

## Suicide Is Never An **Acceptable Option**

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among teenagers. Every 17 minutes someone takes their life.

There are many reasons why people want to end their life. Causes range from depression, shame, guilt, unworthy feelings, loneliness, family problems, escape of punishment to the influences of alcohol, drugs and certain movies or songs.

### **Suicide is never an acceptable option.**

☒ **Suicide assumes that death is the end.** It is not. The Bible teaches that we live after we die. Jn. 5:28-29 *“Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.”*

In Luke 16:19-31, the rich man died. In Hades, he could remember, feel, talk, see, and desire. Thinking that death will end all of your problems is not true. It just passes most of them on to some one else to deal with.

☒ **Suicide denies that there is any value in trials.** The Bible teaches that there are lessons to be learned from trials. We get stronger, and develop patience through suffering (Jas. 1:2-4). In trials, we learn to lean upon the Lord. We learn that this life has being tainted because of sin. We learn that God has a world where all suffering and pain ceases. Jesus suffered. Jesus never committed suicide.

☒ **Suicide is based on having nothing to live for.** In Acts 16:27, the jailer drew his sword and was ready to commit suicide. Paul preached to Him Jesus. God will forgive you. God has a place for you. God wants you to live. God has a plan for you. God has help for you. We have God to live for. We have heaven to look forward to. We have a work that God wants us to be busy doing. We have a walk that God wants us to walk.

☒ **Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem.** So many problems that hurt and weigh us down, years later, seem like nothing. In the midst of a problem we often can not see any beauty coming out of it. Suicide is final. There is no going back. There is no changing your mind once your do it. There are no second chances. Problems come and go. Problems can be fixed. Problems can be solved. Suicide is permanent. There are no other options once suicide has been committed.

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