

“Suicide: When Dying Seems Better Than Living” – Part 1

RECENT STATS ON SUICIDE

CHURCH HISTORY AND SUICIDE

SEVEN LIES ABOUT SUICIDE

1. Suicide is only caused by _____.
2. People who _____ or _____ about suicide will do it.
3. _____ don't commit suicide.
4. _____ suicidal, _____ suicidal.
5. Suicide can be in your _____.
6. Suicide is someone else's _____.
7. The _____ doesn't address suicide.

SEVEN FOUNDATIONS FOR A CONVERSATION

1. _____ is made in the _____ of God (Genesis 1:26-27).
2. Our _____ are not our own (I Corinthians 6:19-20).
3. God's _____ answers life's difficult questions (Psalm 119:105; 121:1-2; Hebrews 4:12).
4. A relationship with God generates _____ (Psalm 42:11; 62:5-8; Romans 5:2-5).
5. _____ is sin (Exodus 20:13).
6. God has given us the strength and spiritual _____ for every situation (I Corinthians 10:13; Jeremiah 32:17).
7. Jesus paid the _____ for sin and can forgive all sins (Micah 7:18-19; Isaiah 43:25; I John 1:9).

TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER

- 1) What unbiblical thoughts or ideas might the suicidal believe? What truths might you speak in order to counsel those thoughts or ideas?
- 2) How might you use Psalm 42-43 to counsel and help the suicidal?
- 3) Book Recommendation: *Hope Beyond Despair* by Julie Gossack