

Episode Notes

QUESTIONS GRIEVING CHRISTIANS ASK: IS SUICIDE AN UNFORGIVABLE SIN?

KEY POINTS:

- Far too many people die by suicide and despite increased public awareness, the trend of deaths by suicide continue to increase.
- Family and friends who lose loved ones to suicide may blame themselves for not preventing a death, are often thrown into chaos, and may feel a stigma surrounding the loss.
- Scripture reveals that while suicide is a sin, like murder of another person, it is NOT an unforgivable sin.
- Because God is omnipresent and omniscient, I believe that God was right there with your loved one in their most desperate moment and that he felt their pain - but could not intervene because he has given us all free will.

RELATED SCRIPTURE:

- Suicide is a sin **Exodus 20:13** “Thou shall not murder”
- Suicide is NOT an unforgiveable sin **Matthew 12:31a** “So I tell you, every sin and blasphemy can be forgiven . . .”
- Suicide is NOT blasphemy (the unforgiveable sin) **Matthew 12:31b** “but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.”
- God knows everything about us - even our darkest thoughts **Psalms 139** “You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.”
- **John 3:16** “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

STEPPING STONE:

- If you are a believer, spend a moment praising God for his salvation plan. Praise Jesus for his willingness to die a torturous death as a sacrifice on your behalf.
- If you have not put your faith in Jesus, consider sitting with the verse above “John 3:16” and asking yourself, “Would it be worth my time to investigate a bit more about who Jesus was and is?”

HEART CHECK

Date:

What have you been thinking and feeling today?

