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Suicide, or the act of killing oneself to 'escape' this life, is a sin; however, it is not unforgivable.

Examples of suicide in scripture

It is possible for a person to be a genuine Christian and commit suicide, but we do not see this as the example in Scripture. The list of names who committed suicide in the Bible is small, but it includes names like King Saul and Judas Iscariot. Both men are examples of lives not fully surrendered to God and are not to be looked up to. King Saul squandered his anointing and position as king of Israel and Judas chose temporary wealth over the wealth of knowing Christ by betraying Jesus. In the end, Saul fell on his own sword and Judas hung himself out of guilt (1 Samuel 31:4; Matthew 27:5). These men are, in fact, examples of what not to do with one's life.

Jesus' love reaches further than our despair

It is important to note that not every suicide case is the same. Most people we know who have committed suicide do not resemble Saul or Judas, rather some of them are our own pastors, parents, and peers. Some people take their own lives as the result of various mental health issues and/or clinical depression, not being fully aware of what they are doing. It is simply not true that every person who commits suicide is in hell. Yes, suicide is a breaking of the sixth commandment, but there is not a single broken commandment that Jesus can't forgive . Remember what Jesus cried out from the cross— “ Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. ” (Luke 23:34)

Jesus brings purpose and life

If you or someone you know is struggling with suicidal thoughts, please seek help. There are hotlines and counseling services available twenty-four hours of the day when you need someone to talk to. Despite what you think, there are friends and family who love you and care about you. Talk to them about what you are feeling and

why. Last, know that you are loved by your Maker . He loves you so much that He sent His Son to die in your place , so that you might have eternal life filled with purpose. Jesus wants to give you life: “ I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ” (John 10:10)

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