

## SUICIDE – Part Three

Please remember our website [www.threeheartchurch.org](http://www.threeheartchurch.org) which has most all of the messages on it. Youtube is only showing 2 years worth of messages on our channel. The other messages are there but not if you look on our channel, you can only find them if you know the title of the message so it is easier to watch the older messages by going to our website where they are all listed in date order.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) estimates that each year approximately one million people die from **suicide**, which represents a global mortality rate of 16 people per 100,000 or one death every 40 seconds. It is predicted that by 2020 the rate of death will increase to one every 20 seconds.

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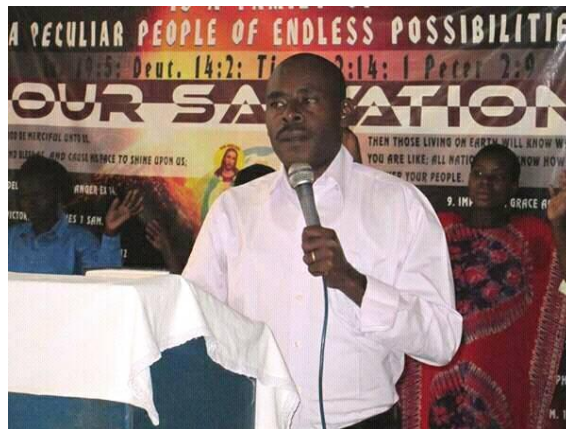
for Texas

in California

for Colorado

for Indiana

for Utah



### PASTOR ERUSTUS SHARES:

**Exodus 20:6** – And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments.

If you want God to move in your life and help you in times of depression, oppression and hopelessness, then you had better get busy obeying Him and living for Him.

**Hebrews 13:5** – Let your conversation (life) be without covetousness (money loving); and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Pastor there is an increasing number of suicides in families, work places, the world and even churches which is extremely disturbing. In fact, more people are killed by suicide than by automobile accidents.

In 2016, there were 44,965 recorded **suicides**, up from 42,773 in 2014, according to the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). On average, adjusted for age, the annual **U.S. suicide rate** increased 24% between 1999 and 2014, from 10.5 to 13.0 **suicides** per 100,000 people, the highest **rate** recorded in 28 years.

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It is the third leading cause of death among young people.

The **Army** suffered 52% of the **suicides** from all branches. In 2013, the VA released a study that covered **suicides** from 1999 to 2010, which showed that roughly 22 veterans were dying by **suicide** per day, or one every 65 minutes.

[United States military veteran suicide - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_military_veteran_suicide)

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Time Cover from July 2012. Most of the military in the world is affected and more men and women die from suicide than from fighting the opposing forces.

Chances are most of us know of someone who has either thought about committing suicide or has succeeded in doing so. Maybe most of us have even considered it.

In spite of all the blessings, prosperity, success, achievements and opportunities we enjoy in our lives many people are suffering from such devastating situations that they decide to end it all by taking their own lives. Depression is usually the root cause, yet despite all the doctors and medication, the suicide rate continues to rise. Countless people are living on the edge of life and death, overwhelmed by despair, hopelessness, rejection, frustration, fear, desperation, discouragement, loneliness etc.

Christians and ministers, need to be sensitive to the people around them. If they talk or joke about suicide or threaten to kill themselves, we must take them seriously because they may be in the beginning stages of demonic attack by putting their thoughts into action and this is satanic or influenced by demons and it ends up becoming a generational curse .

A spirit of suicide can be inherited; it can also be transferred through a sexual soul tie. It must be broken off.

The why question for people committing suicide must be asked. The devil uses his demons to influence and seduce many people to choose to take their own lives.



Muslims Commitment to their false belief. The suicide bombers believe they are doing what pleases god (allah – not the God of the Bible), and as a result, expects to be ushered into paradise.



Love matters: sometimes when a couple has been together for many years, and one of them becomes terminally ill they can contemplate ending their lives

together or the one remaining, can end their life out of loneliness for their spouse.



Boyfriend & girlfriend or men and women love triangle issues may push one to decide to end their lives together or individually rather than face the prospect of living without one another.



If a spouse becomes unfaithful or brutal, these things can all play a part in causing someone to commit suicide.

Physical pain: those who suffer from prolonged and unbearable pain may decide they can't take it anymore. They feel like the only way to end the pain is to die.



**Brittany Maynard.** **Brittany** Lauren **Maynard**

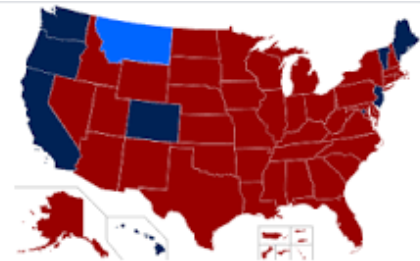
(November 19, 1984 – November 1, 2014) was an American woman with terminal brain cancer who decided that she would end her own life "when the time seemed right." She was an advocate for the legalization of assisted death.



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Physician-**assisted death** or "aid in dying" is **legal** in nine jurisdictions: California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Montana, Maine (starting January 1, 2020), New Jersey, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington.



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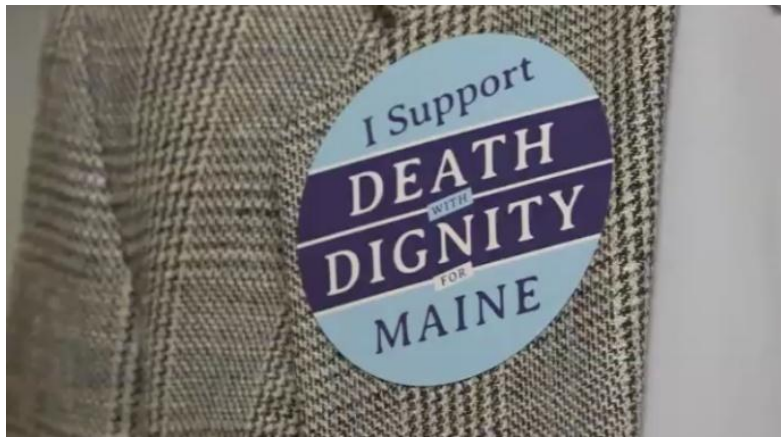
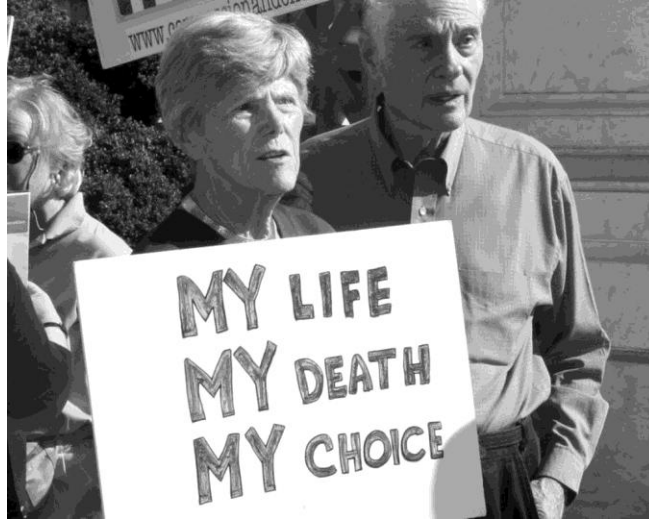
I did not realize how big this has gotten already.

**Assisted suicide** is **legal** in Switzerland, Germany, the Netherlands, and in the US states of Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Hawaii, Vermont, Montana, Washington, D.C., Maine (Starting January 1, 2020), New Jersey, and California.

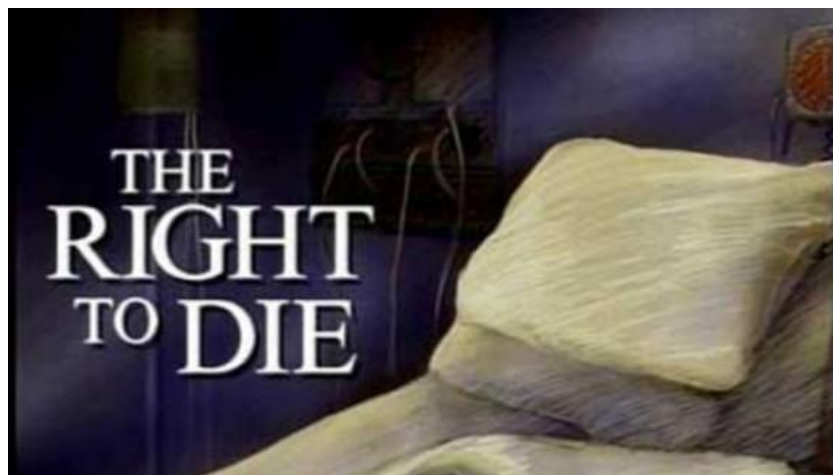


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“I support death with dignity for Maine.”



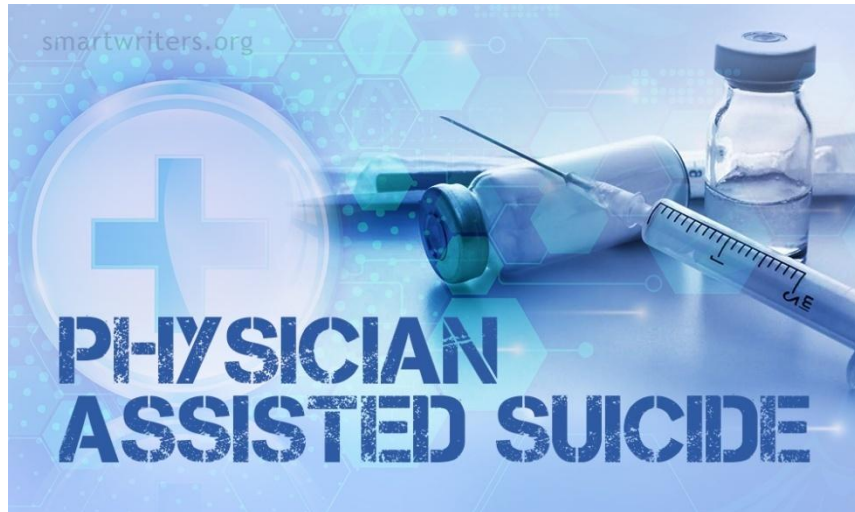


There are actually people campaigning and protesting for this right to take their own life.



Praise God there are also people standing up for life as well.





There is an agenda to get the old people rounded up and killed off. Insurance companies make it clear as does the work environment, the government and society in general. They are viewed as a drain on society.



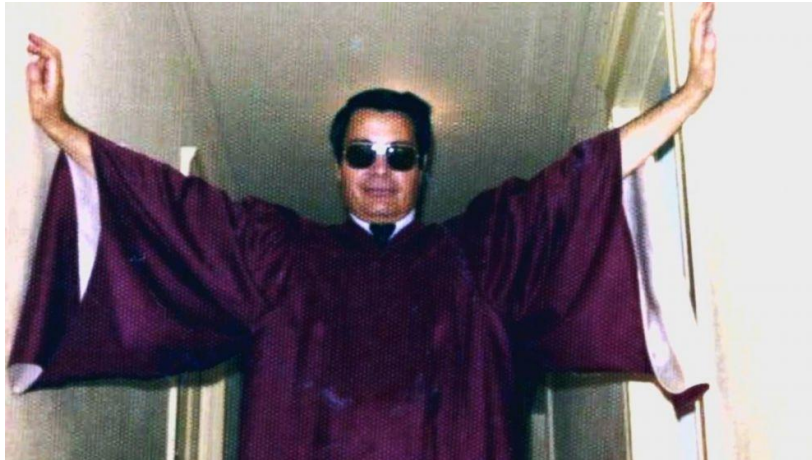
No matter what happens to you in this life, you have value. No matter how sick or old or broken down your body may seem, you are still precious to God.

We must persevere, endure and overcome. Sometimes that means we suffer. When things get hard we don't just throw in the towel. If it doesn't go our way we don't just give up. Even if you can't care for yourself, God can use you to minister to your caretaker.

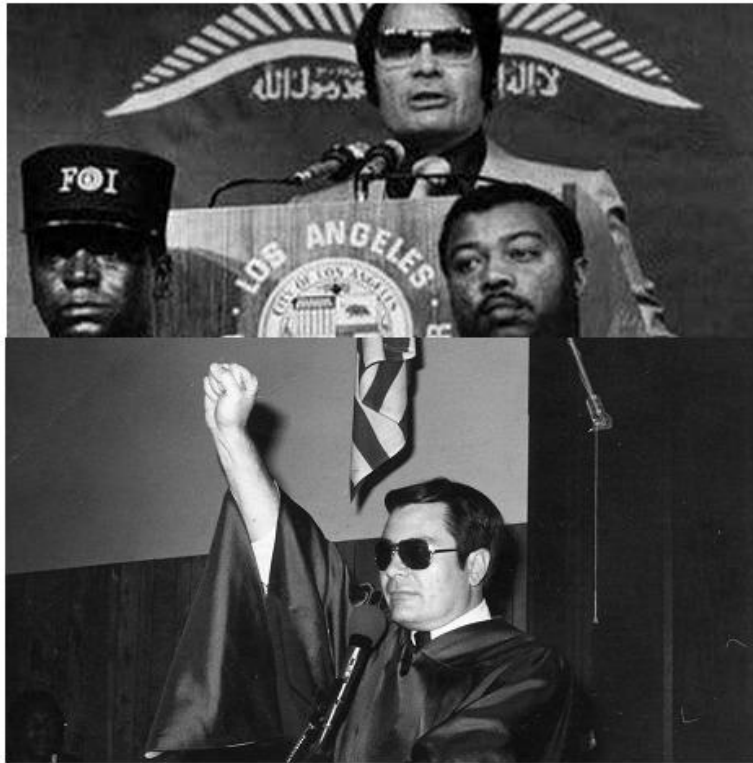
In our society today we don't want to slow down and help those that need help or tend to the ones that aren't doing as well as we are. It is becoming a culture of

pushing older people aside and not caring for people when they get sick or old or disabled.

My parents had filled out paperwork ahead of time for what to do in the event they got so sick or wound up in the hospital being kept alive by machines. They did not want to live indefinitely on machines. It was made clear that if there was no hope of them coming back from the illness and being coherent that they did not want to be resuscitated. I don't think God intended for us to be living on machines indefinitely either. If that situation arises, it is something to take to God in prayer because you don't want to make the wrong decision. There have been times that people have come out of those states.



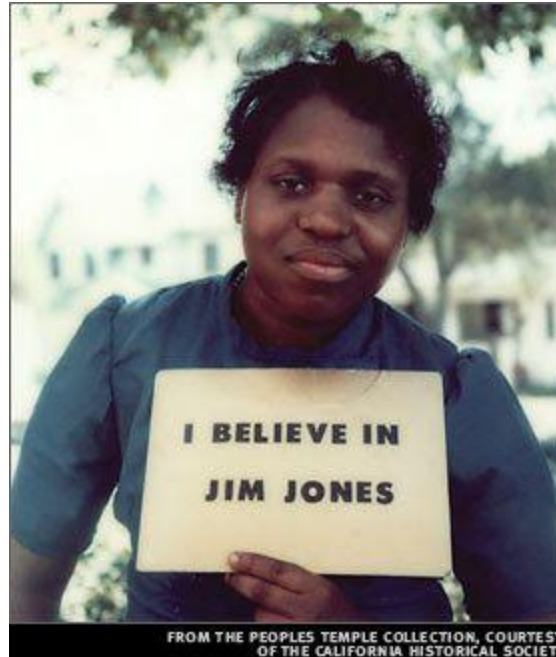
There have been religious cults like Jim Jones and the People's Temple that have led to mass suicide.



Jim Jones dabbled in politics. He was a Jesuit used to lead almost a thousand people to their death. To give true religion a bad name and to give the government more of a reason to intervene in religion.



Slightly over 900 people voluntarily drank kool-aid laced with cyanide and valium and died in Georgetown (Jonestown) Guyana in 1978 under cult leader Jim Jones' direction.



How could that happen? Look at her sign, it had nothing to do with following Christ, but following a man instead. A man who had an agenda.

**According to the *New York Times***, the first official on the scene, Guyanese Coroner Dr. Leslie C. Mootoo, determined that all but three of the people in Jonestown had been **murdered**: 80-90% had been injected with poison, while the remainder were shot or strangled. The coroners for the few autopsies of Jonestown victims conducted in Delaware were not informed of Dr. Mootoo's findings. The bodies were left to rot in the Guyanese jungle for up to a week before being flown to New Jersey. Relatives and New Jersey officials complained about being kept from the remains, and according to the *New York Times* Dr. Sturmer, President of the National Association of Medical Examiners, sent an open letter to the U.S. Army, complaining about the handling of remains, and the illegal cremations of most of the Jonestown victims. ~Source Link

Some of the research I looked at said that they had been injected between the shoulder blades, many were shot and some had even been shot with a bow as in a bow and arrow. As they tried to get away they were murdered. Interesting news indeed.





Emotional pain: feelings of betrayal, rejection, used and isolation could lead some people to give up on life.

### **SUICIDE AFFECTS:**

1.The victim/ person. Obviously, the one who kills himself is affected because his life ends before fulfilling Gods assignment in this world.

2.The family. Spouses, children, and parents are devastated when someone they love commits suicide. Many times they don't understand what motivated it and are left wondering if they did anything wrong or could have done something to prevent it.

3.The church/community. The pain of suicide reaches beyond the family to others who might have known the victim. And it brings shame to the church ie the body of Christ.

4.Future generations. Suicide becomes a generational curse along that family lineage or blood line. The Bible does not support suicide since the sixth commandment clearly tells us we are not to commit murder, those who kill themselves have disobeyed the Lord.

Although the Bible records seven instances of suicide, it in no way condones it.

\*It's a form of escape. The basic reason for suicide is to escape pain or difficulty.

\*It's an expression of unbelief.

A person who ends his own life doesn't believe God will help him through his problem.

\*It implies that the Lord is not loving or faithful.

Although God's character and promises never change, those who kill themselves are claiming that He wasn't faithful to help them adequately.

\*It's an expression of ingratitude toward God. Life is a gift from the Lord, and the one who cuts it short doesn't appreciate that gift and all the wonderful plans God had for his life.

\*It is an expression of self-hatred. Anyone who takes his own life shows that he doesn't like or love himself.

\*It usurps God's power. Only God has the right to determine life and death. When a person kills himself, he's usurping God's authority. Furthermore, that person misses all that God wanted to do in his life. His purpose for allowing trouble and pain is to purify, correct, and teach—not to destroy. He doesn't want anyone to run from suffering and hardship, but to stand firm and be trained by it. He even promises believers that He will cause "all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

\*It's an expression of selfishness. Those who take their own lives are thinking about themselves, not their loved ones who will be left behind to deal with the pain and confusion.

\*It hurts the cause of Christ. If a believer commits suicide, the unbelieving world will conclude that his God wouldn't help him.

Although the pain and suffering of this life are sometimes difficult to bear, trying to escape the situation through suicide is short-sighted thinking. Every believer needs to develop a heavenly, eternal mind-set because one day we will all stand before the Lord to give an account for our lives. That's why we have to fill our minds with God's Word. Without that foundation, we are powerless to handle all that life throws at us.

Since suicide is so prevalent, we as believers need to remind our brothers and sisters of the following truths:

\*God knows all about their circumstances, and He's committed to helping them through it.

\*The Lord is willing to walk with them step by step through their pain, disappointment, or loneliness.

\*They must invite Jesus into their lives as Lord and Savior. Then He will forgive all their sins and become their friend and partner in life, helping them through the difficult pain they are suffering.

Pastor Jesus said the devil comes to still, kill and destroy but He came that we may have life and life in abundance. Committing suicide is sin before God ie like the sin of murder.

God bless you woman of God. We love you.

Sincerely,

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## **CLOSING**

**Job 14:4-5** – Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one. Seeing his days are determined (decreed), the number of his months are with Thee, Thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;

**Hebrews 9:27** – And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Your death is appointed by God. He has a set time that He has determined for the end of your days on this earth. You are not to take matters into your own hands and decide to end your life but rather God has made that determination. He knows how and when He will call you home to Him if you are His.

Let's get busy doing what God created us to do:

**Psalm 139:14** – I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

**PRAYER**

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