

CHANGELING

We will not be intimidated

Playing Age: 40+
Drama

A large radio microphone with the call letters KGF is atop a podium, where PASTOR GUSTAV BRIEGLEB stands: fifties, barrel chested, no-nonsense, a fire-and-brimstone preacher. His congregation sits in hard wooden pews, listening and nodding.

REV. BRIEGLEB

Though she is not a member of our congregation, we pray for her today as we have every day since we first learned of her situation on the radio, and in the newspapers.

(beat) We are told that the Los Angeles Police Department is doing the best it can to reunite mother and child, and I am sure that is true. (beat) But given its position as the most violent, corrupt and incompetent police department this side of the Rocky Mountains, that's not saying a great deal.

There's APPLAUSE and cheering from the pews. He lets it pass.

REV. BRIEGLEB

Every day, new bodies show up along Mulholland, or in ditches, the work of Police Chief James Davis and his so-called "gun squad." Every day the needs of honest citizens are put second to greed and personal gain. Every day, the city sinks deeper into a cesspool of fear, intimidation and corruption. Once the City of Angels, Los Angeles is now a place where our protectors have become our brutalizers...where to be the law...is to be above the law...where none dare speak truth to power.(beat) But we will not be silent. We will continue to put their offenses and their failures in full view of the public. We will not be intimidated.

The place erupts into applause and cheering.