

SONG STUDY

BEFORE THE ACCUSER FINISHES

A song study in six movements

THE NAME YOU WON'T TAKE BACK

THE VERDICT FILE

HOW THE SONG MOVES

This song does not argue that the record is empty. It asks who has the right to name a life after Christ has spoken.

01 **ACCUSATION IS NOT CONVICTION.**

02 **THE CROSS TELLS THE TRUTH WITHOUT MAKING SIN THE BELIEVER'S NAME.**

03 **ADOPTION IS RECEIVED, NOT SHOUTED INTO EXISTENCE.**

04 **CHRIST'S INTERCESSION PRECEDES SELF-DEFENSE.**

05 **JESUS KEEPS A PEOPLE, NOT ISOLATED INDIVIDUALS.**

06 **ASSURANCE CAN STILL TREMBLE.**



SCRIPTURE & VERDICT

WHAT THE ACCUSATION CANNOT DO.

01 ACCUSATION IS NOT CONVICTION.

Accusation totalizes identity: the failure becomes the whole person. Romans 8:1, 33–34 and Revelation 12:10–11 place the final verdict in Christ, not in the accusation.

02 THE CROSS TELLS THE TRUTH WITHOUT MAKING SIN THE BELIEVER'S NAME.

Colossians 2:13–15 does not deny the record; it says the record was answered at the cross. The lyric denies the accuser ownership, not the reality of sin.

NO CONDEMNATION | CHARGE ANSWERED | IDENTITY IN CHRIST

VERDICT	The record is answered. The accusation does not own the name.



EXHIBIT 01
THE ACCUSATION IS NOT THE VERDICT.

PRAYER & IDENTITY

CHRIST SPEAKS BEFORE SELF-DEFENSE.



EXHIBIT 02
KEPT BEFORE AN ANSWER IS FOUND.

03 ADOPTION IS RECEIVED, NOT SHOUTED INTO EXISTENCE.

The line “not because my voice is strong” refuses self-made assurance. Romans 8:15–17 and Galatians 4:4–7 ground the cry of a child in God’s action.

04 CHRIST’S INTERCESSION PRECEDES SELF-DEFENSE.

John 17:11, 15, 17, 20–26 reaches later believers, while Romans 8:34 and Hebrews 7:25 establish Jesus’ ongoing intercession.

ADOPTED BY GOD | CHRIST INTERCEDES | KEPT IN PRAYER

PARAPHRASE DISCLOSURE The John 17 bridge is a creative paraphrase, not a verbatim Bible quotation.

PEOPLE & ASSURANCE

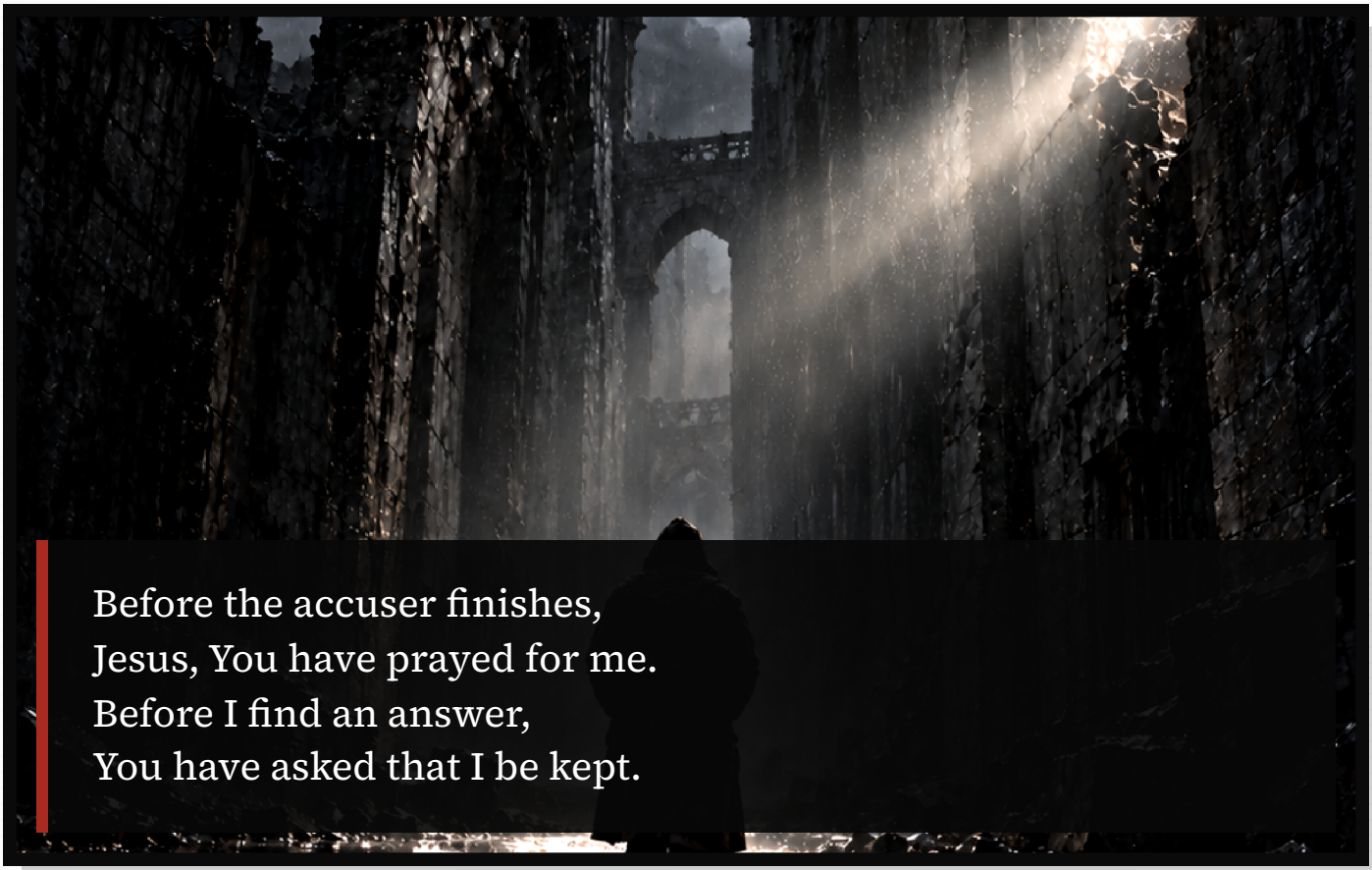
THE PRAYER RETURNS US TO A PEOPLE.

05 JESUS KEEPS A PEOPLE, NOT ISOLATED INDIVIDUALS.

John 17 joins keeping, unity, and love. “Let Your people draw me near” belongs to the answer, without promising perfect churches or effortless calm.

06 ASSURANCE CAN STILL TREMBLE.

The ending leaves the voice shaking and the silence unchanged. Faith rests in Christ’s prayer rather than in emotional intensity.



Before the accuser finishes,
Jesus, You have prayed for me.
Before I find an answer,
You have asked that I be kept.

HOW IT PLAYS TOGETHER

THE ACCUSATION DOES NOT GET THE FINAL WORD.



01 QUOTED ACCUSATION	02 EMBODIED DISTRESS
03 CROSS-GROUNDED TRUTH	04 ADOPTED-SON CRY
05 JESUS' PRAYER	06 COMMUNAL, TREMBLING ASSURANCE

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Romans 8:1, 33–34 · Revelation 12:10–11 · Colossians 2:13–15 · Romans 8:15–17 · Galatians 4:4–7 · John 17:11, 15, 17, 20–26 · Romans 8:34 · Hebrews 7:25

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READ AND HEAR THE SONG AT STRONGER BY GRACE

CASE CLOSED
No condemnation