## Road 2 Redemption J.S. Russell

Street dreams turned nightmares

The ripple effect

Devastating

What once was thought of a as a chance of elevating

Had consequences beyond playa hatin'

Standing before a judge as the gavel shatters life

The ends did not justify the means it seems

Now serving Life

Part of the Road 2 Redemption

The catalyst for change

Prison

Because this ain't living

What was I missing?

Analyze

Then decide to receive and give mentoring

There is a better way

The revolution will be televised

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I'm not the last poet

Scenes will be streamed on You Tube

Listen to me on Prison Riot Radio and Unforbidden Truth

Messages directed to the youth

Sharing life experience

Me and my men are the proof

Combined

Over a century incarcerated

Our minds

Over 20 books self-published

We're dedicated

Exemplifying our transformation

Through education

Hundreds of books read

Then application

The desire Reformation across the nation Why?

To prevent us, meaning the babies, from feeling the pain and frustration of these cages
There is another way to grow from trial and tribulation
All we ask is that you help us with our classification
Post-pandemic lock down and short of staff prevents us from doing our work here
We'd rather affect change with our work before hand out there

Free the Mentors