WHISPER THROUGH THIS SCENE.)

CALEB 01:07:29 I am Caleb. And there is no need to worry. Ananias is here.

ANANIAS 01:07:37 Keep a look out.

CHRIS 01:07:44 Why are you all hiding from this guy, Saul?

ANANIAS 01:07:48 We are followers of the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, and because of that our temple leaders think that we have abandoned God. We have not. But there is none more relentless to see our light extinguished than Saul of Tarsus. (blows out light)

CALEB 01:08:03 It is a good thing he did not catch us tonight.

(sad - remembering)

01:08:06 Saul was there when the crowd killed Stephen.

JOY 01:08:11 Who’s Stephen?

ANANIAS 01:08:14 Stephen was a very special man.

\*\*\*ANANIAS (V.O.)01:08:18 He loved God with all his heart and was so excited about the message Jesus brought about salvation.

\*\*\*STEPHEN:

(NLT ACTS 7:51-53) Must you forever resist the Holy Spirit? That’s what your ancestors did, and so do you. Name one prophet your ancestors didn’t persecute. You deliberately disobeyed God’s law even though you received it from the hands of angels.

\*\*\* ANANIAS 01:08:27 Stephen explained Jesus was the One promised of God, the perfect sacrifice...

\*\*\*ANANIAS 01:08:33 ... far better than the sheep and bulls our people use in their services.

ANANIAS 01:08:37 ... But every remark of love only made his accusers more angry.

CALEB (V.O.) 01:08:44 Stephen was filled with the Holy Spirit. He forgave his enemies even while they stoned him.

STEPHEN 01:08:50 Look! I see the heavens opened and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

MOB 01:08:59 (Blasphemer! Death to the heretic! Stone him.)

(angry walla continues)

STEPHEN MOB 01:09:12 Lord, forgive them for what they do.

MOB 01:09:16 (angry walla)

ANANIAS (V.O.) 01:09:21 And Saul was there, encouraging them to stone Stephen.

ANANIAS (V.O.) 01:09:27 Soon... he would try to stop any followers of Jesus.

ANANIAS (V.O.) 01:09:30 He went from house to house, arresting people. Dragging off to prison anyone, including women, who believed in Jesus.

MAN-CEPHAS 01:09:40 Ananias! The Guards! Saul may be with them!

ANANIAS 01:09:44 All must go to my home in Damascus. You’ll be safe there.

(END OF WHISPERING….)

CHRIS 01:09:59 (impact grunt)

JOY/GIZMO 01:10:01 GASP/CHRIS!

CALEB 01:10:02 Hide!

SAUL 01:10:08 This is one of their hideouts!

SAUL (CONT’D) 01:10:16 Gone!

01:10:17 Keep searching. They can’t be far!

FADE OUT:

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SAUL (O.C.) 01:10:33 I believe they are trying to escape.

SAUL (O.S.) 01:10:36 They travel out of Judea, through Samaria and Galilee, all the way to Syria.

SAUL (CONT’D) 01:10:42 There is a stronghold of these “disciples of Jesus” -living here in Damascus.

SAUL (CONT’D) 01:10:47 I require a personal letter from you, the high priest, to the leaders of the synagogues in Damascus, asking their support that I may end this infection once and for all.

SAUL (CONT’D) 01:10:58 These followers of Jesus disregard the Law of Moses.

HIGH PRIEST 01:11:05 (sigh) You shall have the letter.

SAUL 01:11:09 And with it, I shall clean up Damascus within the week.

JOY 01:11:32 I sure hope Chris and Ananias got away safely.

GIZMO 01:11:35 I have been monitoring my scanners tracing all processed phosphorous crystals within a 100 mile radius.

JOY 01:11:40 Um... maybe I was absent the day they explained phosphorus crystals. What’s that gotta do with finding Chris?

GIZMO 01:11:45 His wrist watch contains processed phosphorus crystals the likes of which would not be found in this region or time.

JOY 01:11:51 Wow! So... track the watch’s crystals and you’re tracking Chris!

GIZMO (O.S.) 01:11:55 It appears Chris and his watch have arrived in Damascus.

JOY 01:11:59 Ananias must have gotten horses and cut across the desert.

CALEB 01:12:02 The driver is going on to Nazareth. (pointing off) But we must continue north for a few more days.

JOY 01:12:09 Or sooner if we can catch another ride.

GIZMO 01:12:16 It is Saul!

<HORSES WHINNYING> 01:12:42

SAUL 01:12:43 (scream)

CALEB/GIZMO/JOY/

THREE GUARDS 01:12:46 (Gasps and ad-libs - what’s happening? (Chaotic - fearful ad-libs) Etc.)

JOY: Oh no. What’s going on?

CALEB: 01.11.25 That light…

JOY: 01.11.26 what’s happening?

(fearful walla continues)

JESUS (O.C.)

(NIV ACTS 26:14) 01:12:53 Saul! Saul!!! Why do you persecute Me?

JOY 01:13:01 It sounds like... thunder!

JESUS (O.C.) 01:13:04 You are only hurting yourself by fighting me.

SAUL

(NIV ACTS 26:15) 01:13:08 Who are you, Lord?

JESUS (O.S.)

(NIV ACTS 26:15) 01:13:11 I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

JESUS (O.S.)

(NKJV ACTS 26:16) 01:13:16 But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose; to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you.

JESUS (O.S.)

(NKJV Acts 26:17-18) 01:13:28 (CONT’D) I will deliver you from your people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.

GUARD 1 01:14:07 Saul, are you alright?

SAUL 01:14:10 I-I cannot see. I am blind!

SAUL (CONT’D) 01:14:16 Take me to Damascus! - Jesus spoke to me and I will obey. He commands me to speak to my own people and show them His way.

GUARD 2 01:14:23 (sotto to Guard 1) Hmmm, must have hit his head hard.

GUARD 1 01:14:27 You take him to Damascus as he commands. I shall return to Jerusalem. The High Priest will not be amused.

CALEB 01:14:51 Ananias will be amazed when he hears about this!!

CHRIS (O.S.) 01:15:04 Ananias, I’m worried about Caleb and my friends. It’s been three days now.

ANANIAS 01:15:09 Trust, Chris. God watches over us and He will not sleep as they journey to us.

ANANIAS 01:15:29 (low/praying) Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam...

JESUS (O.S.) 01:15:32 Ananias.

ANANIAS

(ASV ACTS 9:10) 01:15:34 (GASPS)

01:15:36 I am here, Lord.

JESUS (O.S.)

(ASV ACTS 9:11) 01:15:41 Arise, and go to the street which is called Straight, and ask in Judas’ house for the one called Saul of Tarsus.

ANANIAS 01:15:50 (small gasp of surprise)

JESUS (O.S.)

(ASV ACTS 9:11-12) 01:15:52 For he prays, and has seen a vision of you coming in and putting your hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

ANANIAS

(ASV ACTS 9:13) 01:16:02 Lord, I know how much evil this man has done to the believers in Jerusalem.

JESUS (O.S.) 01:16:09 Go. He is chosen by me to bring my name to the world.

GIZMO 01:16:22 According to my scanners, Chris should be just about... hoa-ho!

CHRIS 01:16:25 JOY! GIZMO!

JOY 01:16:27 CHRIS!

CHRIS 01:16:32 You made it! Where have you been!

JOY 01:16:33 Chris, you won’t believe what happened.

CALEB 01:16:36 It was Saul!

CHRIS 01:16:37 You ran into Saul?

CALEB 01:16:38 He’s here in Damascus! (Calling) Ananias!!!

JOY 01:16:41 Chris, he’s a changed man!

CHRIS 01:16:42 Ananias! Saul followed us here!

ANANIAS 01:16:45 Yes. I’m going to see him now.

CHRIS 01:16:48 What are you talking about?!

ANANIAS 01:16:50 The Lord has told me Saul’s heart is changed and he has had a vision. He awaits my arrival.

CHRIS 01:16:57 But... this is impossible. No one that bad just changes like (SNAPS FINGERS) “that.”

ANANIAS 01:17:01 (SLIGHT LAUGH) Nothing is impossible with God.

FADE OUT:

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

SAUL 01:17:22 Is someone there?

ANANIAS

(NIV ACTS 9:17) 01:17:25 Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road - has sent me that you may see again... and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

SAUL 01:17:59 The Lord told me you would come to me and do this very thing.

CHRIS 01:18:03 (under) Whoa...

ANANIAS 01:18:11 And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

<SPLASH> 01:18:20

SAUL 01:18:35 My heart has changed. I once spoke evil, insulted and persecuted.

SAUL (CONT’D) 01:18:40 But God has granted me mercy because I did not know Him, and did those things in ignorance.

CALEB 01:18:49 You were a part of the group that killed Stephen, (ANGRY) my FRIEND.

SAUL 01:18:55 Yes. I was there...and I encouraged those who stoned him.

SAUL (CONT’D) 01:19:04 But Stephen’s dying words have haunted me...over and over.

FLASHBACK ORIGINAL SCENE

01:19:11 (Angry walla)

STEPHEN 01:19:12 (echo effects) Lord, forgive them for what they do.

SAUL 01:19:23 Now I seek that same forgiveness from all whom I have persecuted.

CALEB 01:19:40 I...forgive you.

01:20:03 (CROWD MURMURING THROUGHOUT SCENE)

OLD MAN 01:20:07 Is that not Saul of Tarsus?

OLD MAN 01:20:09 (CONT’D) He speaks of Jesus now? (raising voice to the crowd)

OLD MAN 01:20:11 (CONT’D) Last year he arrested my family in Jerusalem. (LOUDER) Do not listen to him! He is a fake!!!

SAUL

(NKJV I Timothy 1:

15-16) 01:20:18 Please, you do not understand. Jesus came into the world to save sinners...

SAUL (CONT’D) 01:20:23 ... of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first, Jesus Christ might show all long suffering, as an example to those who are going to believe in Him…for everlasting life.

CALEB 01:20:40 There are soldiers coming through the city gates. They’re after Saul.

CROWD 01:20:45 They’re coming. Quick. Hide. We must hide. Over here. Hide. (ad lib)

ANANIAS 01:20:50 You must flee! (ad libs continue)

INT. HOUSE OF ANANIAS - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS

CALEB 01:21:00 The city gates are being locked.

ANANIAS 01:21:02 They will search house to house.

CALEB 01:21:04 Ananias, I have a plan. Who’s with me?

GIZMO 01:21:16 The Guards are mostly searching on the west side of the city.

ANANIAS 01:21:19 Go and become a great messenger to the Gentiles as you spread the word of our Lord.

CALEB 01:21:41 Will he be safe?

ANANIAS 01:21:43 I believe God has a very special job for him to do.

ANANIAS 01:21:47 (CONT’D) Prepare your own heart, Caleb. God has great work for you to do as you grow up, too.

ANANIAS 01:21:53 You must be ready when your time comes.

GIZMO 01:22:10 Ahhh, it is so good to be back home!

JOY 01:22:14 Chris! Look! The boy who broke into the lab isn’t in the police car!

CHRIS 01:22:18 (Gasp) He must have escaped while we were gone!

GIZMO 01:22:21 I have had enough chases for one night. Leave it to the police to find him.

PHOEBE (O.S.) 01:22:25 (calling) Chris. Joy.

PHOEBE 01:22:27 Oh, there you are.

CHRIS 01:22:28 Mom...

PHOEBE 01:22:29 The boy who broke in... well... I think you should just come into the lab a minute.

CHRIS 01:22:35 Mom... I was wrong before.

PHOEBE 01:22:38 About what?

CHRIS 01:22:39 What I said about him. – Everyone deserves another chance. -- I can forgive him, mom.

PHOEBE 01:22:46 Funny... that’s what he just asked us if we could do.

CHRIS 01:22:50 Then he’s on his way.

PHOEBE 01:22:52 On his way to what?

CHRIS 01:22:53 Maybe a special job he doesn’t even know he’s being picked out to do?

PHOEBE 01:22:58 Chris Quantum, sometimes you really do surprise me. Where DO you come up with answers like that?

FADE OUT:

THE END