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**Election**

**Eternal security**

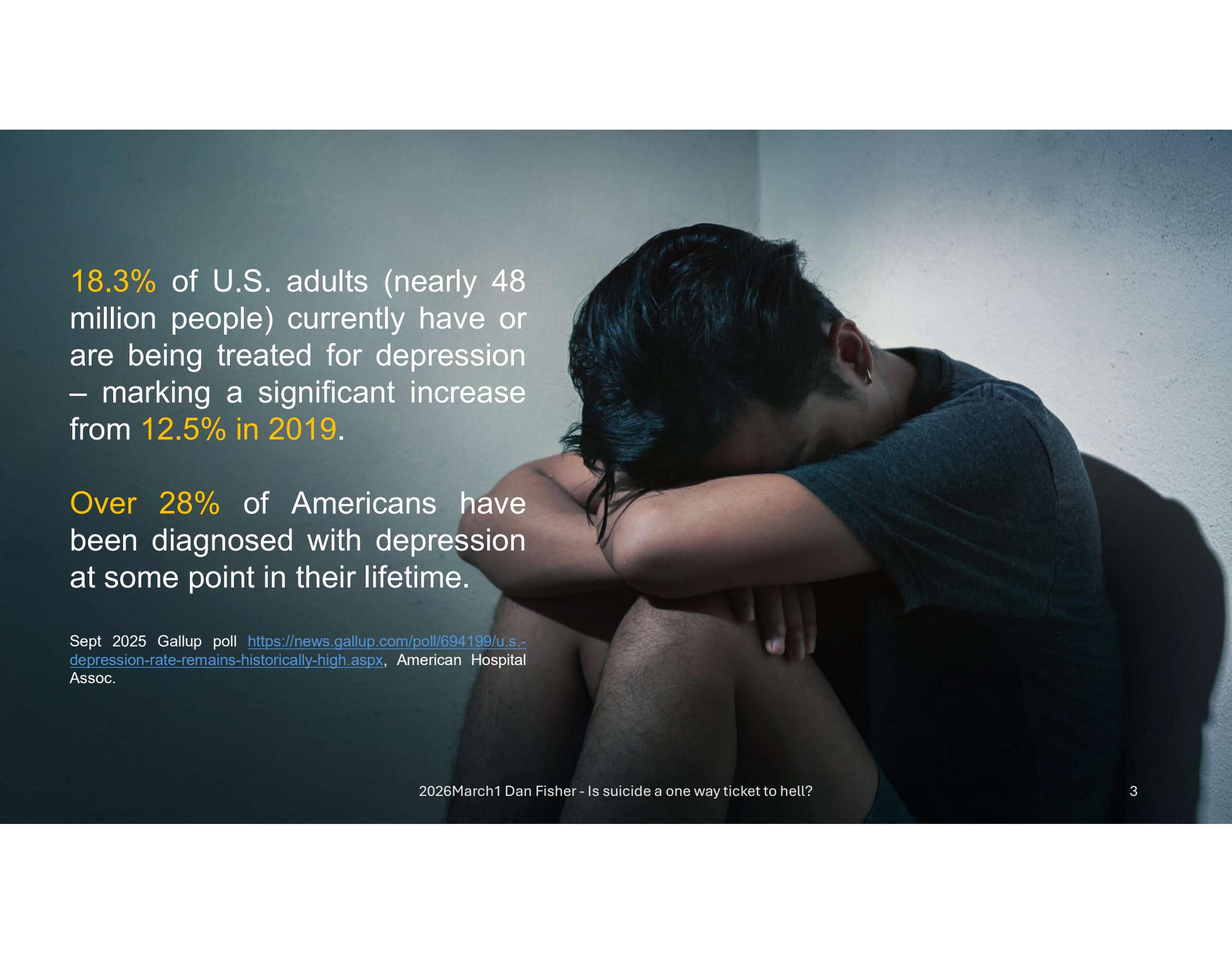
**Ending life by suicide**

**Eternal conscious torment vs. annihilation**

A dramatic scene of a hand being held from above in a stormy sea at sunset. The hand is being held from above, with water splashing around it. The background shows a turbulent sea with white-capped waves under a sky filled with dark, heavy clouds, illuminated by a bright, low sun that creates a strong lens flare and a golden glow. The overall mood is one of hope and struggle.

**IS SUICIDE  
A ONE-WAY TICKET  
TO HELL?**

2026March1 Dan Fisher - Is suicide a one way ticket to hell?



**18.3%** of U.S. adults (nearly 48 million people) currently have or are being treated for depression – marking a significant increase from **12.5% in 2019**.

**Over 28%** of Americans have been diagnosed with depression at some point in their lifetime.

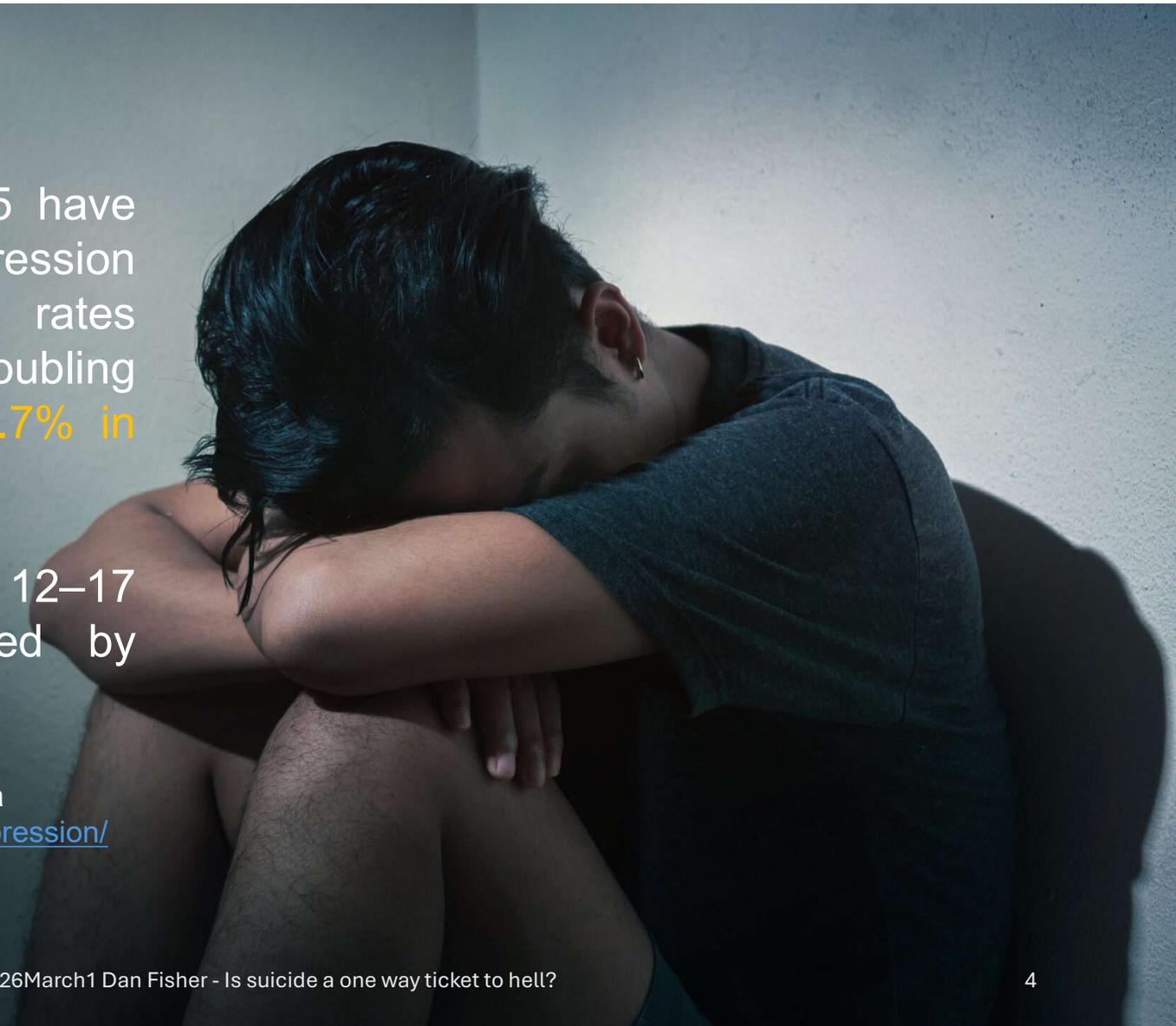
Sept 2025 Gallup poll <https://news.gallup.com/poll/694199/u.s.-depression-rate-remains-historically-high.aspx>, American Hospital Assoc.

Young adults aged 18–25 have the **highest rates** of depression (**18.6%** in 2021), with rates among those under 30 doubling from **13% in 2017 to 26.7% in 2025.**

About **15%** of youth aged 12–17 (3.7 million) are affected by major depression.

Gallup, Mental Health America

<https://mhanational.org/conditions/depression/>



Almost **50,000** people die by suicide in the U.S. each year – the **11<sup>th</sup>** leading cause of death

Over **135** suicides occur on average every day

**1.5 million** attempted suicides in 2023

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

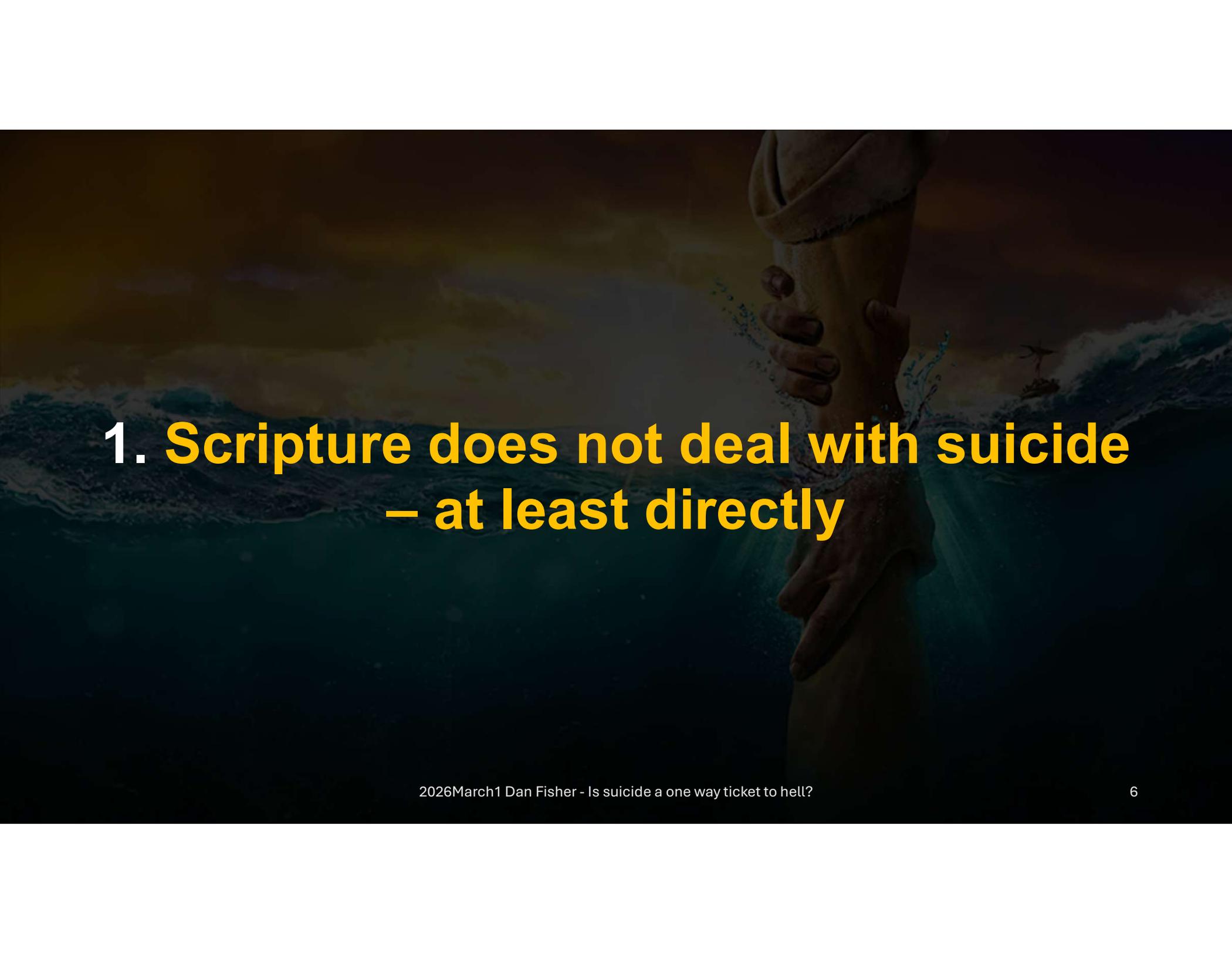
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National Institute of Mental Health

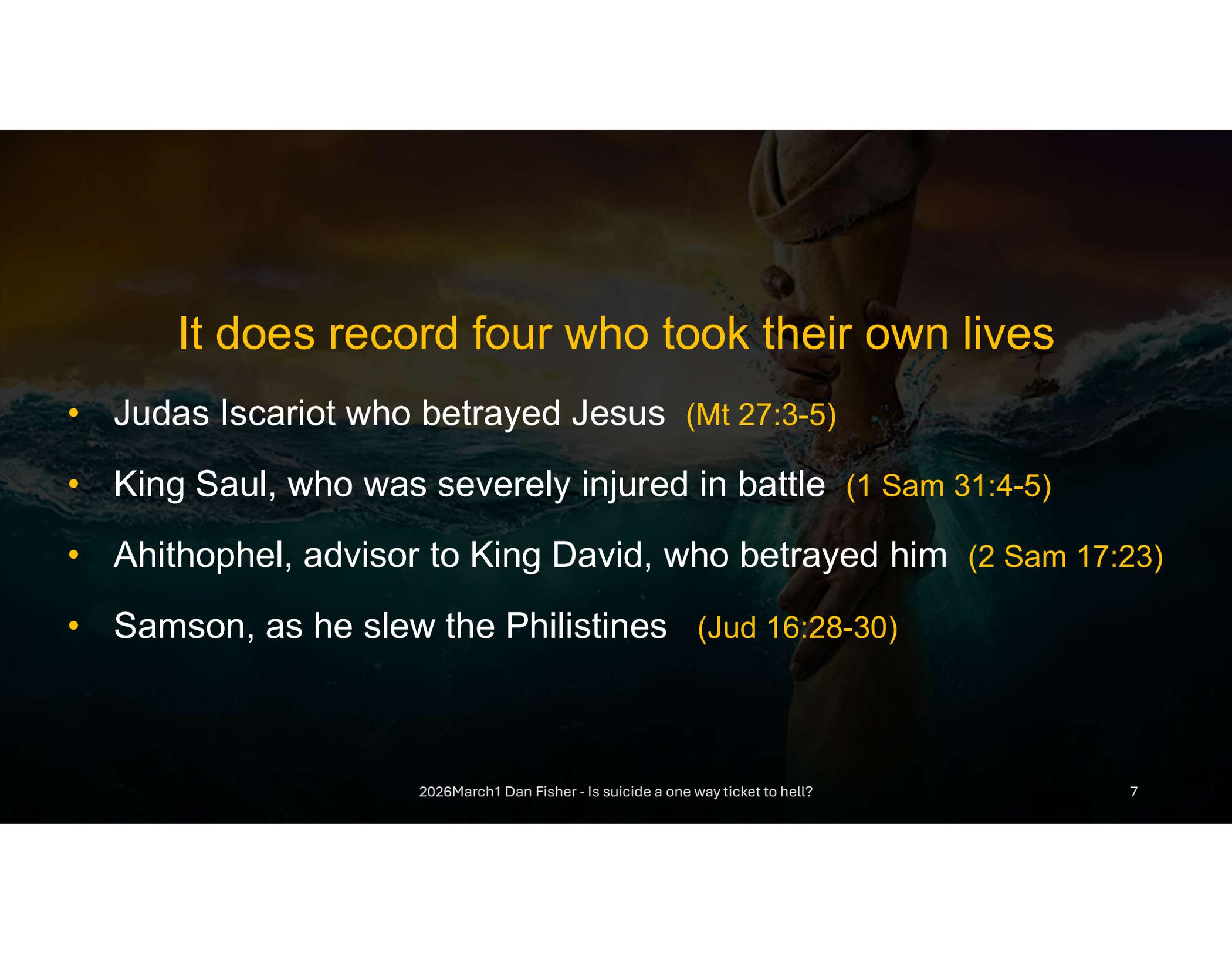
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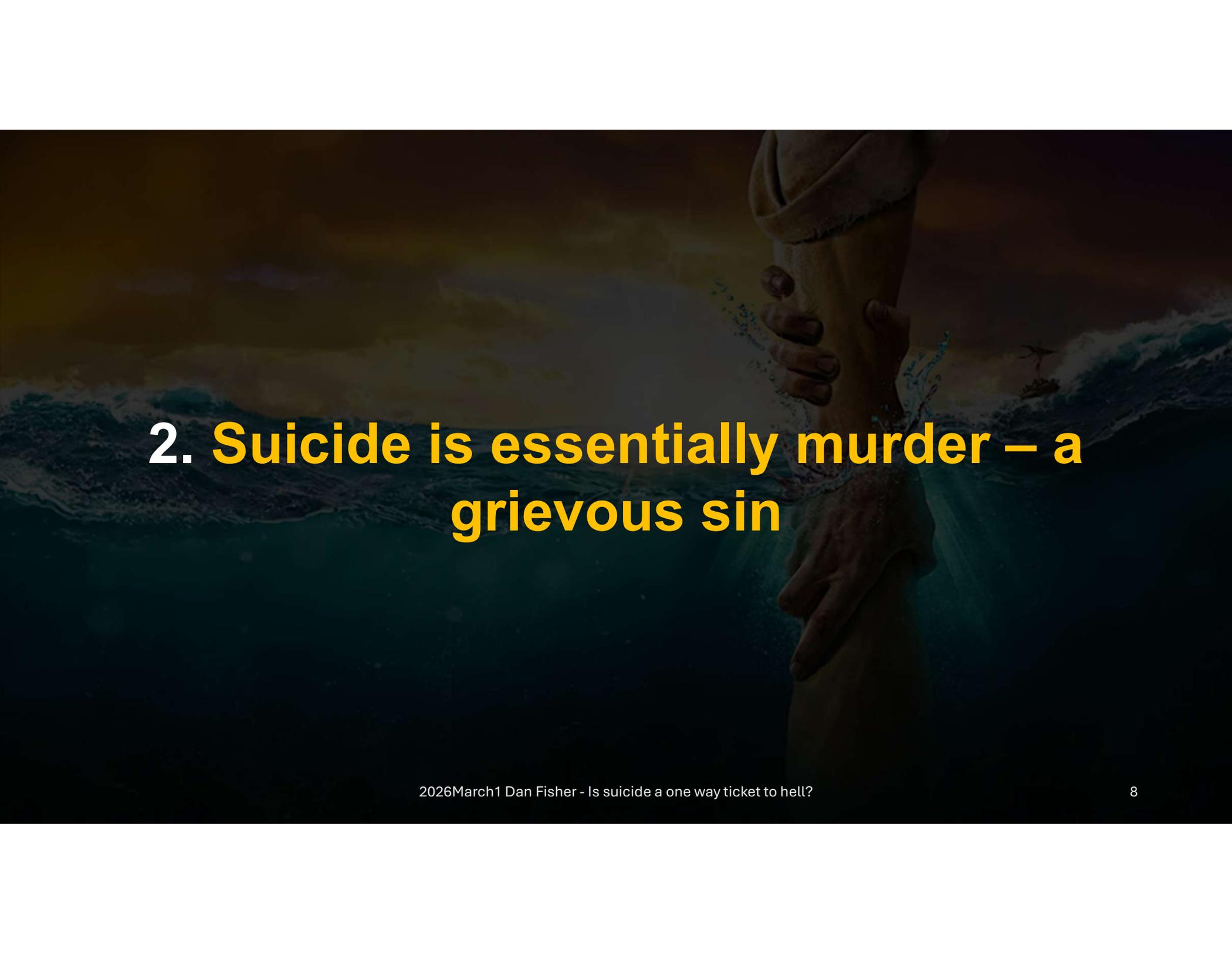


**1. Scripture does not deal with suicide  
– at least directly**



## It does record four who took their own lives

- Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus (Mt 27:3-5)
- King Saul, who was severely injured in battle (1 Sam 31:4-5)
- Ahithophel, advisor to King David, who betrayed him (2 Sam 17:23)
- Samson, as he slew the Philistines (Jud 16:28-30)

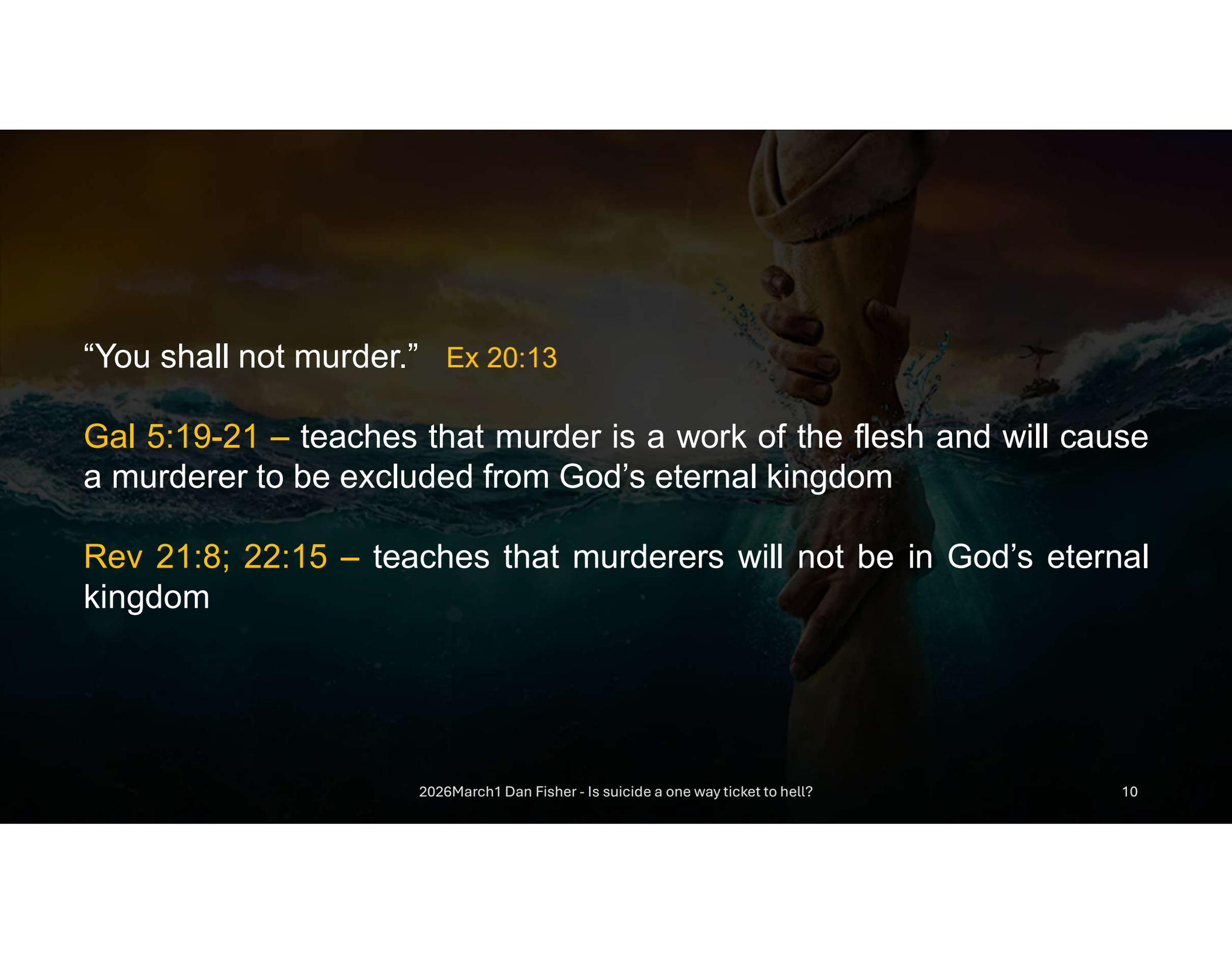
A dramatic, dark image of a person's hand being held by another hand, with a ship on the horizon. The scene is set against a dark, stormy sky and turbulent water. The hand being held is in the foreground, and the other hand is positioned to support it. In the background, a small ship is visible on the horizon under a dark, cloudy sky. The overall mood is somber and intense.

## 2. Suicide is essentially murder – a grievous sin

## Scripture condemns murder

“He [Satan] was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” **Jn 8:44**

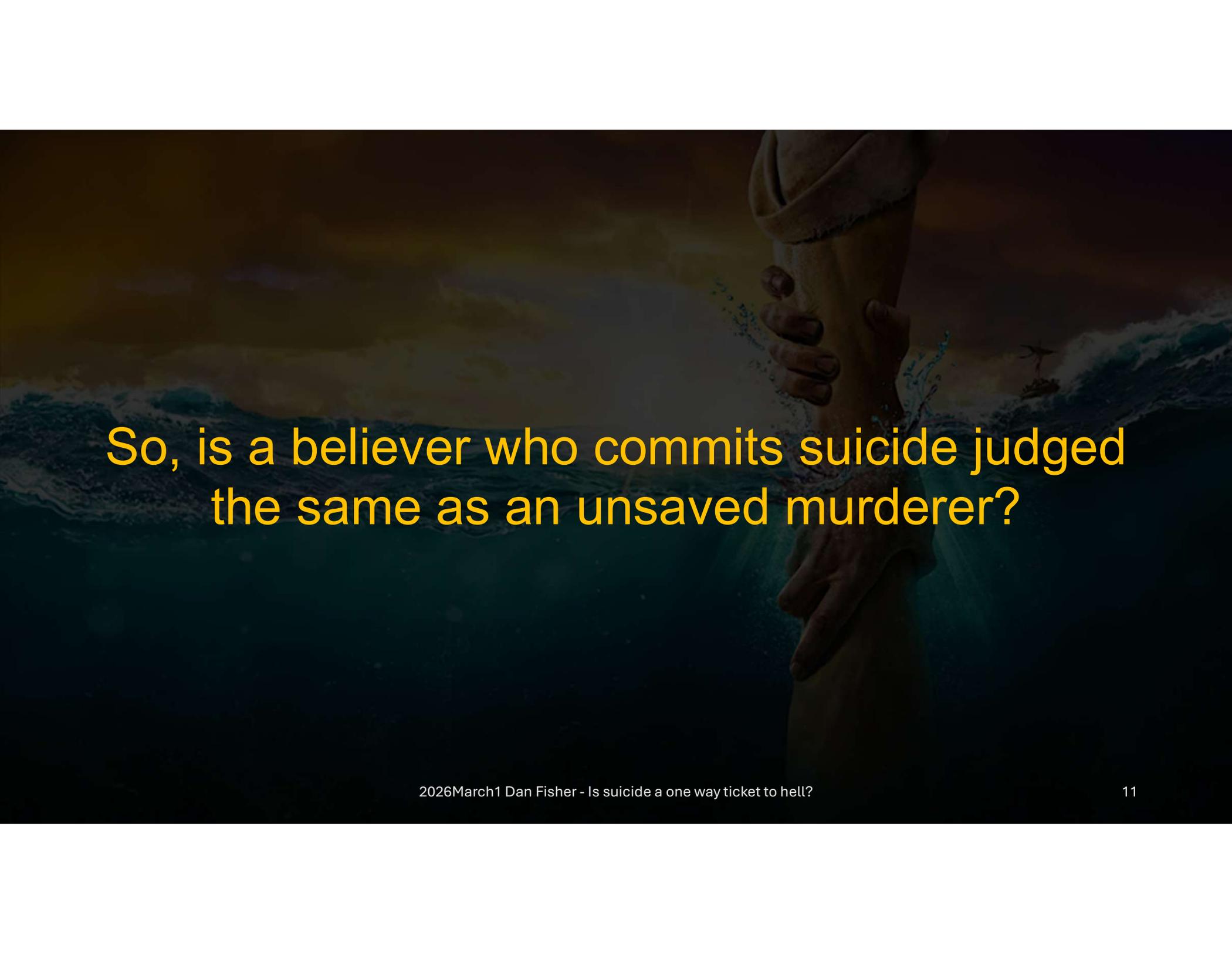
“And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. <sup>6</sup> “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.” **Gen 9:5-6**



“You shall not murder.” Ex 20:13

Gal 5:19-21 – teaches that murder is a work of the flesh and will cause a murderer to be excluded from God’s eternal kingdom

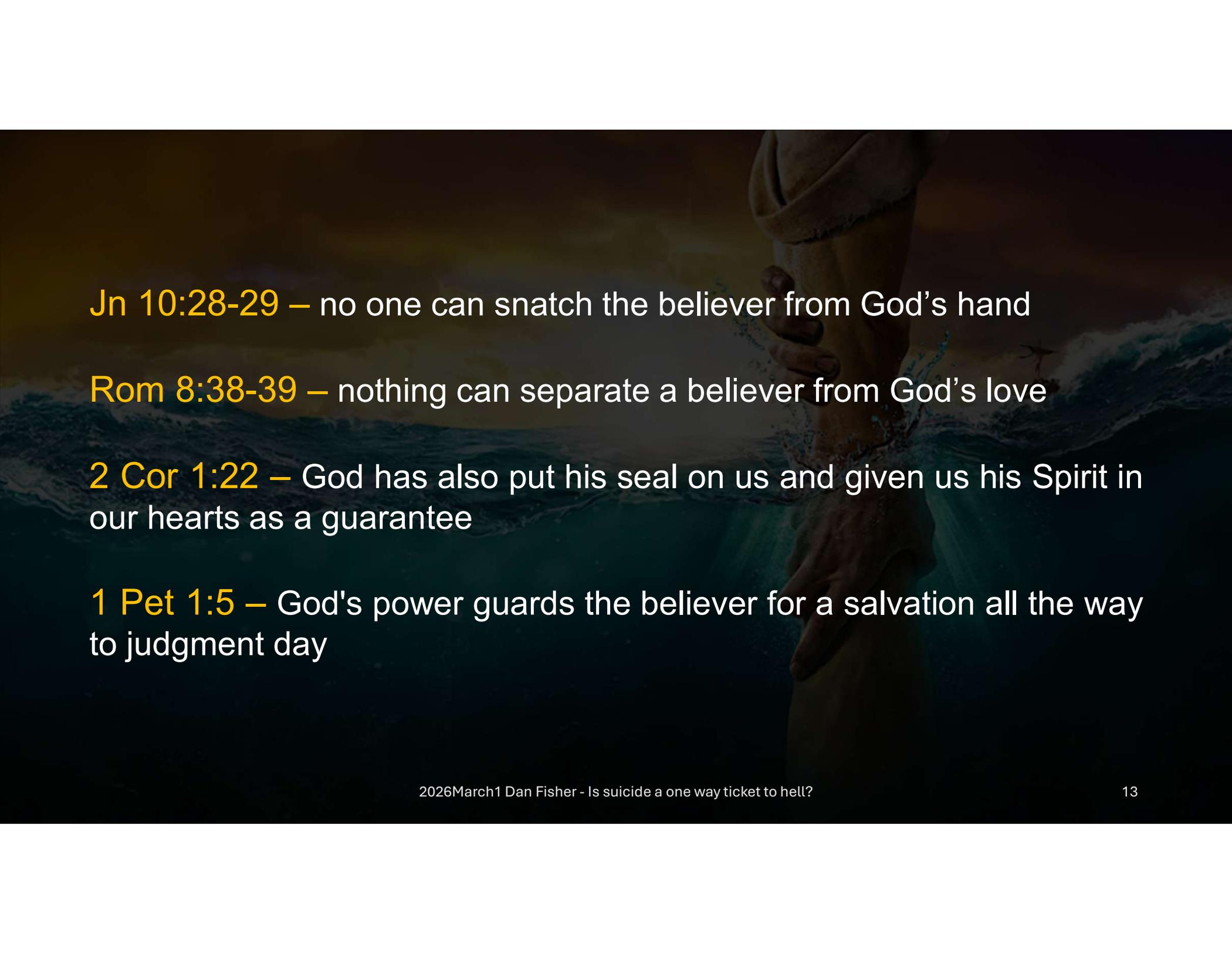
Rev 21:8; 22:15 – teaches that murderers will not be in God’s eternal kingdom



So, is a believer who commits suicide judged the same as an unsaved murderer?



**3. Someone who is “truly” saved cannot lose their salvation**

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a small, dark object, possibly a seed or a small animal, over a body of water. The water is dark and rippling, and the background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the hand and the object.

**Jn 10:28-29** – no one can snatch the believer from God's hand

**Rom 8:38-39** – nothing can separate a believer from God's love

**2 Cor 1:22** – God has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee

**1 Pet 1:5** – God's power guards the believer for a salvation all the way to judgment day

A large, multi-story wooden ark is shown on the ocean. The ark is constructed from dark wood and has a curved roof. The sun is setting behind a large, dark cloud, creating a dramatic, golden light that illuminates the ark and the water. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, and the water reflects the golden light of the sunset. The ark is positioned in the foreground, with the ocean extending to the horizon.

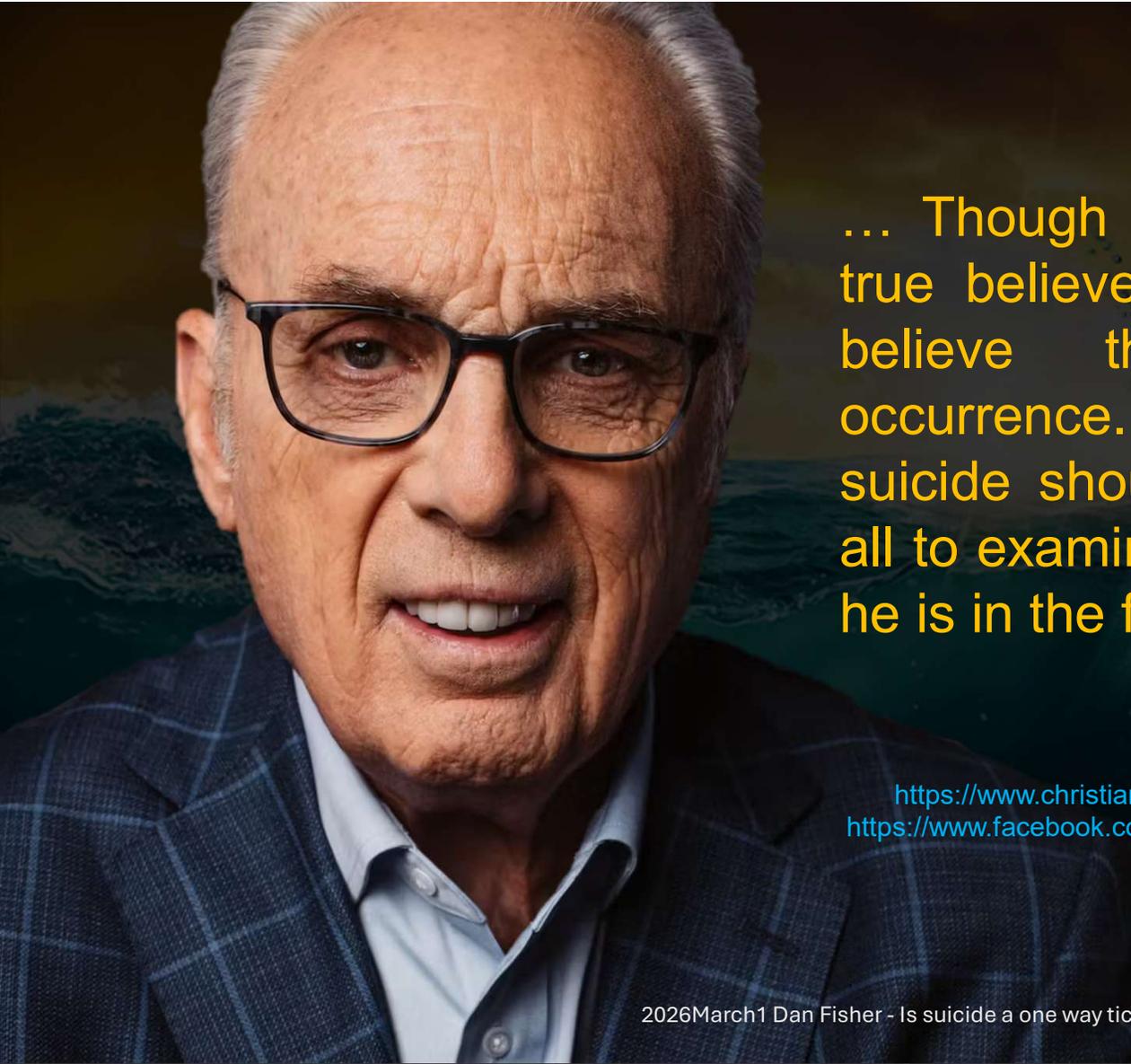
“And the Lord shut Noah in [the ark].” Gen 7:16



## 4. But does Christ's atonement cover a sin like suicide?



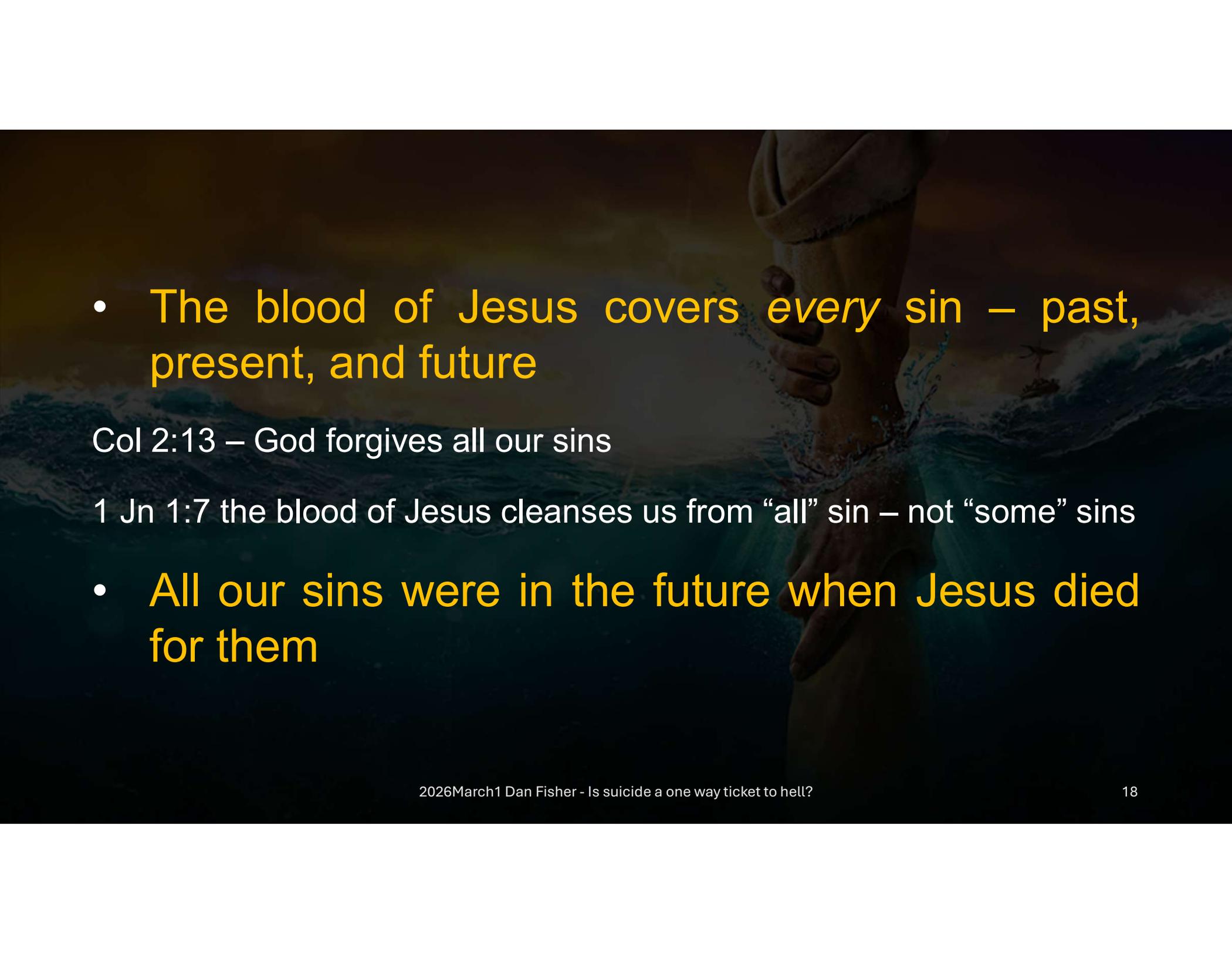
“Suicide is a grave sin equivalent to murder, but it can be forgiven like any other sin. ... [But] it is often the ultimate evidence of a heart that rejects the lordship of Jesus Christ because it is an act in which the sinner takes his life completely into his own hands rather than submitting it to God’s will.



... Though it may be possible for a true believer to commit suicide, we believe that is an unusual occurrence. Someone considering suicide should be challenged above all to examine himself to see whether he is in the faith (2 Cor 13:5).”

John MacArthur

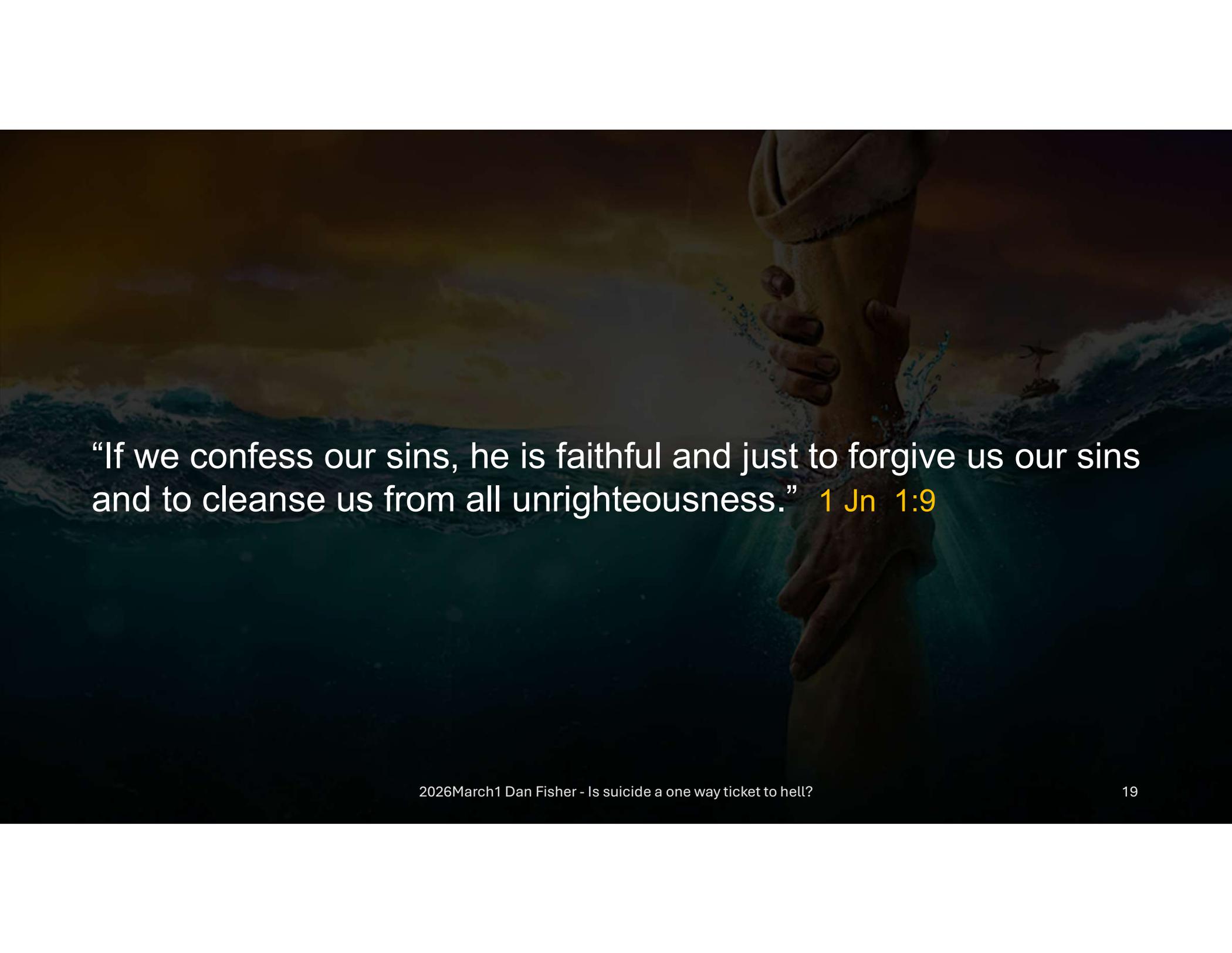
<https://www.christianpost.com/voices/suicide-and-the-christian.html>  
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- The blood of Jesus covers every sin – past, present, and future

Col 2:13 – God forgives all our sins

1 Jn 1:7 the blood of Jesus cleanses us from “all” sin – not “some” sins

- All our sins were in the future when Jesus died for them



“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 Jn 1:9

Michael Patton, pastor, author:

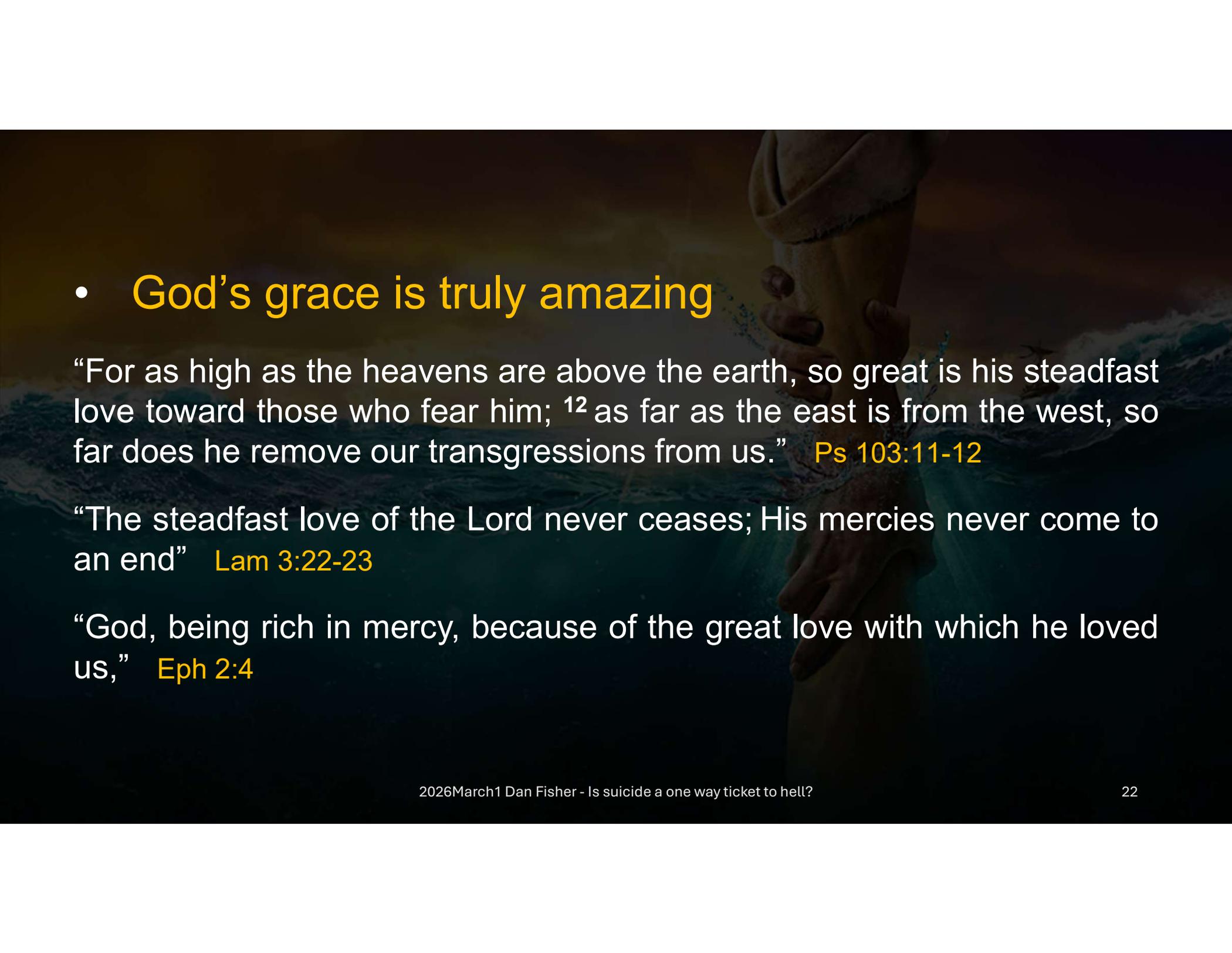
“If we cannot truly be saved until we die with all sins confessed, then we cannot ever say that we are saved as Paul does. The best we can do is say we *might* be saved (i.e. if I die without any unconfessed sin). Salvation would always have to be spoken of as a contingent possibility, not a present reality. Yet Paul says to the Ephesians, ‘By grace you *have been saved.*’ Christ said, ‘Whoever believes in me *has eternal life.*’



If we have to die without any unconfessed sin, how can we be spiritually aware enough to remember all our sins? What if we forget one? From a practical standpoint, *everyone* will die with unconfessed sin. Therefore, are we all bound for hell? This trivializes the cross. Christ's death is a once for all remedy for our lost condition."

<https://credohouse.org/blog/those-who-commit-suicide-cannot-be-christian-2>





- **God's grace is truly amazing**

“For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.” **Ps 103:11-12**

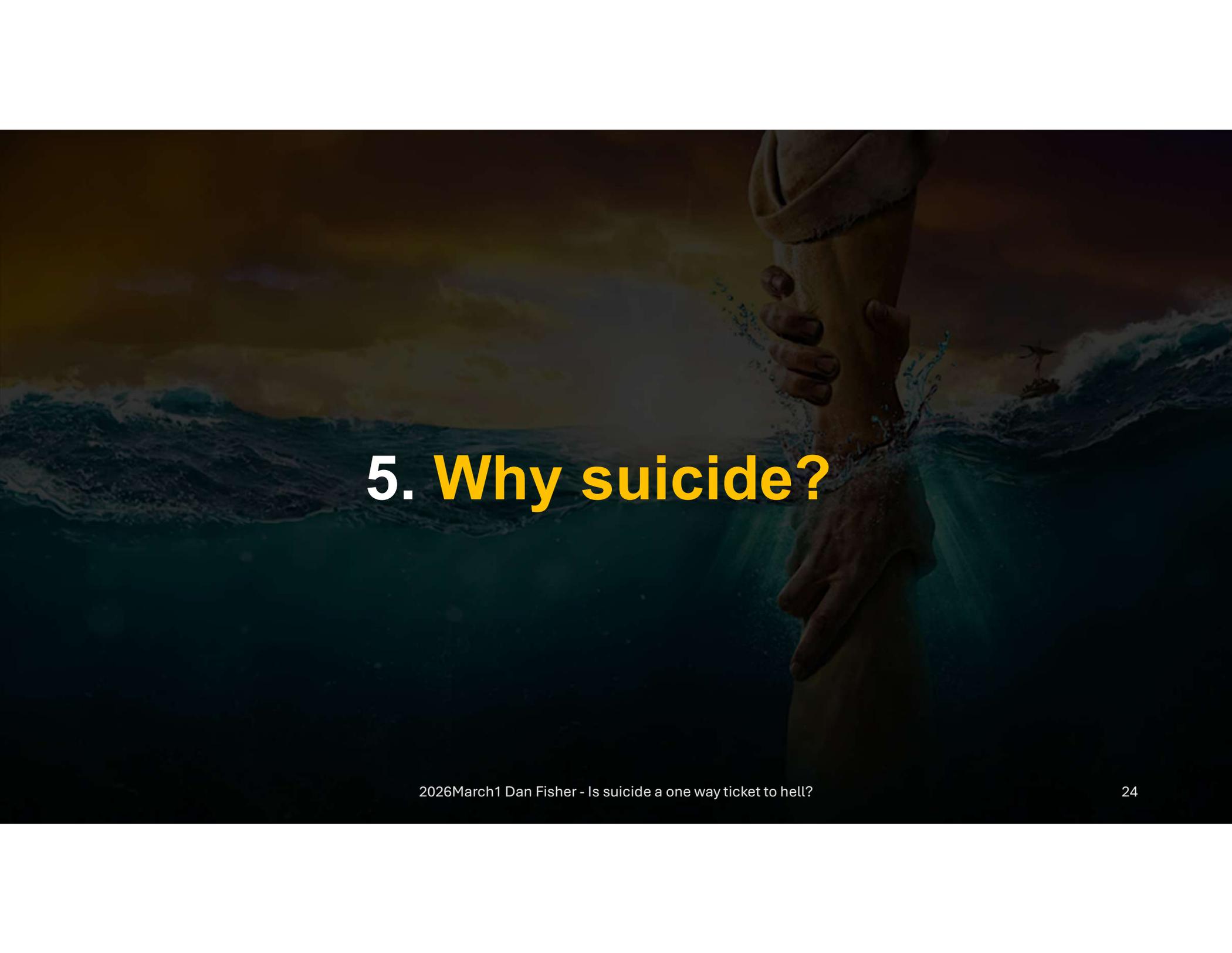
“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end” **Lam 3:22-23**

“God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,” **Eph 2:4**



# WARNING

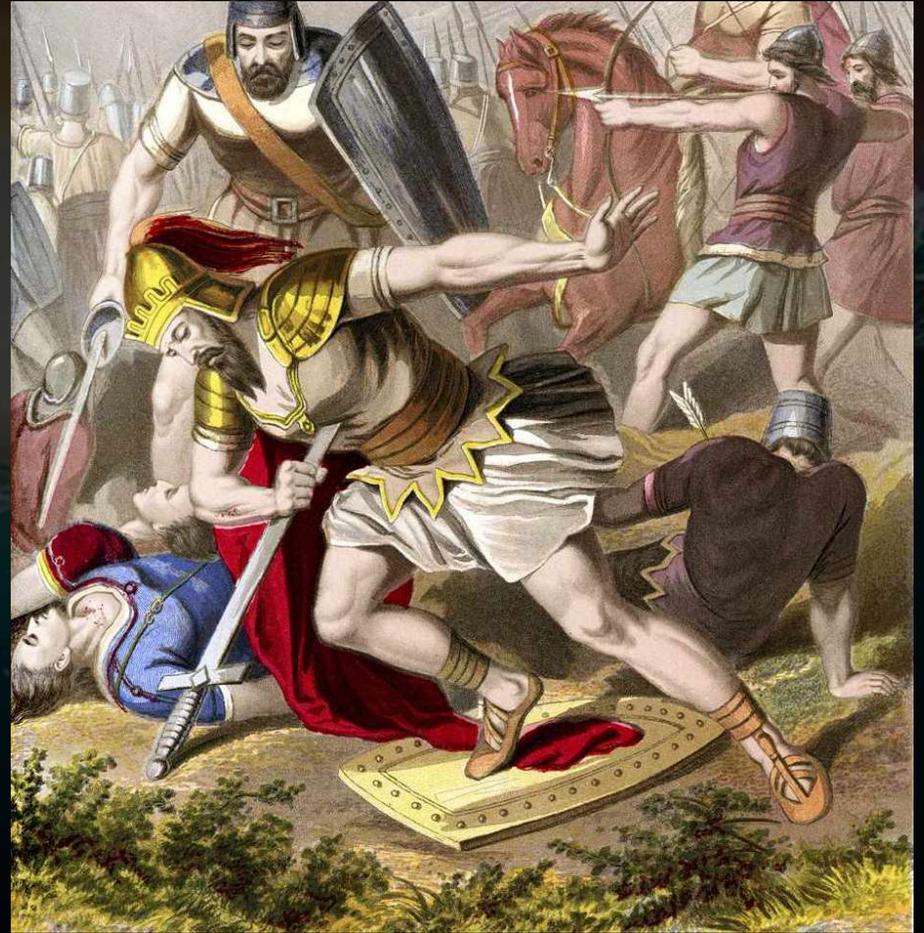
“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.” **2 Cor 5:10**



## 5. Why suicide?

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- A dramatic painting of a hand reaching out from a stormy sea. The hand is the central focus, reaching upwards from the dark, turbulent water. The background is a dark, stormy sea with white-capped waves and a dark, overcast sky. The overall mood is one of despair and hope.
- Catastrophic failure as a believer

**King Saul**, who was severely injured in battle (1 Sam 31:4-5)



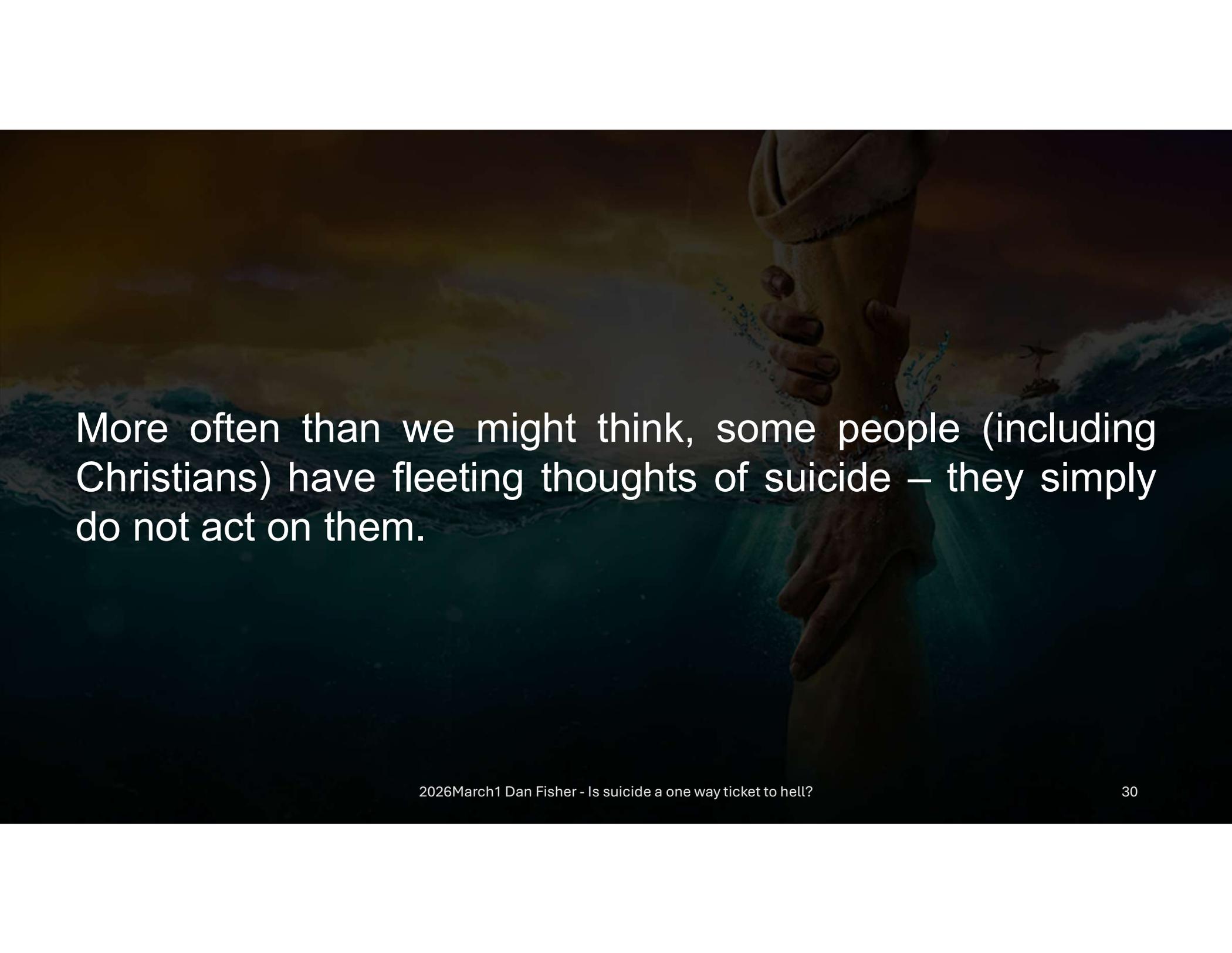
**Ahithophel**, King David's advisor  
who betrayed him (2 Sam 17:23)



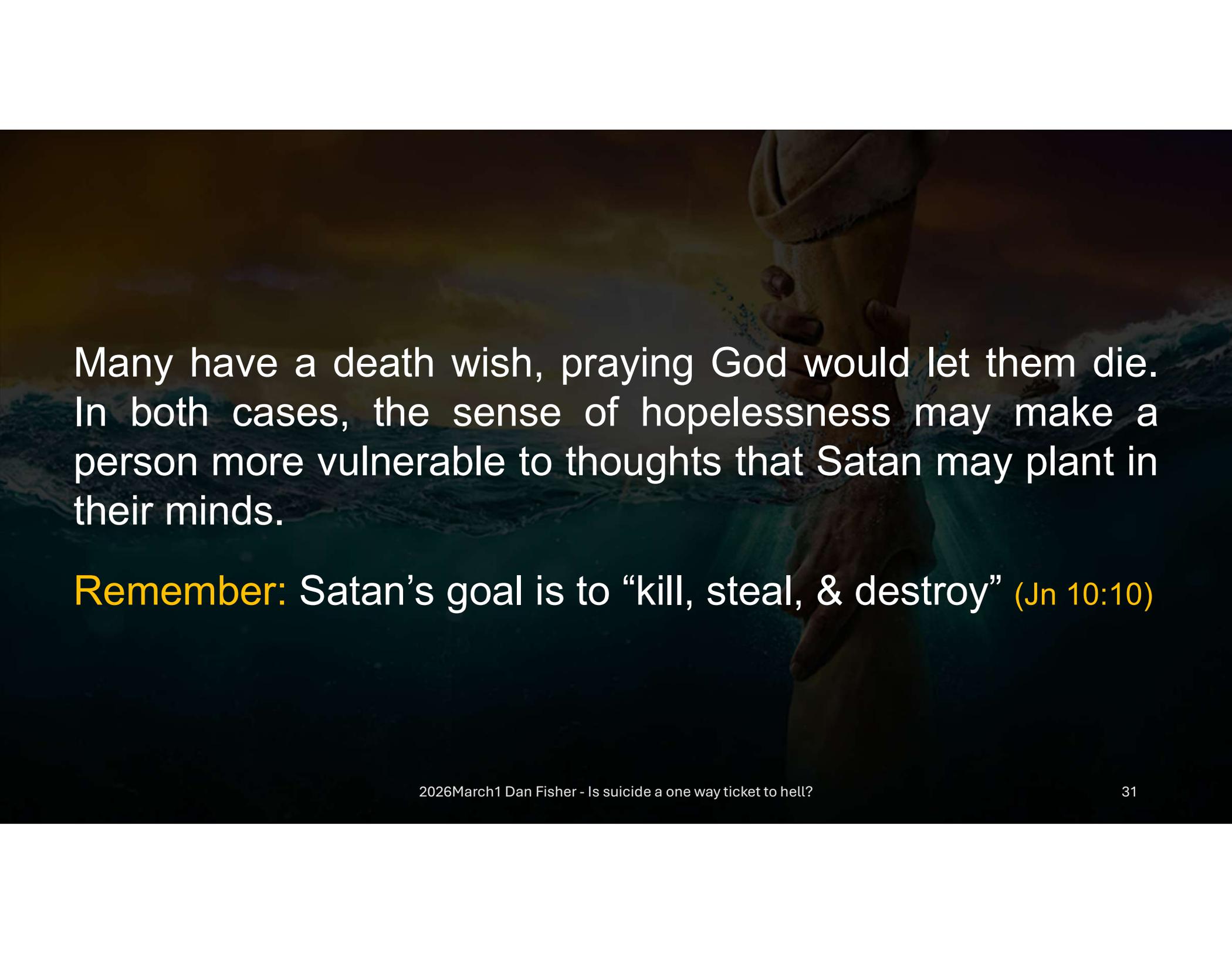
**Samson**, as he slew the  
Philistines (Jud 16:28-30)



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- A dark, atmospheric painting of a stormy sea. In the foreground, two hands are clasped together, one appearing to be in a white garment. The sea is turbulent with white-capped waves. In the distance, a small boat is visible on the horizon under a dark, cloudy sky. The overall mood is somber and dramatic.
- Depression not submitted to the Lord

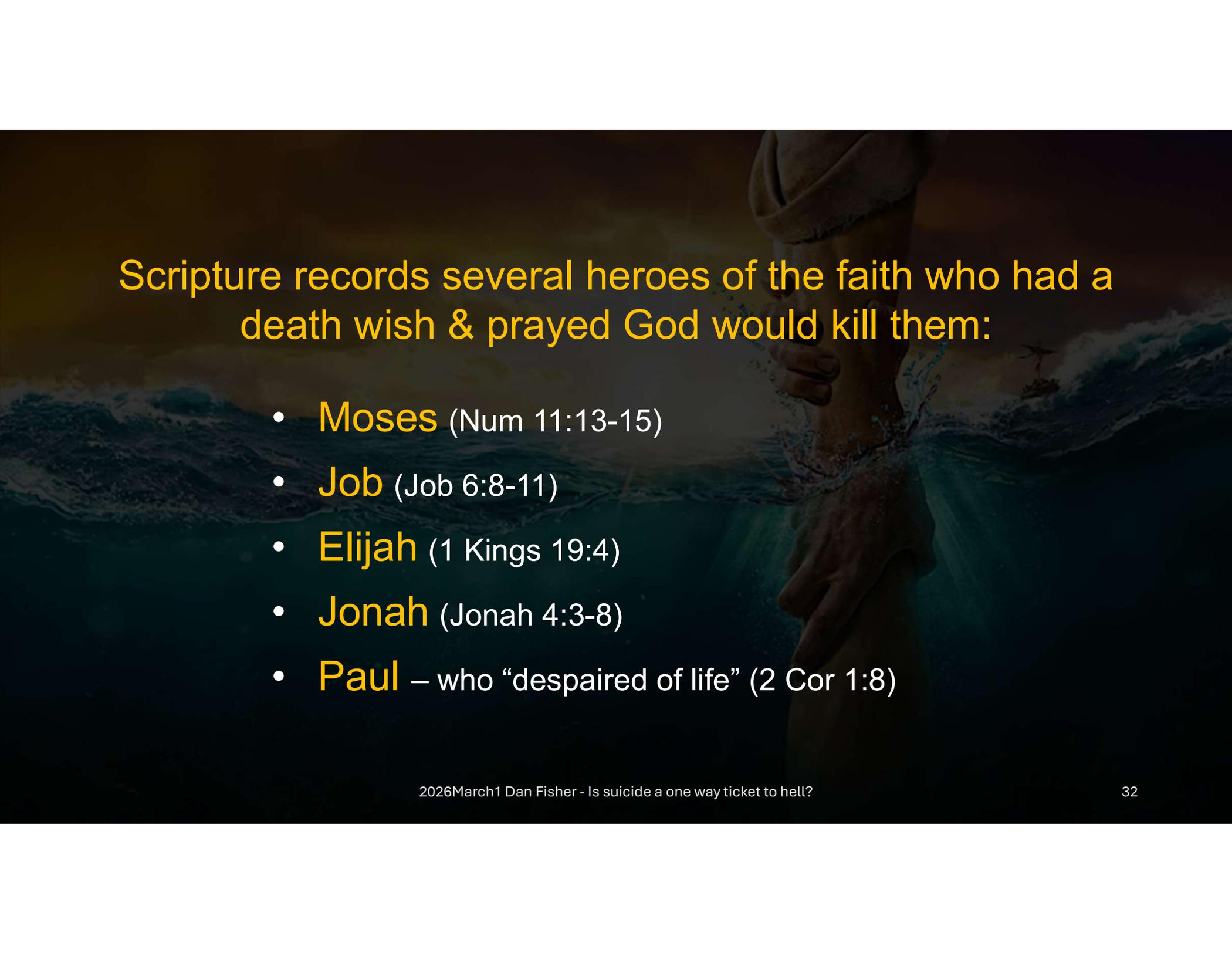


More often than we might think, some people (including Christians) have fleeting thoughts of suicide – they simply do not act on them.



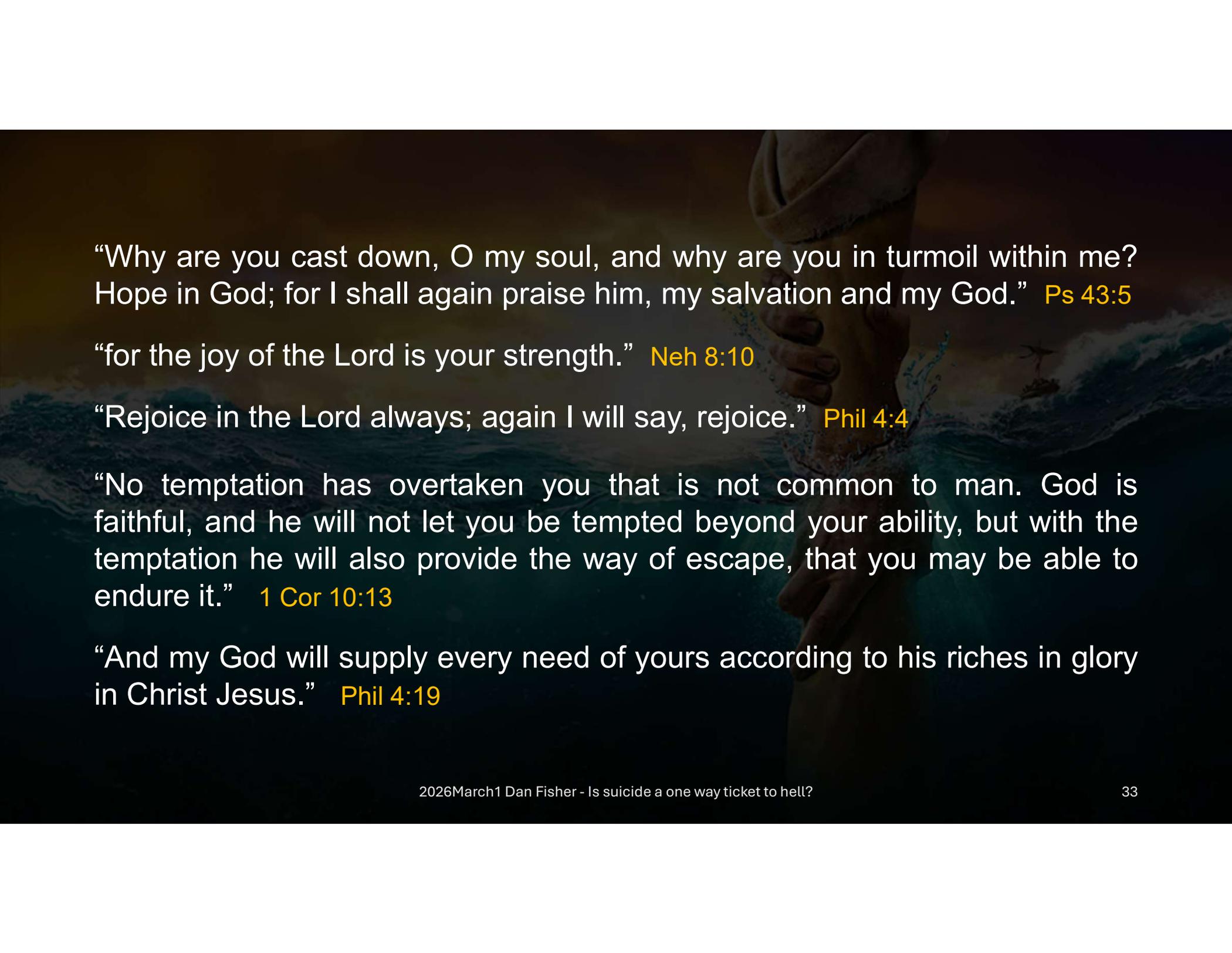
Many have a death wish, praying God would let them die. In both cases, the sense of hopelessness may make a person more vulnerable to thoughts that Satan may plant in their minds.

**Remember:** Satan's goal is to "kill, steal, & destroy" (Jn 10:10)

A dramatic, low-key photograph of a person in a boat on a turbulent sea. The person's face is partially visible, looking down with a somber expression. The water is dark and churning, with white foam from the waves. The overall mood is one of despair and struggle.

Scripture records several heroes of the faith who had a death wish & prayed God would kill them:

- **Moses** (Num 11:13-15)
- **Job** (Job 6:8-11)
- **Elijah** (1 Kings 19:4)
- **Jonah** (Jonah 4:3-8)
- **Paul** – who “despaired of life” (2 Cor 1:8)

A background image showing a person in a small boat on a dark, stormy sea. The person is looking down, and the water is turbulent with whitecaps. The overall mood is somber and reflective.

“Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.” **Ps 43:5**

“for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” **Neh 8:10**

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.” **Phil 4:4**

“No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.” **1 Cor 10:13**

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” **Phil 4:19**



**Psychiatrist**

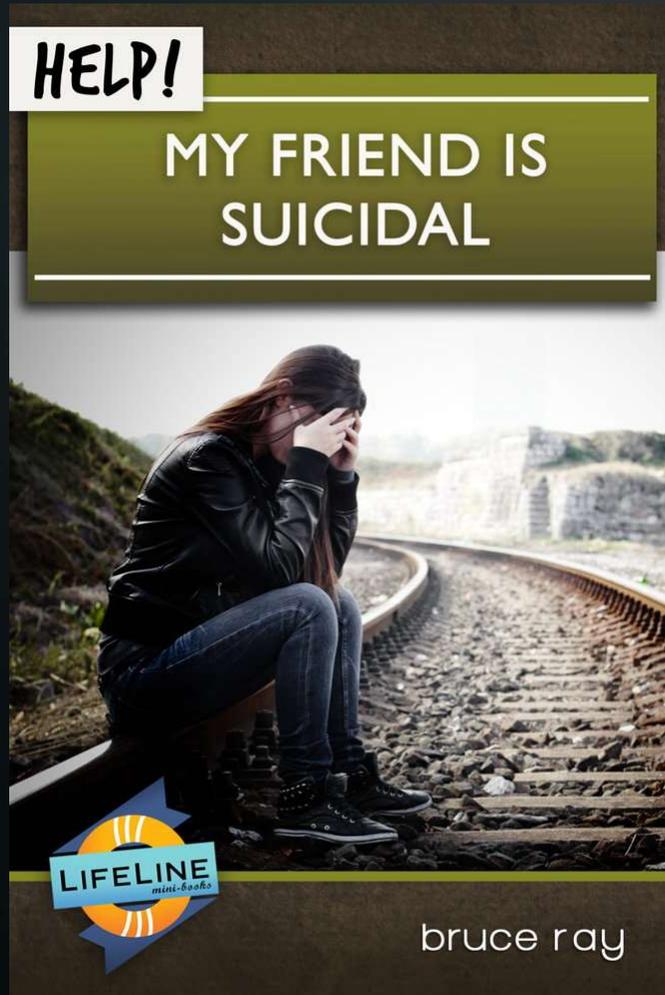
**Manfred Lütz**

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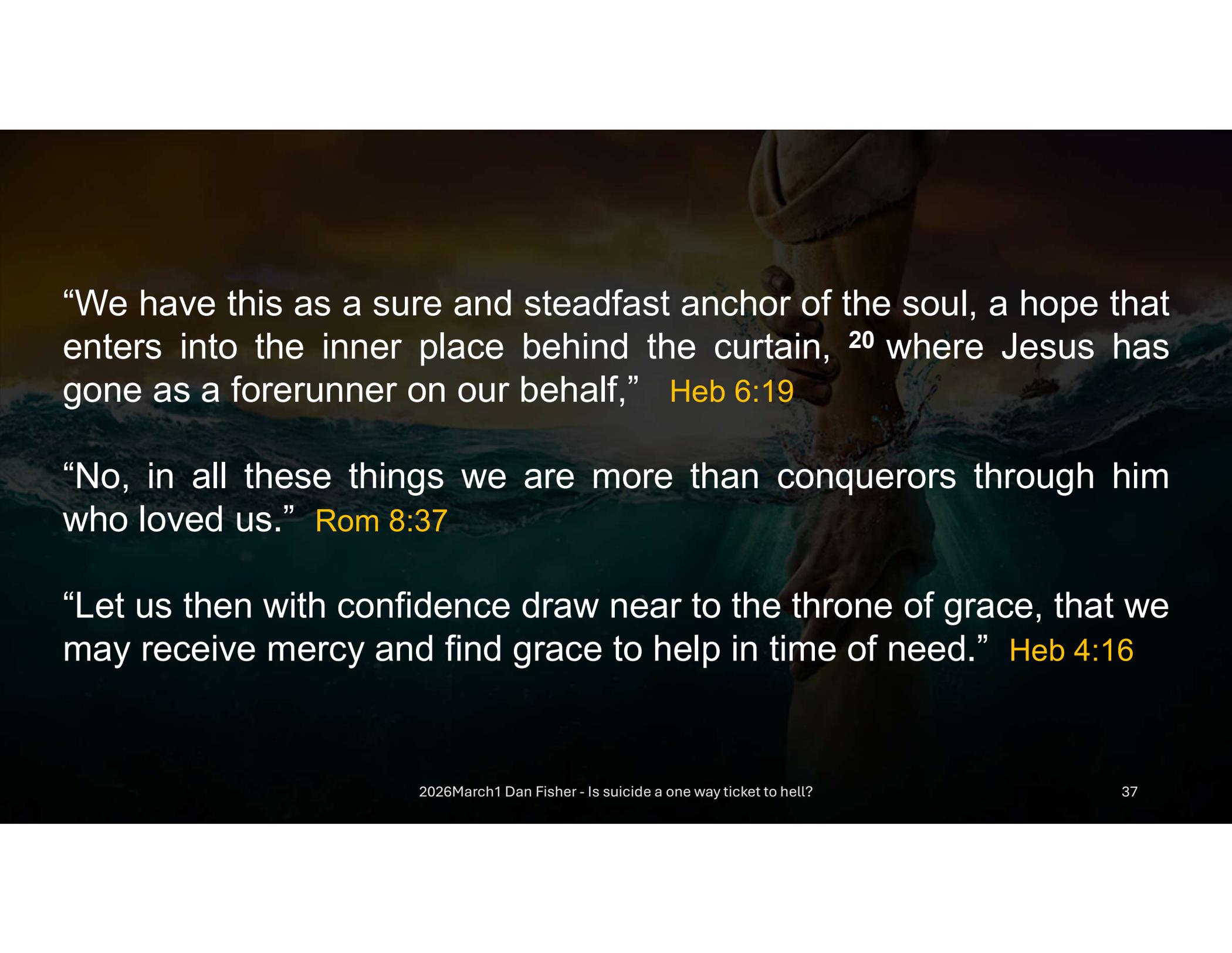
“[Depression] is a sickness that drives the patient into death. Suicide is the deathly end of a depression — similarly as a deathly asthma attack can be the end of a sickness. No one is guilty of being sick in that way.”

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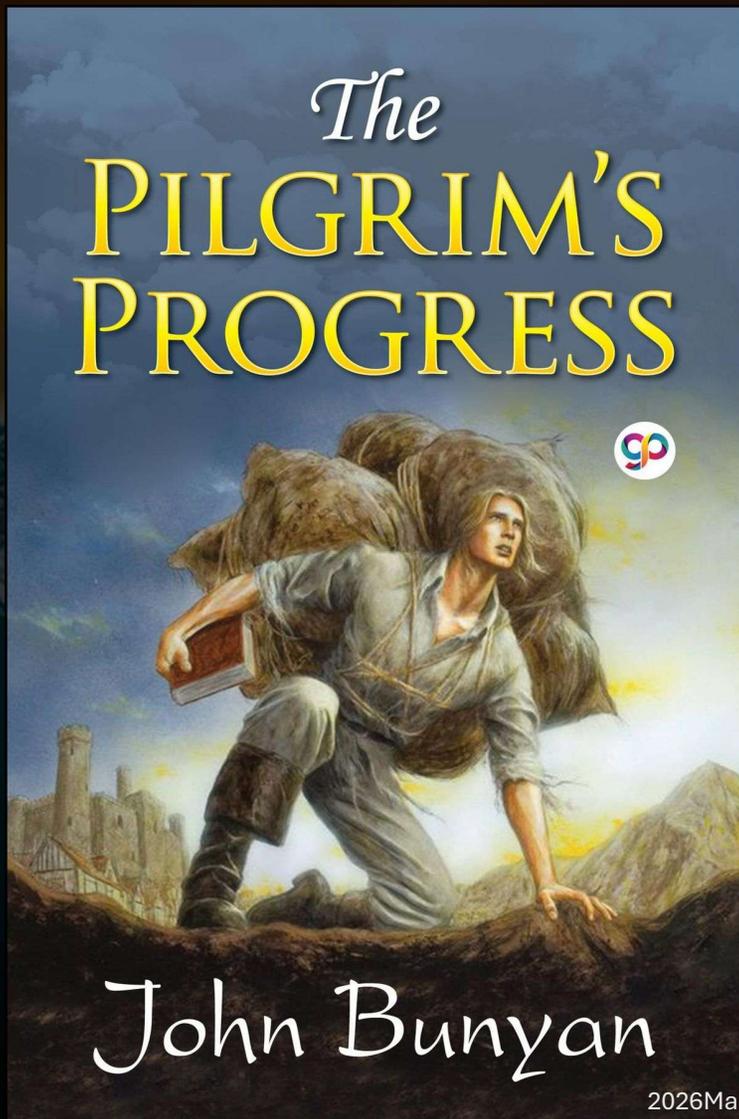
“There is ultimately only one reason why people commit suicide. Most of them have not lost their minds, but all of them have lost hope. They have developed tunnel vision and cannot see any other workable options. Suicide is the only choice left that makes sense – i.e., the only option that to them seems *reasonable*” Bruce Ray

A person's hands are clasped in prayer, resting on a surface of water. The background is a dark, moody landscape with a sunset or sunrise sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

“We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, <sup>20</sup> where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf,” **Heb 6:19**

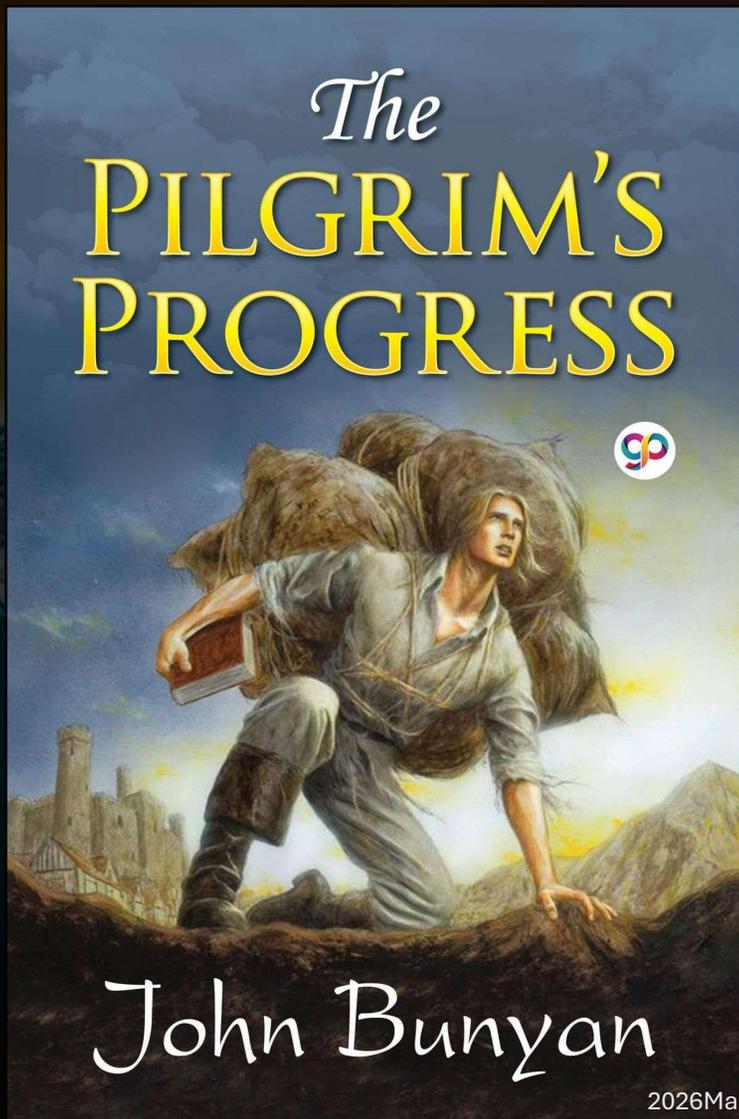
“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.” **Rom 8:37**

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” **Heb 4:16**



Christian and his companion, Hopeful, are beaten, imprisoned, and starved in a dark dungeon

A grotesque figure, Giant Despair, taunts them & urges them "to make an end of themselves" because there is no hope



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Hopeful tells Christian not to give in:

- We are commanded not to murder
- One can eventually escape from the bondage of great despair (1 Cor 10:13)
- Use the relief God brings from despair to take positive steps to escape
- Enduring a little longer may prove to bring release
- Reflect on past victories and aid
- Remember that we have fellow brothers walking with us
- Identify with those in depression and contemplating suicide