SUMMARY

Freedom Behind the Walls is a true story about the life of Pastor Mandell Motley. As a broken 22-year old, grief-stricken and suicidal, he turns a 10 year sentence at San Quentin into inspiration and opportunity.

While incarcerated, Mandell:

Got a college degree.

Started a lead the San Quentin Mass Choir

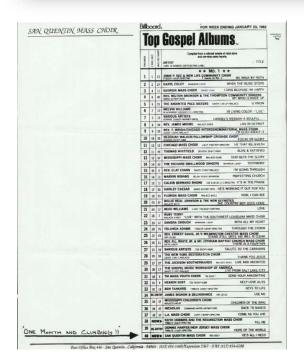
Got Ordained, the first in the history of California.

Hosed / started 2 talk shows for SQ TV.

His talk shows "An Afternoon With..." and "SQ in Focus" afforded Mandel the opportunity to meet and interview A-list celebrities of the time – Paul Rodriquez, Sheila E, ICE T.

In 1992, Grateful Dead manager, Danny Rifkin, hosted a group of Tibetan monks at San Quentin. By September Mickey Hart, The Grateful Dead's drummer, recorded an album of the San Quentin Mass Choir. Their album, made up of 32 inmates and 18 staff, garnered 3 grammy nominations.





As with any good story there is a TWIST.

A routine traffic stop in 2015 reveals Mandell is flagged as a fugitive from justice for the State of Texas. Recognizing this is a mistake, because a Texas judge dismissed all charges for time service in 1992, Mandell willingly complies with law enforcement believing the error would be quickly rectified. This did not happen.

After 25 years as a rural Virginia, law-abiding pastor, Mandell is extradited to Texas. The atrocities and inhumane he experienced at the hands of the Texas authorities is rage inducing for any American. Texas, admitting their technicality error, did not 'make things right' for their treatment of nor months long re-incarceration. Instead, they sentenced an innocent man to 7 years of probation, ending August of 2023.