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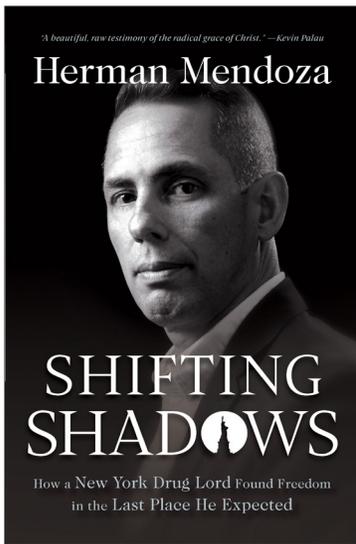
Shifting Shadows
How a New York Drug Lord Found Freedom in the Last Place He Expected
by Herman Mendoza

1. Before you were a Christian, you were a drug lord in New York City and lived an entirely different life. Can you tell us a bit about this experience and what your life looked like back then?

2. When did you first get involved with gangs? When did you first start using drugs?

3. What was your family like in the earlier days of your youth?

4. Early in the book, you discuss the death of another gang member, Abel Ramirez. Did Abel's death change your outlook on life at all?

5. Your first experience in prison was when you were 14 for grand larceny. How did your life change after this? What was your family's response?

6. You married your wife and started having children at a fairly young age. Were you dealing drugs around this time?

7. What thoughts ran through your mind when you were facing twenty-plus years in prison? Did you experience remorse at this point?

8. Tell us about the experience of seeing your brother for the first time after you had been arrested. What had changed?

9. Was it difficult for you to accept Jesus into your life? Tell us about the moment that you accepted Christ into your life. What was that like?

10. You were released from prison after serving fewer than five years. What was life like as a new Christian outside of jail?

11. Tell us more about what you're doing now and how your family has changed over the course of time.

12. Where can our audience go to connect with you and buy a copy of *Shifting Shadows*?

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