

# Behind Family Lines 01: "The Death of Outrage"

## 1Kings 19

February 5, 2023

**Main Idea:** Families are threatened every day by a system that is ethically bankrupt and morally apathetic.

### Leaders and Followers

Years ago, I was having a conversation with a friend who has been very accomplished in business. He said, "**Good followers make good leaders because they demand the right things.**" I fear that in our families, our churches, and our country, we are not demanding the right things.

### 1Kings 19 – Background

Elijah was an OT prophet of power. The prophets calling in the OT was to advise the kings of Israel and Judah. Some good and godly kings listened, and the nation was blessed. Other evil and idolatrous kings refused to listen, and the people suffered. In 1Kings 18 Elijah stared down the prophets of Baal in a stirring duel on Mt. Carmel.

### Where are the Others?

Following the victory of chapter 18, Elijah goes into deep depression. That's because King Ahab and Jezebel vowed to kill him. They were corrupt and the nation was following their lead. Elijah felt alone, but all the while, the text reveals that there were **at least 7,000 saints who sat silently in the background**, refusing to get involved.

### How will You be Remembered?

The 7,000 silent saints are **remembered for what they did NOT do**. Their silence and apathy are their legacy – no aggressive movement at all. They were mere bystanders. They were **uninvolved witnesses to their own peril**. We cannot fail to recognize the **opportunities we do have for positive contribution**, especially in our own family.

### What Can I do?

1. **Turn from your Apathy** – I challenge fathers to embrace integrity and leadership in the home.
2. **Accept your Responsibility** – Parents, you have the responsibility to become active in our faith.
3. **Revive your Commitment** – Everyone here today can benefit from renewal.

### Family Night Big Idea

This message is an opportunity for you to teach your children that God expects us to be light in our culture. We are called to be different. Christ-followers should not be driven by popular culture.

### Discussion Starter – Read 1Kings 19:1-18

- **Elementary School** – Ask, "Why was Elijah so sad?" Ask, "What did God's angel do for Elijah?" Ask, "How many other good people were there in Israel?"
- **Middle/ High School** – Ask, "Why do you think Elijah got depressed after his big win in chapter 18?" Ask, "In what ways do you feel alone when it comes to trying to honor Jesus?" Ask, "What can you do to be a light in your world?"

### Prayer

"Father, we want to be lights in our community. Help us demonstrate our hope by how we live. Amen.

#### Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

**Velocity:** Meet at the church this Wednesday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Gravity:** No Gravity this Sunday

#### Today's Songs

*Your Grace is Enough*.....Matt Maher

*A Thousand Hallelujahs*.....Brooke Ligertwood

*This is My Song*.....North Point Worship

*Holy Holy Holy*.....Hymn

#### GCC Father/Daughter Valentine Dance

This Friday at the Belle House. Cost is \$30 per couple.

**Today** is the last day to sign up and pay to reserve your spot!

#### 2022 Giving Statements

Statements have been mailed.

#### Kenya Mission Trip

If you are curious about what a mission trip to Kenya involves, you can find out more information at a meeting, today, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 after the first service.

#### Move In Work Day

We need some men to help us move into the new KidsJAM wing on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Let Pastor Mike or Tyler know if you can be there.

#### Baptism Service

Our next Baptism Service is February 26<sup>th</sup>.