



Missions from the Inside Out

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The Imprisoned to Empowered Church



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FIRM FOUNDATIONS MINISTRIES EQUIPS MEN AND WOMEN TO MOVE FROM IMPRISONED TO EMPOWERED

Our vision is to invigorate communities by freeing people affected by incarceration or addiction





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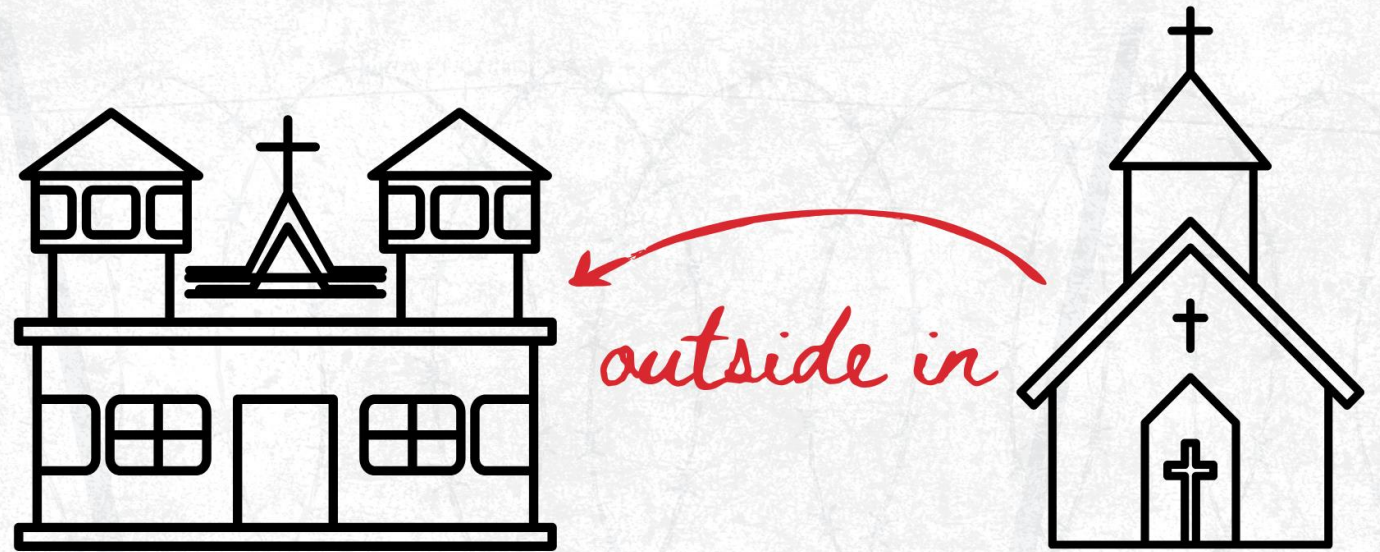
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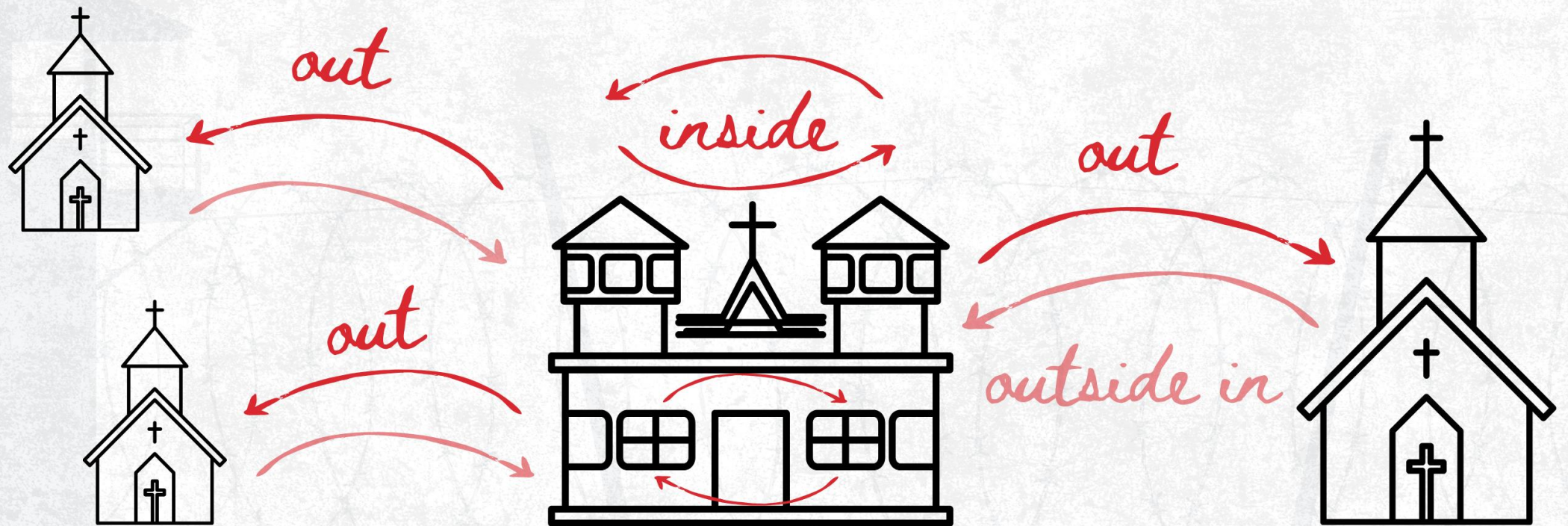
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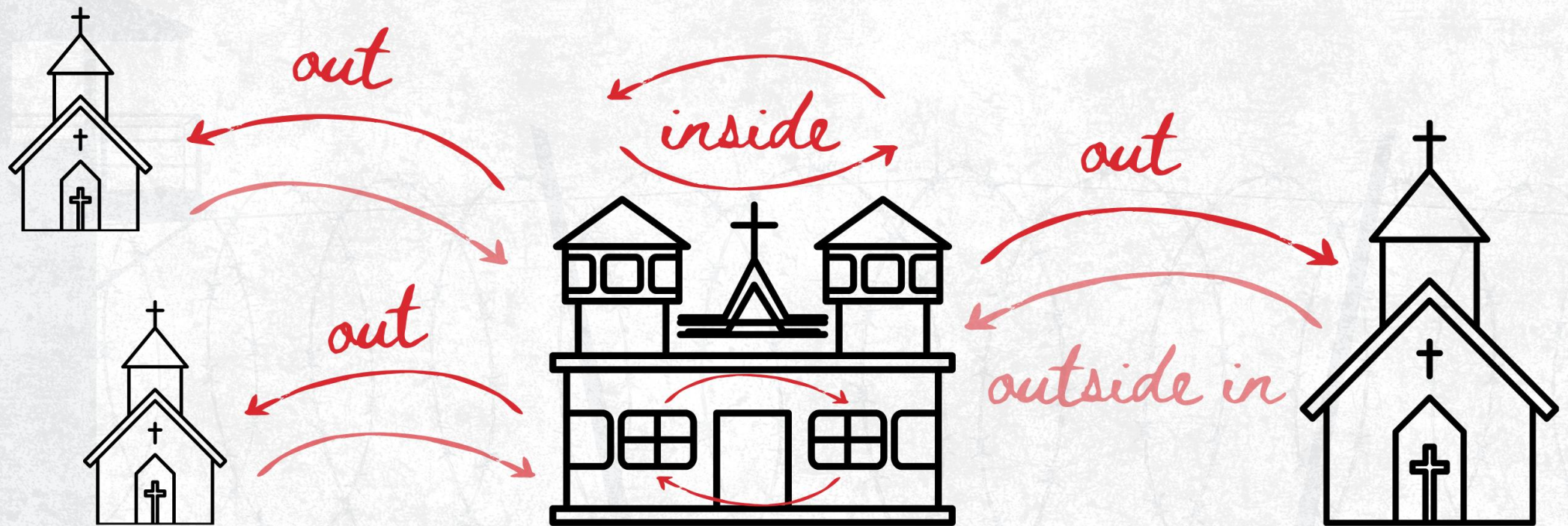
What if it looked more like this?



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But, how?





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**David Garrison defines a church planting movement as
“A rapid and exponential increase of indigenous churches
planting churches within a given people group or
population segment.”**





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Our work as missionaries and ministers to our jails and prisons is not to just “do the work” from the outside in, it is to resource and train the ones who will be able to do it more successfully than we ever could from the inside out.



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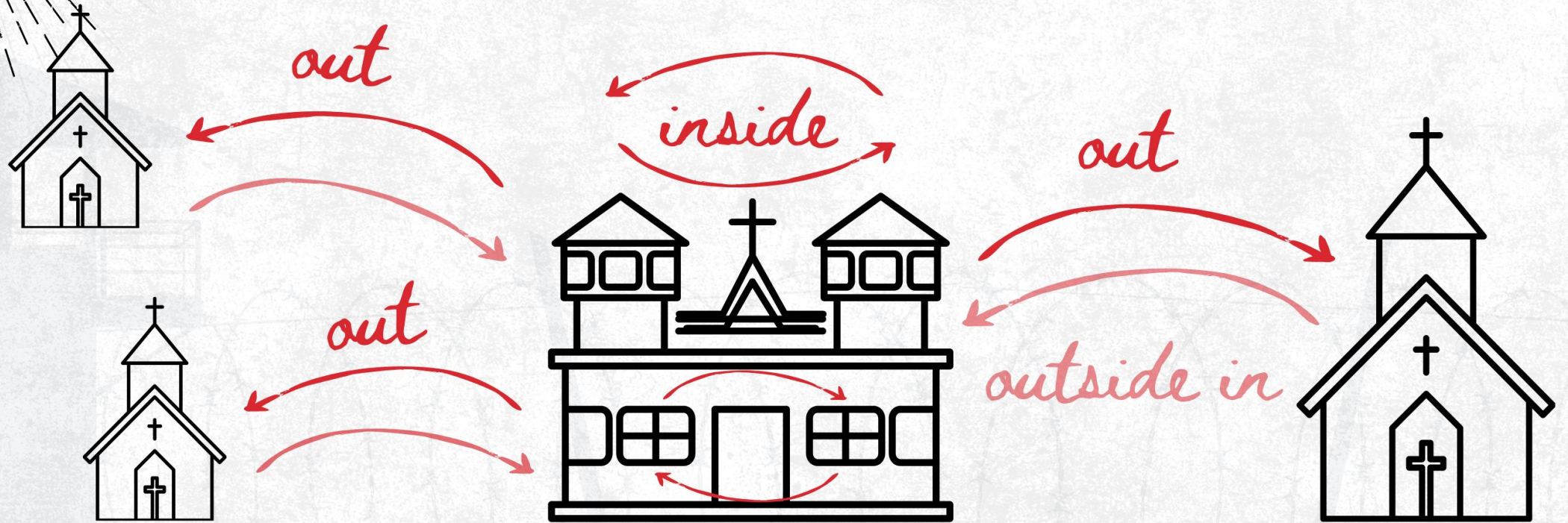
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1. Churches inside & out
2. Prioritizing leaders that are justice-involved
3. Individually led
4. Connected network
5. Shared culture & values
6. Continuity for training leaders inside & out
7. Community for released leaders & families



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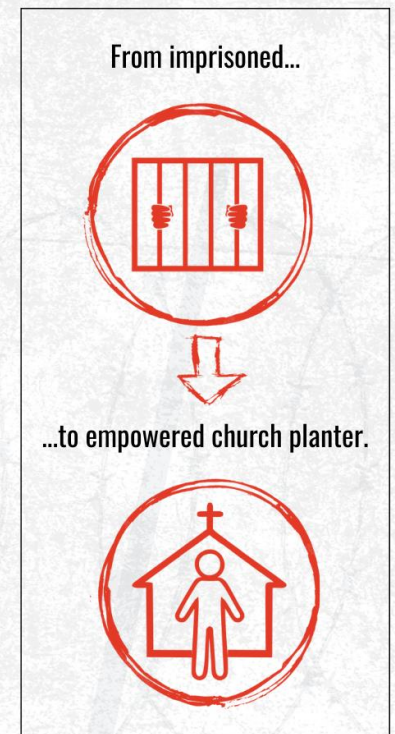
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The Freedom Initiative Program is a two-to-three-year ministry training process, where leaders work through emotional and spiritual healing, theological training, and ministry apprenticeship

The 4 Phases of the Program:

1. Candidate: Healing and Discovery Phase
2. Student: Trained and Equipped for Christian Ministry
3. Apprentice: Empowered to Lead
4. Church Leader/Planter (after graduation)



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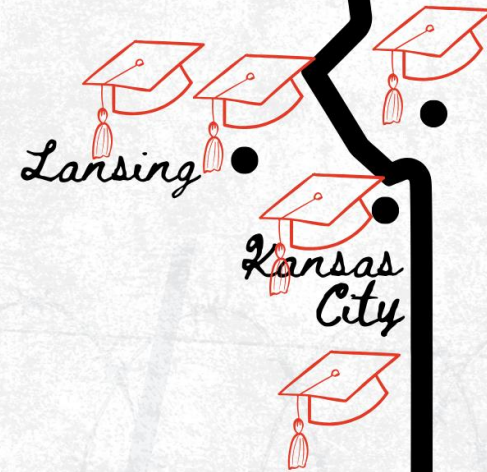
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1. Classes inside & out
2. Prioritizing leaders that are justice-involved
3. Prioritizing emotional health
4. Shared spiritual formation
5. Continuity for training leaders inside & out
6. Multiplied workforce inside & out



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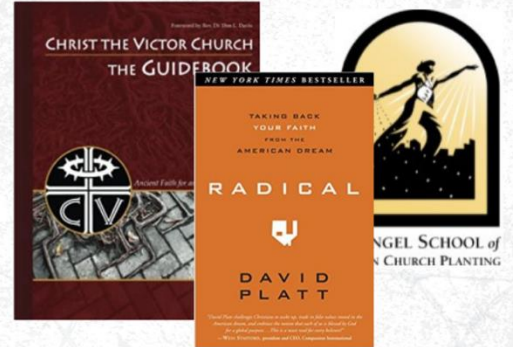
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We want to develop church leaders who are whole in Christ and can lead others out of that wholeness.

Personal healing & development



The Church



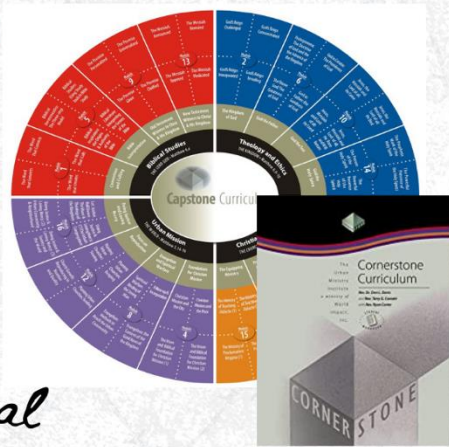
Hands-on church leadership



Apprenticeship in ministry



Theological Training



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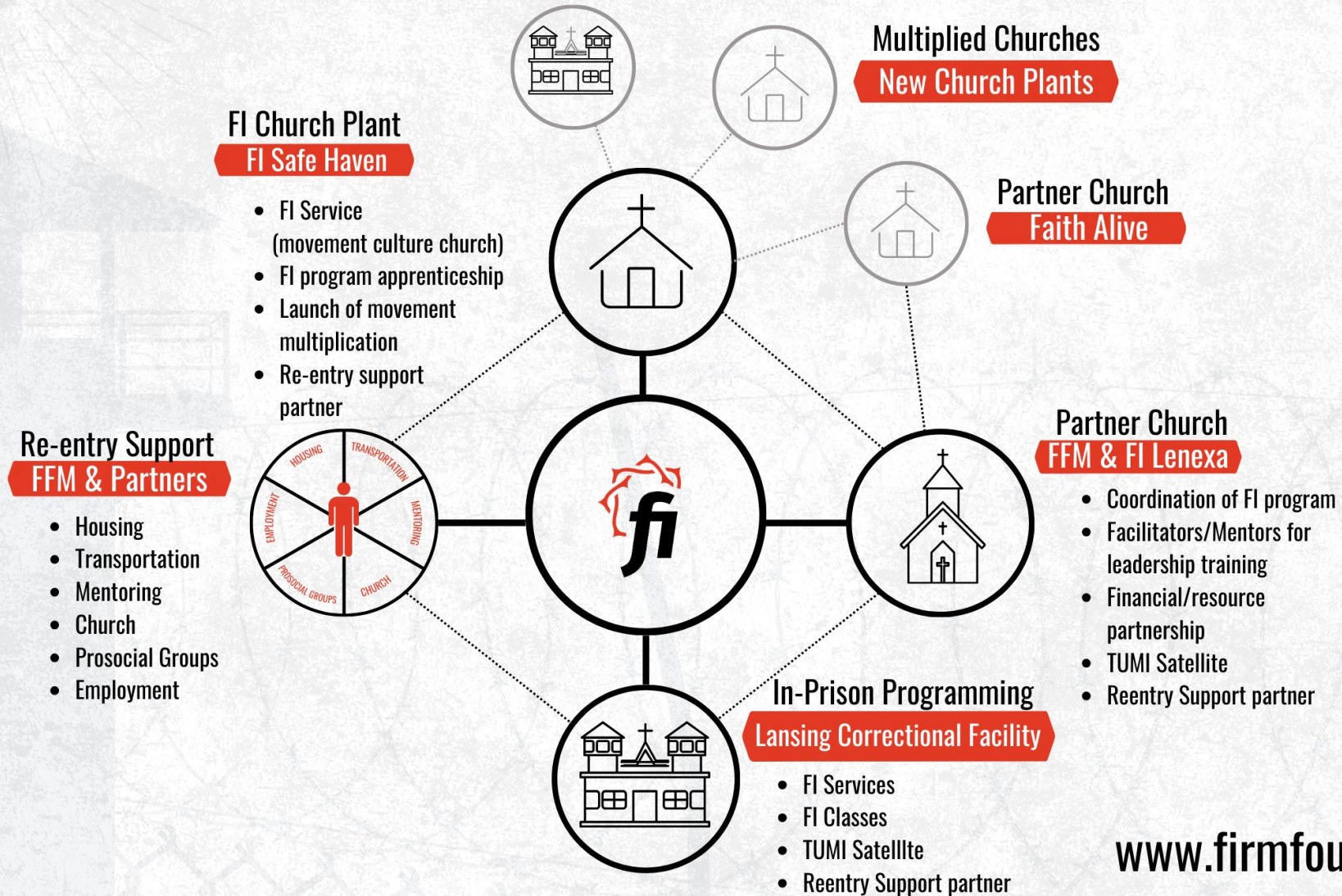
The Freedom Initiative Movement is made up of a web of interconnected resources.
In Kansas City, Kansas, (and beginning in Wichita) we have seen this movement
grow through four main components:

In-Prison Programming (church plants and leadership training)
Community Partner Church/Organization
Movement Church
Re-Entry Support



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Kansas City
Movement Map



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