

Understanding and Overcoming the Orphan Spirit in Our Generation

Today the culture in general is suffering from two major issues: children growing up with no father around or children growing up with emotional absent fathers around. The result is the Orphan Spirit taking root in our society. The consequences are devastating our homes, families, and cities. This seminar will help the participants to understand this Orphan Spirit and receive tools on overcoming it in their home and then in their communities. Learn the secrets of discipling your children like Jesus. "He called them to be with Him."

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I. Popular movies and their heroes

A. The common thread is orphans – why?

1. Culture has propagated this idea of victimhood.
2. Fathers have been busy working while Hollywood parents their kids.
3. The kids of today relate to the orphan.

B. Description of the Orphan spirit

1. Identity: I'm not pretty enough
2. Identity: I'm not good enough
3. Identity: I'm not smart enough

C. Progression of the Orphan spirit

1. I'm ok with no attachment

2. I'm ok with no parents
3. I'm ok with being alone
4. I'm ok with no family

II. Overcoming the major problems of the orphan spirit and fathering (Gen. 1)

A. Man's Garden Problem

1. Not taking our position and shifting blame

B. Man's Ground Problem

1. Fear of taking responsibility

C. Man's Generation Problem

1. Selfish thinking and selfish planning

D. Man's Girl Problem

1. Understand Boaz as an archetype of man

III. Parenting in Transition

A. Understanding critical parenting phases

B. Caretaker, Police, Coach, Consultant

C. The 3 most important roles for the Jewish father