

How Billy Graham Inspired Martin Luther King Jr—And Vice Versa

Martin Luther King Jr. and Billy Graham are both revered today by many Christians as powerful preachers and men of God. But in the 1950s and '60s, their friendship was controversial among Graham's audience. Many white Christians turned on Graham for backing King. Graham said, "Now today, it's almost impossible for the present generation to understand what things were in those days and what it took to be that way: how many threatening letters we got and how many threats against my family as a result of the stand that we took at that time."