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As the world around us changes at record-speed, *An Unstoppable Force* imagines a church that embraces change by remaining fully committed to its apostolic calling. Church leaders will discover new ways of engaging communities through vibrant, relevant ministries and clear, innovative communication.

An Unstoppable Force challenges churches to cast aside methods that are broken or atrophied and embrace the future of the Church with vigor. McManus's prophetic voice outlines a church that is not a refuge from the world, but a refuge to the world. Christians on the forefront of the church movement must be ready to let go of the past and move forward.

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Holly says

1. A congregation reflects its leader(s).
 2. Emphasis on beauty, design, art...the tangible to assist in a spiritual connection.
 3. The Church of Jesus Christ began as a revolution, has become an institution and needs to become a revolution again; changing culture...not just trying to keep up.
 4. Celebrate personal and congregational stories of faith (success and failure)
 5. The church does not exist for its organizers.
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Olivia says

A lot about the author

Rodger says

It took me a while to work my way through this one, not because it wasn't good, but because it inspired a lot of thinking.

The chapter on Spiritual Leadership is one every Christian leader, especially Pastors, should read. The Epilogue, chapter 10, entitled Radical Minimum Standard is a chapter every believer should read.

Bob Myers says

Unstoppable Force Fuel for renewal

This book cuts through the fog of what is and shows the way to a Christ changed church and future. If you have been tempted to cynicism, disillusioned, and even embarrassed by the church you are part of or lead this book offers a vital, real and authentic alternative vision. The author speaks of what he knows and has the battle scars to prove it. Very inspiring! Insightful. Doable in Christ's power!

Sarah says

A must read for anyone thinking about being involved in any kind of ministry!

Gary says

Powerful book, but I had trouble reading more than a couple of paragraphs at a time - too thought provoking. McManus is one of my mentors.

Paulin says

In An Unstoppable Force, author Erwin McManus offers a vision of the church taking its rightful place. An unstoppable force created to change the world. A church that is active and engaged with its community. A church that dares to cut itself free from atrophied practices and programs to flourish in creative and compelling worship. Where teachers of the Word risk reaching out to our multi-sensory, multi-layered culture with music, the arts and other unique expressions of love and faith. A church that prospers in the life of Christ.

New life comes into a church - an apostolic ethos - when it realizes its destiny is found in its early church origins. A living part of the body of Christ. Driven to find its uniqueness beyond being a cookie cutter copy of the "successful church."

An Unstoppable Force will:

- * Challenge you to see God's vision for the mission and purpose of the church.
- * Help you to explore specific changes in the culture that call for immediate change in the church.
- * Offer practical ways for your church to find its unique voice and identity to express Christ's love and faith to your culture.
- * Present interactive questions in each chapter to foster discussion about the life of your church, its focus on Christ, and how it can be a richer influence on your culture.

Never settle for church as usual again! Let An Unstoppable Force excite and inspire you to be part of the Church that GOD had in mind!

Quotable Quotes:

At Mosaic, this is our standard of worship: a communion environment that is an encounter-culture and encounters culture.

When our hearts are good earth, there's a great harvest.

When our hearts are joined to God, our imaginations can be the birthplace of the dreams of God for our lives.

When God dreams, reality forms. When we dream of God, we are both transformed and become agents of transformation.

You could not step twice into the same rivers. – Heraclitus of Ephesus

When the prophetic leader begins to expound the purpose of God, he begins to expose the heart motivation in God's people.

A message born out of utilitarian pragmatism does not set the hearts of God's people on fire. People need to know that the purpose of God burns in your heart, that people not only matter to God but also genuinely matter to you.

Yet I was reminded from the encouragement of spiritual men that what's important is not that everything goes right, but that what you're doing is right.

Great leaders create great problems. If you're not willing to create problems, you're not willing to lead. Leaders create problems by changing expectations. I guarantee that the only problems you will solve are ones that you engage, and the only problems that you engage are ones that you perceive.

You can energize an environment in which the best ideas emerge by allowing questions, affirming ideas that are not your own, and asking questions rather than giving answers. Perhaps most important of all is inviting people into the process before you get too close.

When you acknowledge failure for what it is, you gain the confidence of others as you speak on God's behalf.

When a particular project fails and you acknowledge its failure but don't lose hope, it does two things. It teaches your people that you are more committed to the purpose than you are to the particular project. And secondly, it demonstrates to them that you have integrity when faced with failures and successes.

To ask the hard question is simple. – WH Auden

The measure of an apostolic community is not in the legends created by heroic acts but in the quality and texture of what that community considers ordinary living.

On a practical level, this is what it means to hold commitment number one – to invest your passions for God.

When a person begins to invest their service out of a love for God and for people, it has a magnetic effect on those around them.

When we are afraid that the minimum is an unreasonable maximum, we limit the Spirit of Christ from working in the hearts of those who genuinely desire to be used of him.

When evangelism is not reserved for the elite, kingdom relationships become everyone's responsibility. This is the radical minimum standard.

Do not seek to follow in the footsteps of the men of old; seek what they sought" = Basho

AN UNSTOPPABLE FORCE

We are not only called to be changed and to embrace change, but to be the catalysts of change. - Erwin Raphael McManus

Brian says

Every believer should read this book. If you want to know how you can impact culture for Christ, read this. If you want to plant a vibrant God centered church, read this. If you want to be an apostolic presence in your work place, read this.

Dan says

Great read on rethinking church.

Joel says

This was the first book I read in a long series of books that changed my thoughts about Christianity.

Frodo says

I'm reading this book as part of a church study group. Some provocative ideas regarding becoming the church GOD wanted in the first place. Finished this book with frustration that church-life so often seems messy and almost dis-functional. Unless creative leaders are able to do the artistic work of pulling personalities and expectations together for actual community very little health is found in church life. This book is provocative and challenging of the status-quo. Good.

Scott says

Best book on what God wants His Church to be I have ever read.

Juan Flores Zuñiga says

Hemos creído que la afinidad en la membresía del cuerpo de Cristo traería crecimiento y ello ha creado una iglesia segregada incapaz de vencer el racismo y el aislamiento. Como fórmula ha fallado al entender un mundo postmoderno multicultural. McManus escribió un libro visionario en el 2001 que aparece hasta el 2009 en español. Cuanto tiempo perdido sin un recurso como este. Es indispensable como plantador y líder que lo leas y medites en el

Susan Cottrell says

I know I rated this 5 stars thought I haven't yet read it :) because of how much I LOVE this author! I read THE BARBARIAN WAY and completely loved it. OH MY GOSH, McManus is revolutionary! He speaks with a voice of swinging off the vine into the rushing water, to go wherever the Living Water wants to take you! It broke through to the wild and crazy life Jesus offers but few Christians grasp. LOVE. IT.

Ramón says

I really liked some of the things McManus brought out here, but the divergence between his descriptions, his

proscriptions, and what I know of Mosaic in Los Angeles are too disparate for my tastes. If you have innovative ideas, carry them through to their terminus! Let them subvert you!

Clearly, I'm biased here.
