

## A Shot at Redemption

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**From gang leader to Covenant pastor, David Washington's surprising journey from violence to grace.**

1. Have you ever gone back to the house or neighborhood where you grew up? What feelings or impressions did you have?
2. After asking God to grant him a short sentence at his trial, David Washington ended up not going to prison at all. Why do you think he says he was terrified when his prayer was answered and he realized God was real?
3. Both the 911 page from his mother and the 9/11 start date for Kingdom Covenant reflect our urgent need for God. Where in your life do you feel a 911 need for God?
4. Washington says that growing up in the Roseland neighborhood prepared him for the ministry he is doing now. What aspects of your history have prepared you for the work or service you are doing today?
5. Washington says that he doesn't plant churches but instead shepherds God's people. How would you describe the difference between those two evangelistic actions?