

Suicide Is Not the Solution

Our Mission: To take as many people to Heaven as we can before we die. Period.

1. No matter how hopeless you feel, suicide only makes things worse. If you commit suicide, you are not actually ending it all. You still exist, but now with the regret of killing yourself.

"But Abraham said to him, 'Son, remember that during your lifetime you had everything you wanted, and Lazarus had nothing. So now he is here being comforted, and you are in anguish.'" **Luke 16:25 NLT**

And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment... **Hebrews 9:27 NLT**

2. You will answer to God for what you did, including suicide, and for wasting your opportunity to serve God and others.

I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books...all were judged according to their deeds. **Revelation 20:12-13 NLT**

Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked so hard to achieve. Be diligent so that you receive your full reward. **2 John 8 NLT**

For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body. **2 Corinthians 5:10 NLT**

3. Murder is forbidden in scripture, including oneself, because you are of great value.
"You must not murder." **Exodus 20:13 NLT**

If anyone takes a human life, that person's life will also be taken by human hands. For God made human beings in his own image. **Genesis 9:6 NLT**

What to do if you have thoughts of killing yourself:

1. Do not be alone; immediately ask for help from an adult.

Then he went on alone into the wilderness, traveling all day. He sat down under a solitary broom tree and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. **1 Kings 19:4a NLT**

2. Quit comparing your life to others...this is the root of almost all unhappiness.

"Take my life, for I am no better than my ancestors who have already died." **1 Kings 19:4b NLT**

3. Heal your body and mind through rest, proper diet, and medicine if necessary.

Then he lay down and slept under the broom tree. But as he was sleeping, an angel touched him and told him, "Get up and eat!" He looked around and there beside his head was some bread baked on hot stones and a jar of water! So he ate and drank and lay down again. **1 Kings 19:5-6 NLT**

4. Find strength in God and His purpose for your life.

Then the angel of the Lord came again and touched him and said, "Get up and eat some more, or the journey ahead will be too much for you." So he got up and ate and drank, and the food gave him enough strength to travel forty days and forty nights to Mount Sinai, the mountain of God. **1 Kings 19:7-8 NLT**

Your eternal destination is not based upon whether you commit suicide, but whether you received Christ.

And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire. **Revelation 20:15 NLT**

Conclusion: Hope has a name: It's JESUS.

...If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **Romans 10:9 ESV**

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