Venom of a Fatherless Son

Spit'in Anger
Synopsis

Spit’in Anger is the exploration into the uncharted space of fatherlessness. Through the story of one of America’s premier leaders in the responsible fatherhood movement--Kenneth Braswell--we learn that the filmmaker and healer is about to receive a lesson in healing himself. Experts Dr. Jeff Gardere, Iyanla Vanzant, Dr. Jeffery Shears, Judge Mablean Ephriam and Terrie M. Williams lay the foundation for one of most devastating social ills for black children in America; father absence. Today; 82.3% of African American children born since 1990, will live in a home without their biological fathers before their 18th birthday.
Did You Know:

43% of US children live without their father [US Department of Census]

- 50% of children living absent their father have never set foot in their father’s home
- 40% of children in father-absent homes have not seen their father at all during the past year
- 26% of absent fathers live in a different state than their children
About Director/Producer

Kenneth Braswell has spent over 23 years in the service of family and community. Husband and father of 4, Braswell continues to see the world through the eyes of his own children. In 2004 he created Fathers Incorporated (FI). With national and international missions; the agency has provided capacity building services to thousands of organizations working to ensure that fathers contribute to the healthy well-being of their children. FI is currently the prime contract for the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse and provides technical assistance to President Obama’s Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative. Braswell is the author of “When The Tear Won’t Fall: One Man’s Journey Through The Intimate Struggles of Manhood and Fatherhood.” He is a much sought after keynote speaker, presenter, trainer and media consultant in issues related to Responsible Fatherhood, Black Men and Boys and Mentorship.
Subject Experts

Dr. Jeffery Gardere
Terrie M. Williams
Gary Sheffield
Dr. Jeff Shears
Judge Mablean Ephriam
Iyanla Vanzant
Dedication

This film is dedicated to my father William Douglas Applewhite. For 23 years I had no memory of him yet he had a profound impact on my life. It’s not because of his absence that I dedicate this film, it is because without him I would not be who I am today. I am thankful to a forgiving GOD who strengthen me enough to forgive my father and love him for the man God made him. I am convinced that my father sits at the right hand of God in heaven, and for that I’m thankful as well. He deserves every blessed moment. Thank you to Janks Morton for guiding me through the process of reconciliation. Thank you to my children Tiarrah, Amber, Nzinga and Kenneth Jr.; the absolute joys of my life. Last but in no way least, my beautiful wife Tracy, who loves and supports every fiber of my being. It is because of you and my family that I understand how to give of myself without restrictions.
The Guide

The film has a pocket-companion workbook for males to help in healing their father wounds. The workbook is not intended to “cure” the emotional wounds left by a father. It is one of many tools one may choose to use in the process of healing. As men, we have largely been taught to hide our feelings, hurts, and pain. However, we know that this often leads to expressions of anger towards others and ourselves. To help overcome this natural resistance, we suggest you use the workbook in a group setting with other peers, or you may use it with a friend, partner, pastor, or in adjunct to therapy.

For more information; schedule a showing and sponsorships contact fathersincorporated@gmail.com or 518-713-4755. You may also purchase the dvd and guide by visiting www.fathersincorporated.com

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Community Book Center (Vera Warren-Williams)
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Davies County War Eagles
Tiffany Dixon - Hampton Inn, Austell, GA
Craig “Real” Henry
Troy Turner
Deborah Hall – Parents of Murdered Children
   (Newark, New Jersey)
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Darian Gooden aka. Poetyc Visionz
Tyrone Muhammad - Morticians That Care
Pastor Matthew and Mashunda Vaughters
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   Detention Center, NJ
Stacey Brouchet, PHD
Darrell V. Freeman, M.A.

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Tracy Braswell
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David Miller
Patrick Patterson
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Endorsements

“Spit’in Anger is a heart-wrenching look at the emotional pain - and yes, anger - that a child feels when his father is alive but absent. Anyone who cares about the human condition can’t help but be moved by the words, images and facts this powerful documentary presents. If this doesn’t lead us to do all we can to find solutions, I’m not sure what will.”
Chris Broussard, ESPN Reporter and President of The K.I.N.G. Movement

“I remember as a kid not really knowing my father. When I finally did meet him, I couldn’t understand why this guy who looked like me, walked and talked like me, didn’t want me.”
Jamie Hector - “Marlo” | HBO Series The Wire

“Spit’in Anger is one of the first documentaries that tackles the real rage our black boys feel because of being abandoned by their fathers. But by helping these boys to tell their stories, they have now found the freedom to be happy and leave open a door to their emotionally damaged fathers who in truth were abandoned by their fathers.”
Dr. Jeffrey Gardere
Assistant Clinical Professor
Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine

“Truth-telling can be painful! Fathers not in the lives of their children can leave an indelible mark of loss on the mind, the heart and the soul of a child! That mark too often does not lay quiet and dormant but often erupts especially in our boys as anger and posturing for acceptance and affirmation. Spit’in Anger is powerful truth-telling about the challenges and opportunities confronting us in healing our children and ultimately in healing our community.”
Dr. Kirk E. Harris, MPA, JD, PhD
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Credits
Kenneth Braswell - Executive Director
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