



## EPISODE TWENTY-NINE

## A King's Voice for a Better Way

With **Antonio Fernandez**

Imagine a reformed gang leader harnessing their inner poetic voice to fight for social change through the undeniable power and passion of their words. Imagine a community activist transforming the idea of what a gang is into what a gang can be. Now, imagine listening to that person's stories through the lens of disruption. Join us for this week's episode as we chat with Antonio (King Tone) Fernandez and trace his amazing journey from drug dealer to social justice activist and leader of The Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation, New York Chapter, and dive into his inspiring stories of innovation, leadership, and hope.



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### THEMES & INSIGHTS

1. Transformation is always possible, so know who you are and who you want to become. A shift in belief and mindset can change a life. And that can change the world.
2. We've been conditioned to check our emotions at the office door, but when we do this, we leave behind the passion that could inspire others to follow us toward a better future. Always lead with love.
3. We'll only see healing in society when we embrace hope and truth. It takes honesty, respect, unity, knowledge, and love to bring systems together to create change.

### COMBUSTION QUOTES

💧 "When you want something and you want to bring change, you've got to be ready for the cross.... Because change is hard; it makes you move, it makes you hope, it makes you leave that comfort spot."

💧 "People who accepted us the way we were and wasn't telling me to destroy the brand, to accept change, but to rebuild the brand, keep what's good—which was the unity—and destroy the stinking thinking. So, in that moment, I knew we found the remedy. We had power in unity. All we had to do was convince our community that we were not who they were being told."

### CALL TO ACTION

"Always choose hope and the truth, and that's the only time you could bring a remedy, that's the only time you're going to see healing. Please be true to thyself. Look at where we at, and as America, as Americans, as humans, let's get past this. And that takes the move of honesty, respect, unity, knowledge, and love, values that will bring any system together if they do those five."

### RESOURCES

[VIDEO - REDEMPTION: THE TRANSFORMATION OF A LATIN KING BOSS](#)