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Eternal security

Ending life by suicide

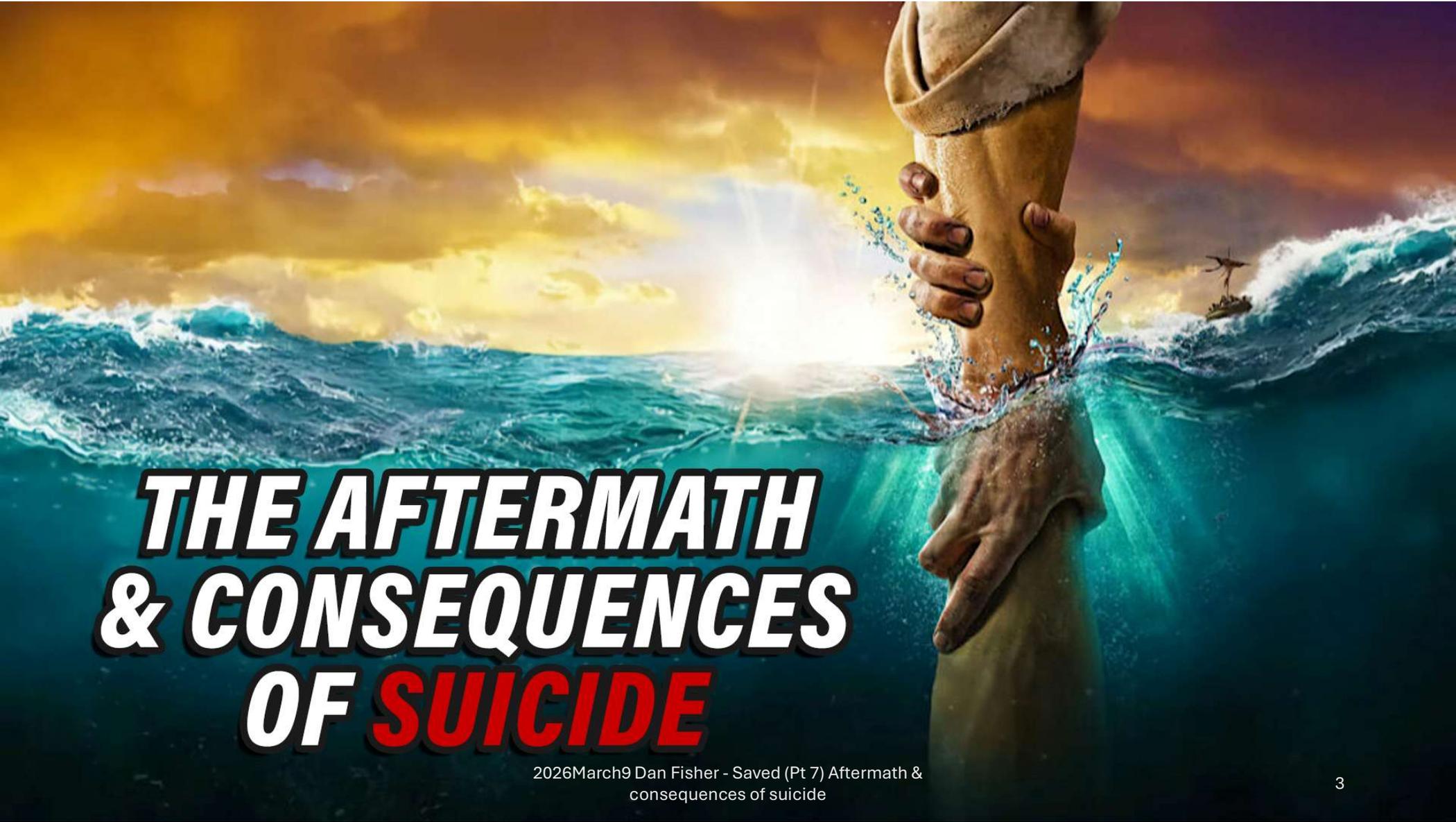
Eternal conscious torment vs. annihilation

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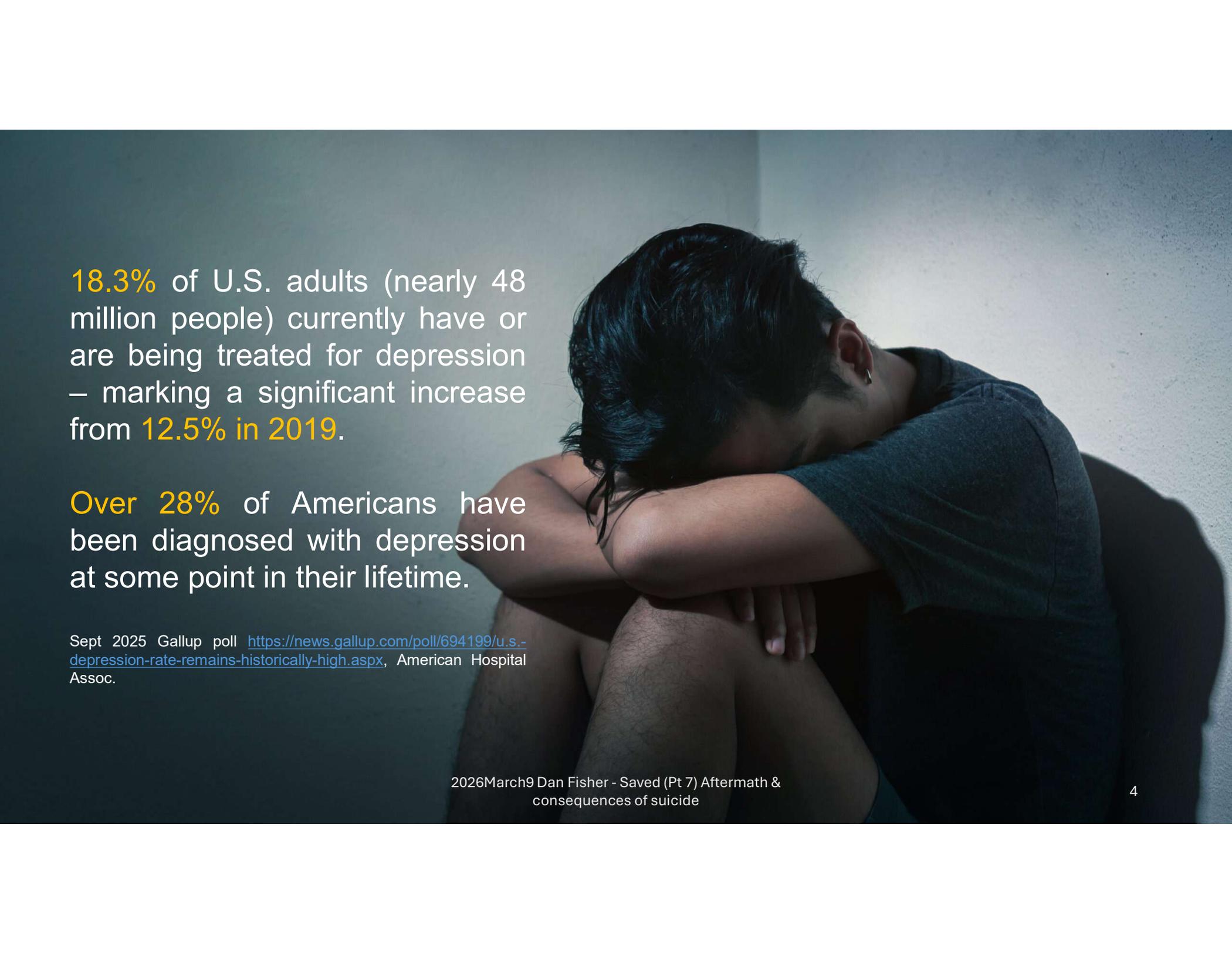
IS SUICIDE A ONE-WAY TICKET TO HELL?

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THE AFTERMATH & CONSEQUENCES OF SUICIDE

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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.

Almost **50,000** people die by suicide in the U.S. each year – the **11th** 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

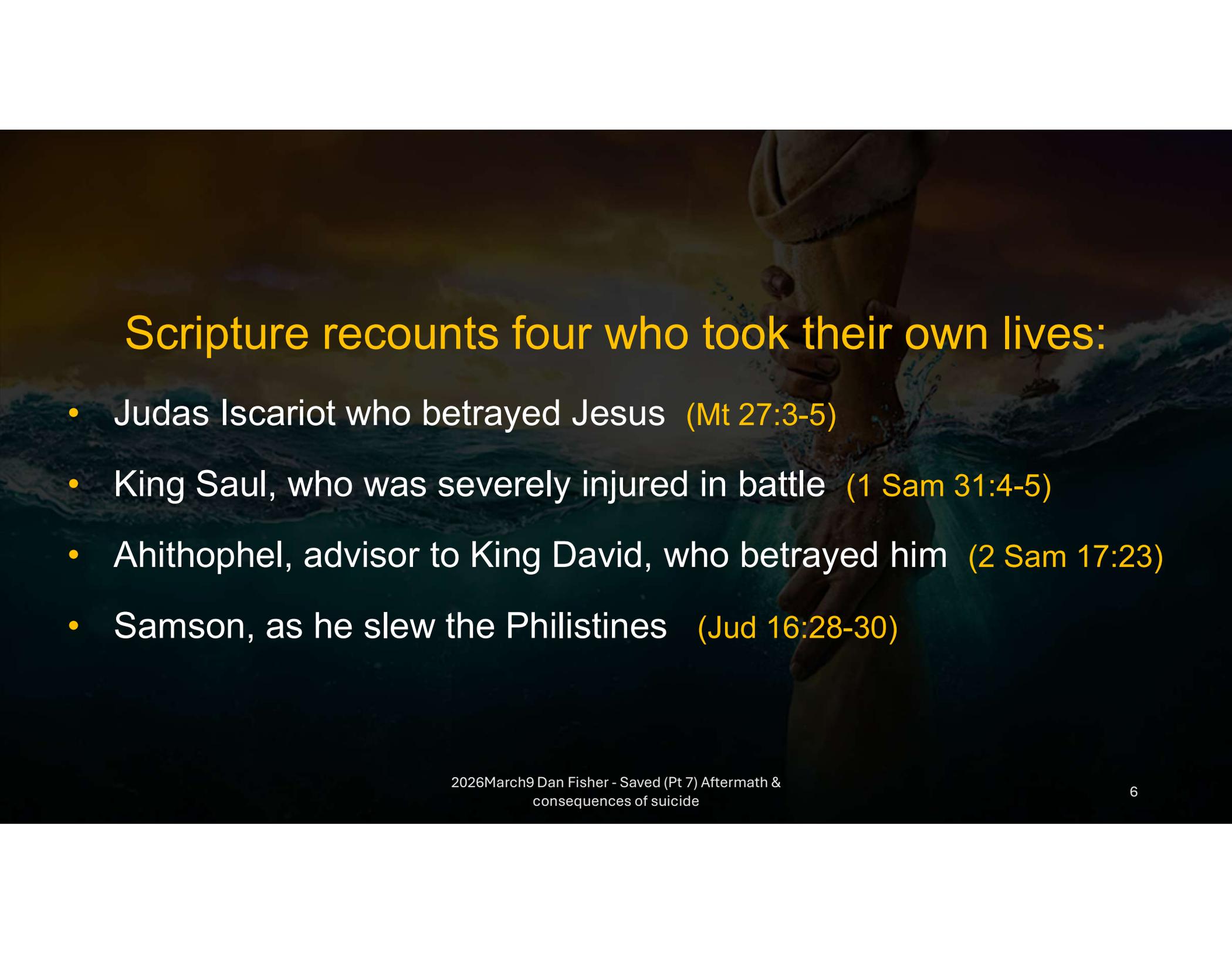
<https://www.cdc.gov/suicide/facts/data.html>

National Institute of Mental Health

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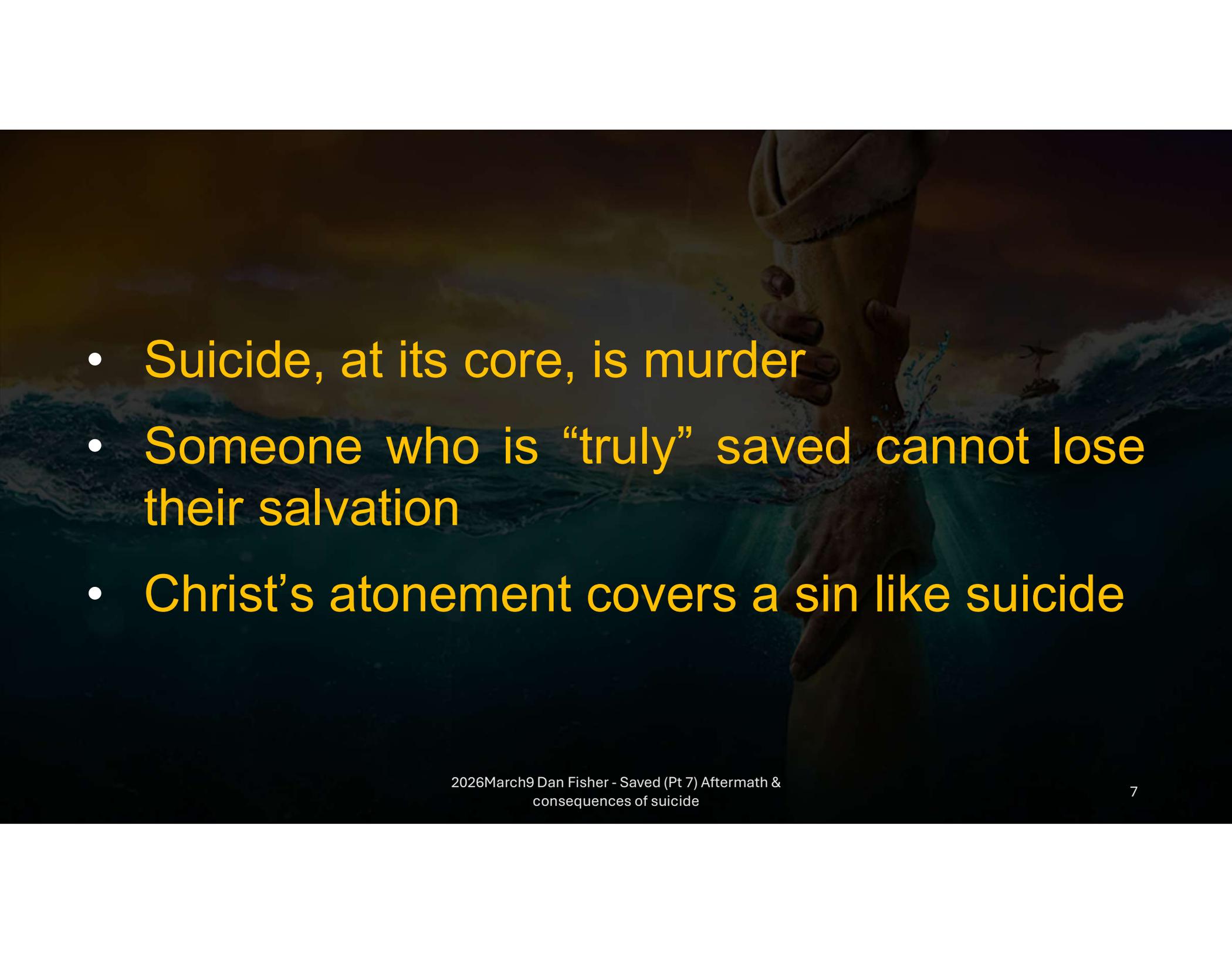
<https://afsp.org/suicide-statistics/>





Scripture recounts four who took their own lives:

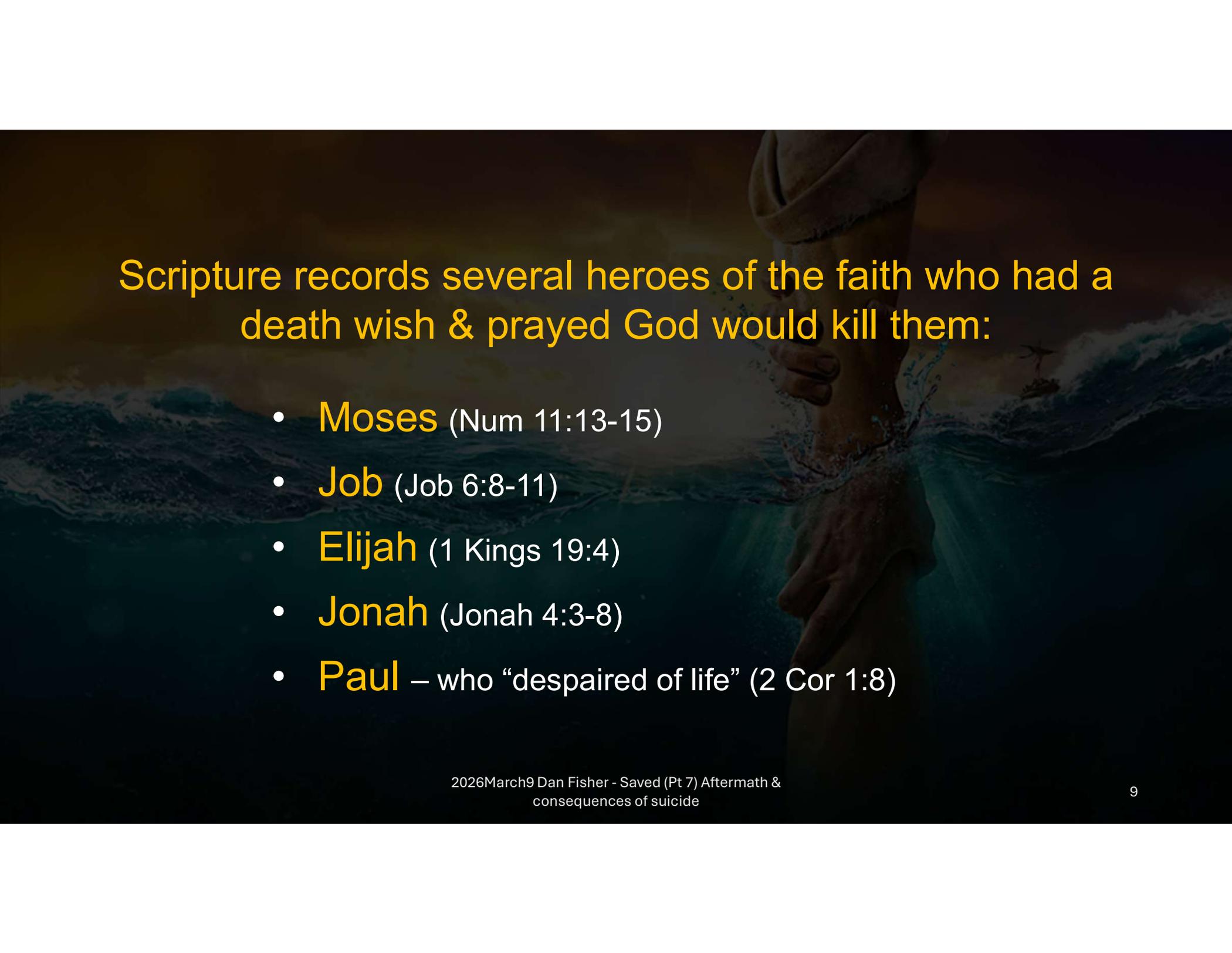
- Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus (Mt 27:3-5)
- King Saul, who was severely injured in battle (1 Sam 31:4-5)
- Ahithophel, advisor to King David, who betrayed him (2 Sam 17:23)
- Samson, as he slew the Philistines (Jud 16:28-30)

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- Suicide, at its core, is murder
 - Someone who is “truly” saved cannot lose their salvation
 - Christ’s atonement covers a sin like suicide

A dark, moody photograph of a person's hand holding another person's hand in the water. The background is a dark, stormy sea with a small boat visible in the distance. The overall tone is somber and dramatic.

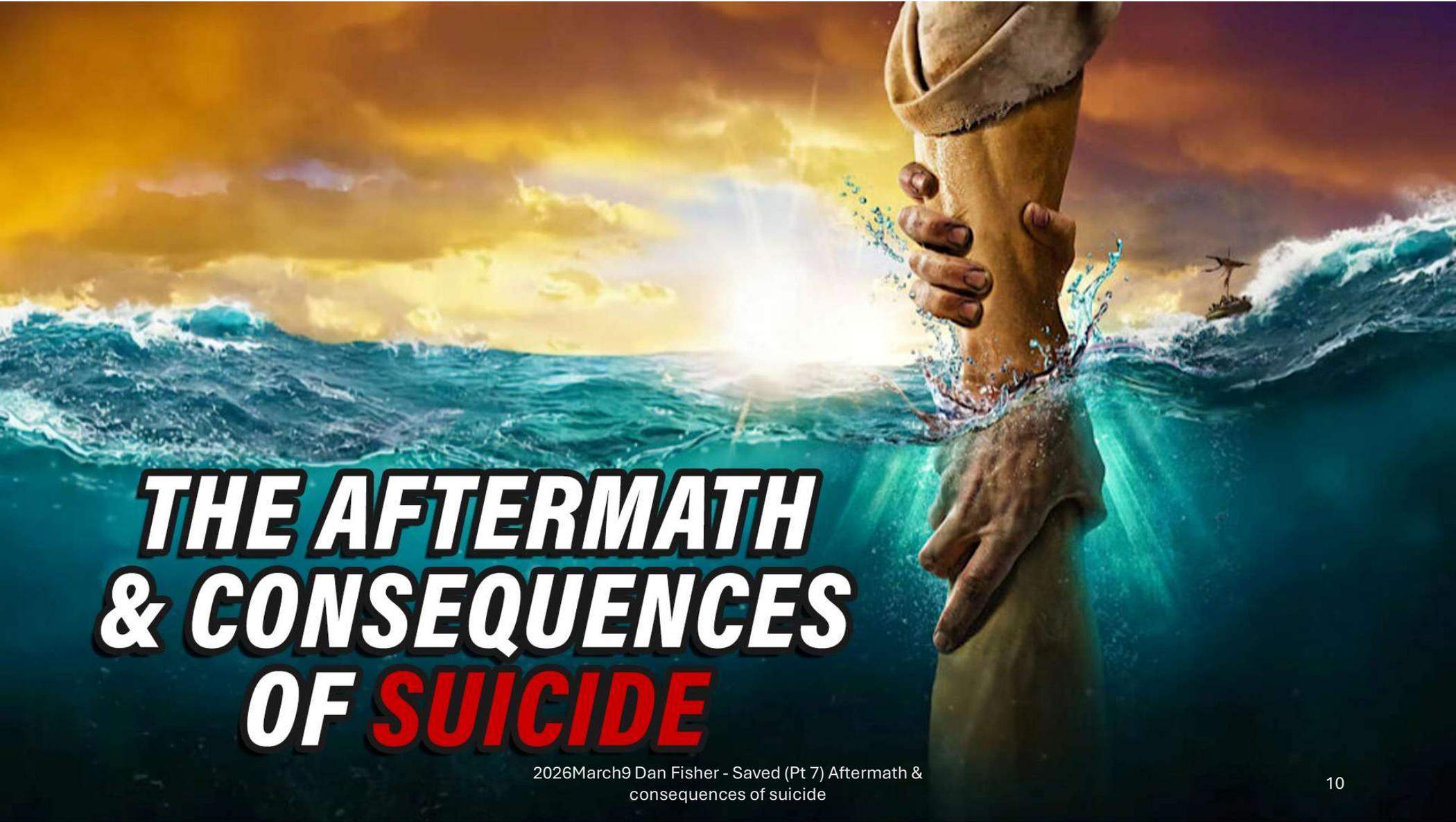
People commit suicide for numerous reasons:

- Catastrophic spiritual failure
- Depression not submitted to the Lord

A person in a boat on a stormy sea, with the person's hands visible in the foreground, suggesting a struggle or a moment of crisis. The background shows a dark, turbulent sea under a stormy sky.

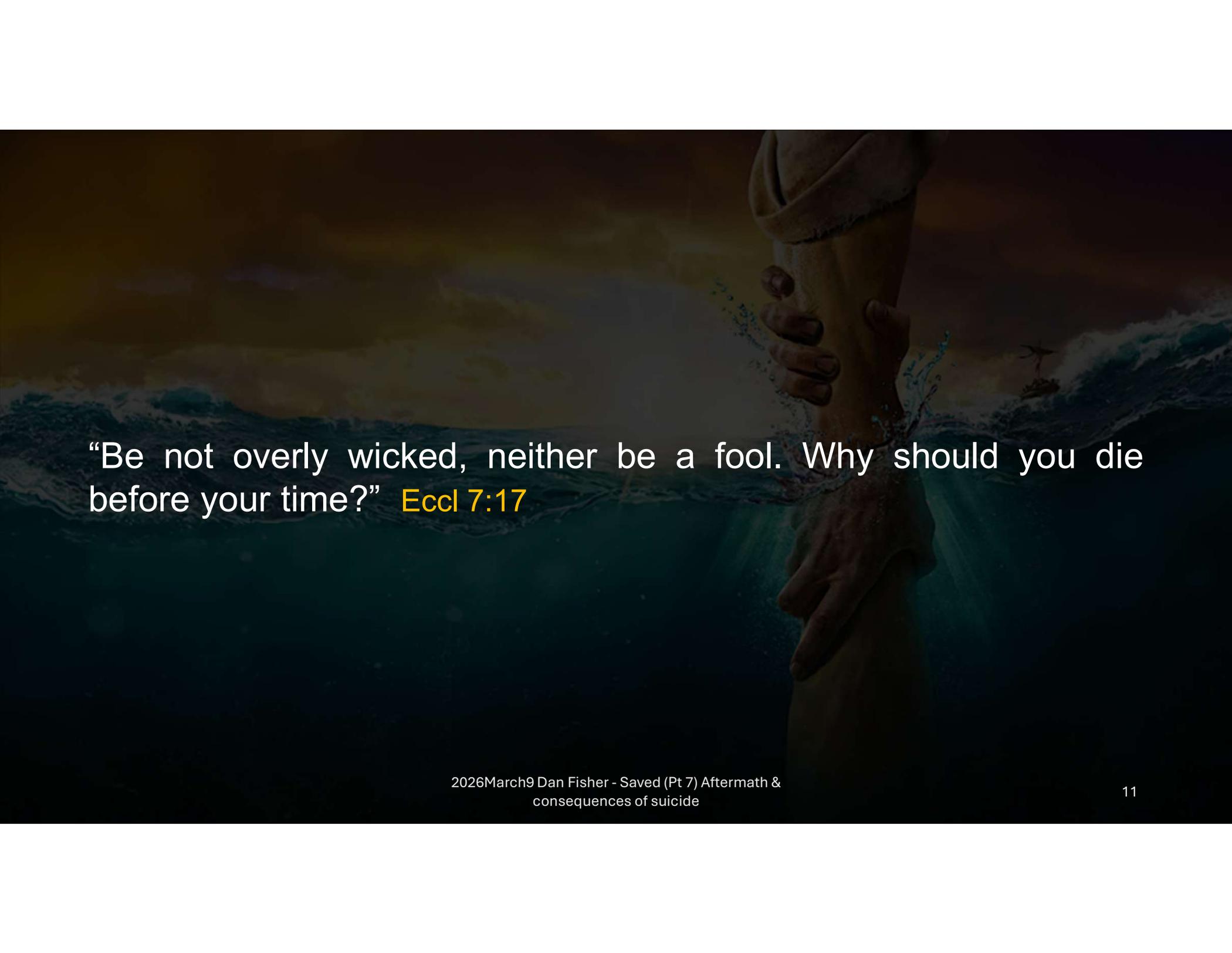
Scripture records several heroes of the faith who had a death wish & prayed God would kill them:

- **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)



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A dramatic, dark scene of a person's hand being held by another hand, with a small boat visible in the distance on a stormy sea.

“Be not overly wicked, neither be a fool. Why should you die before your time?” **Ecc1 7:17**



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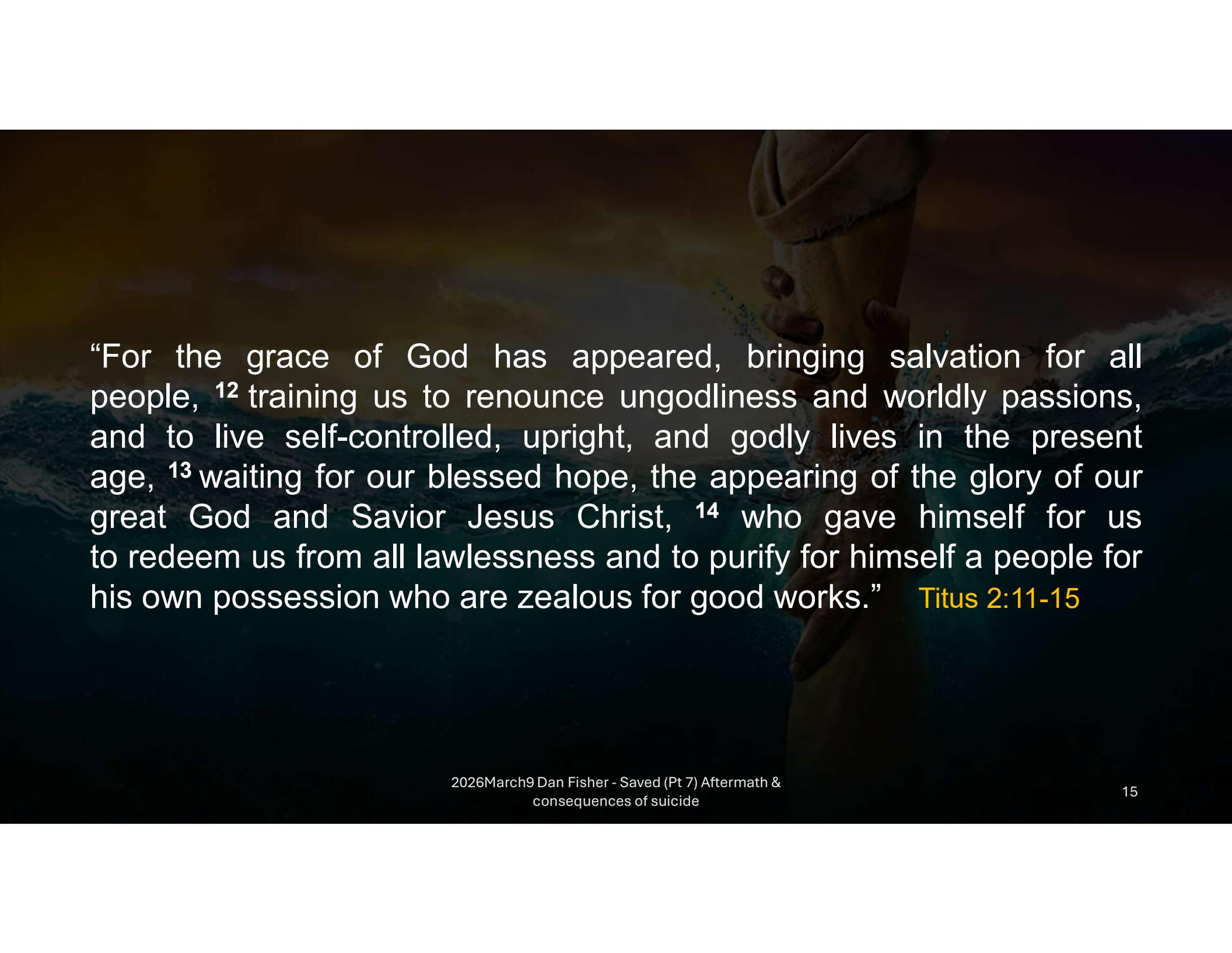
“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.” **2 Cor 5:10**



1. The disgrace suicide is

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- Believers should rise above the world & illustrate what godliness looks like

“that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world” **Phil 2:15**

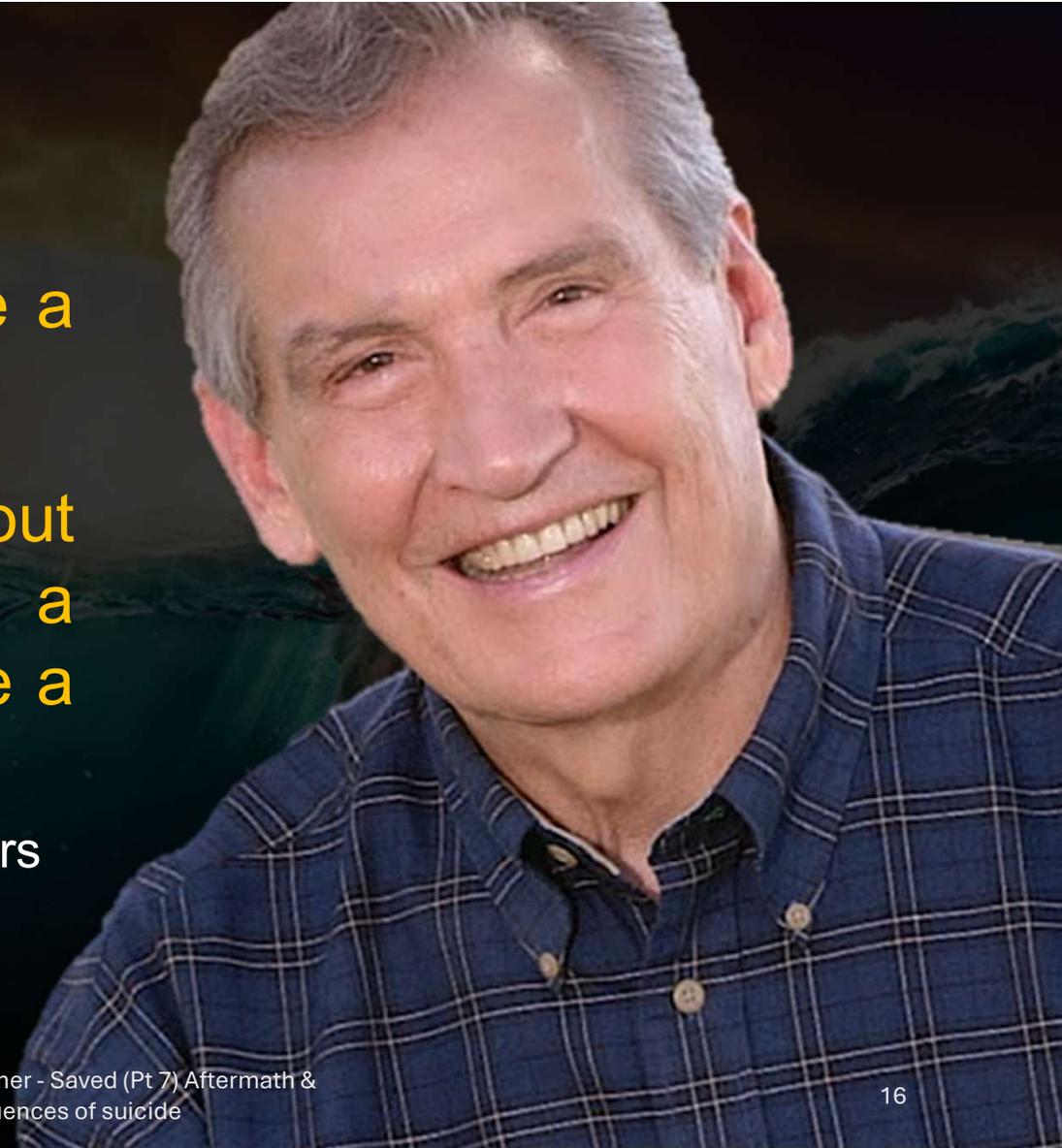


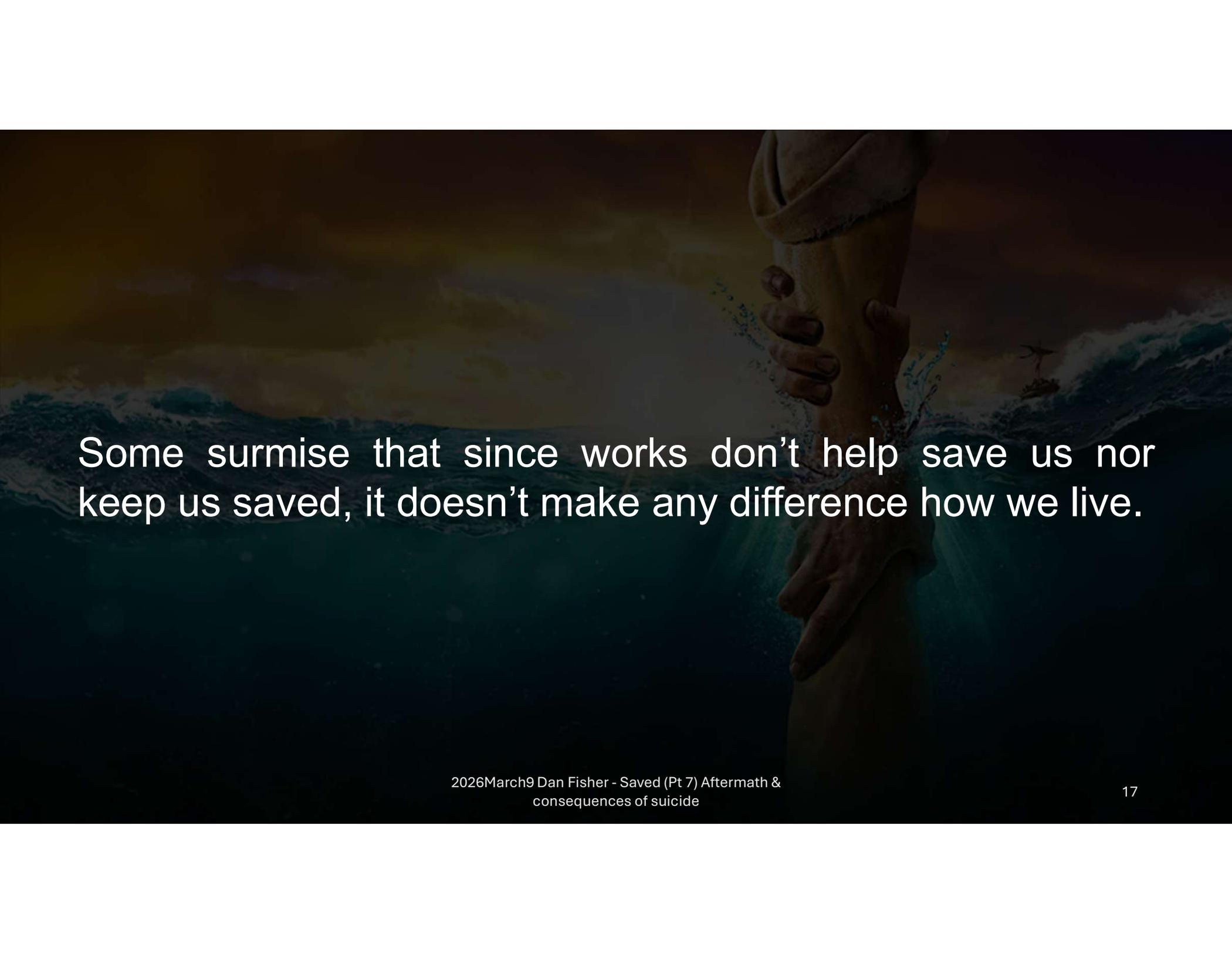
“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.” **Titus 2:11-15**

“A believer should never be a disgrace to grace.”

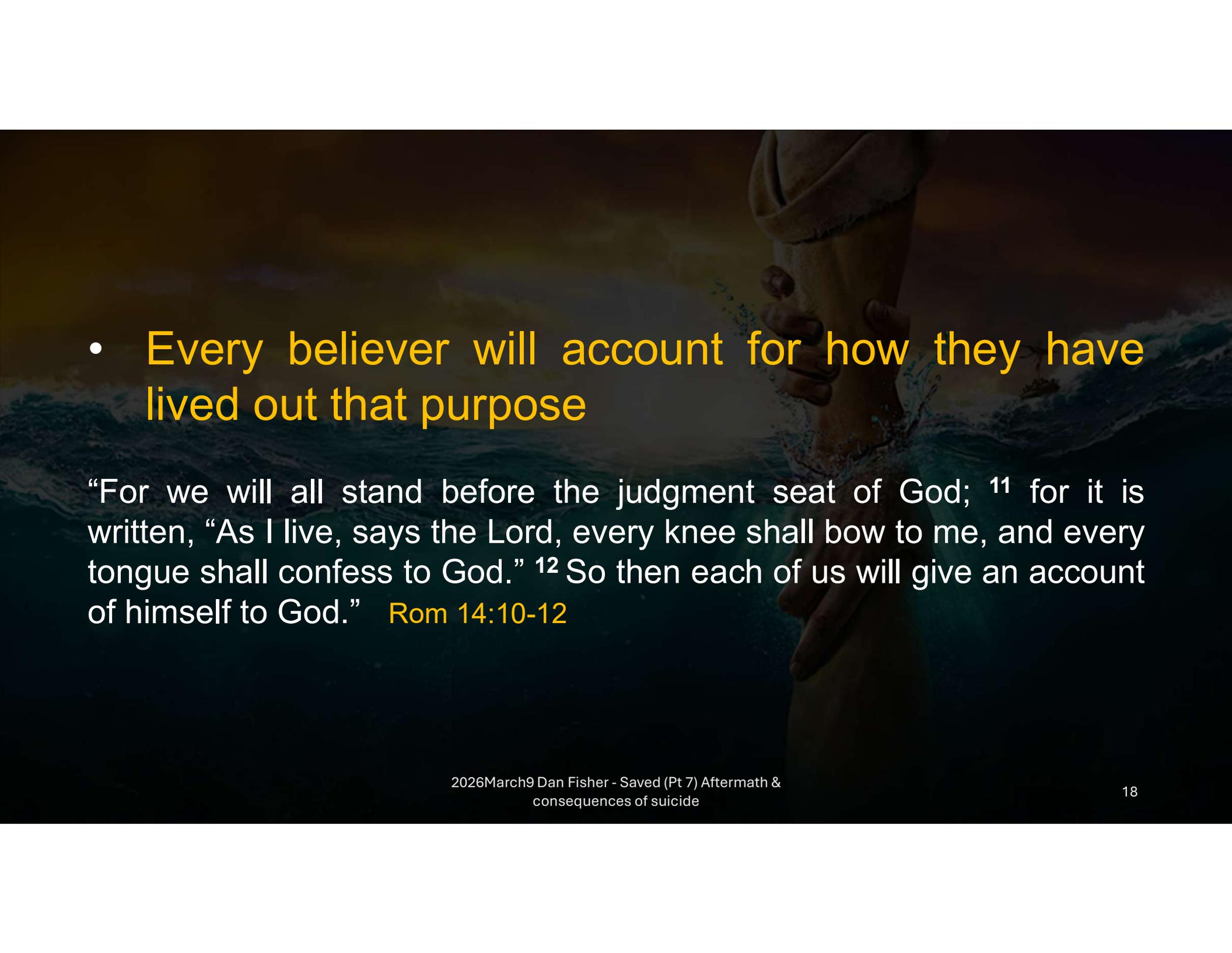
“A Christian ought to stand out in this world’s system like a diamond in a coal mine; like a gardenia in a garbage can.”

Adrian Rogers

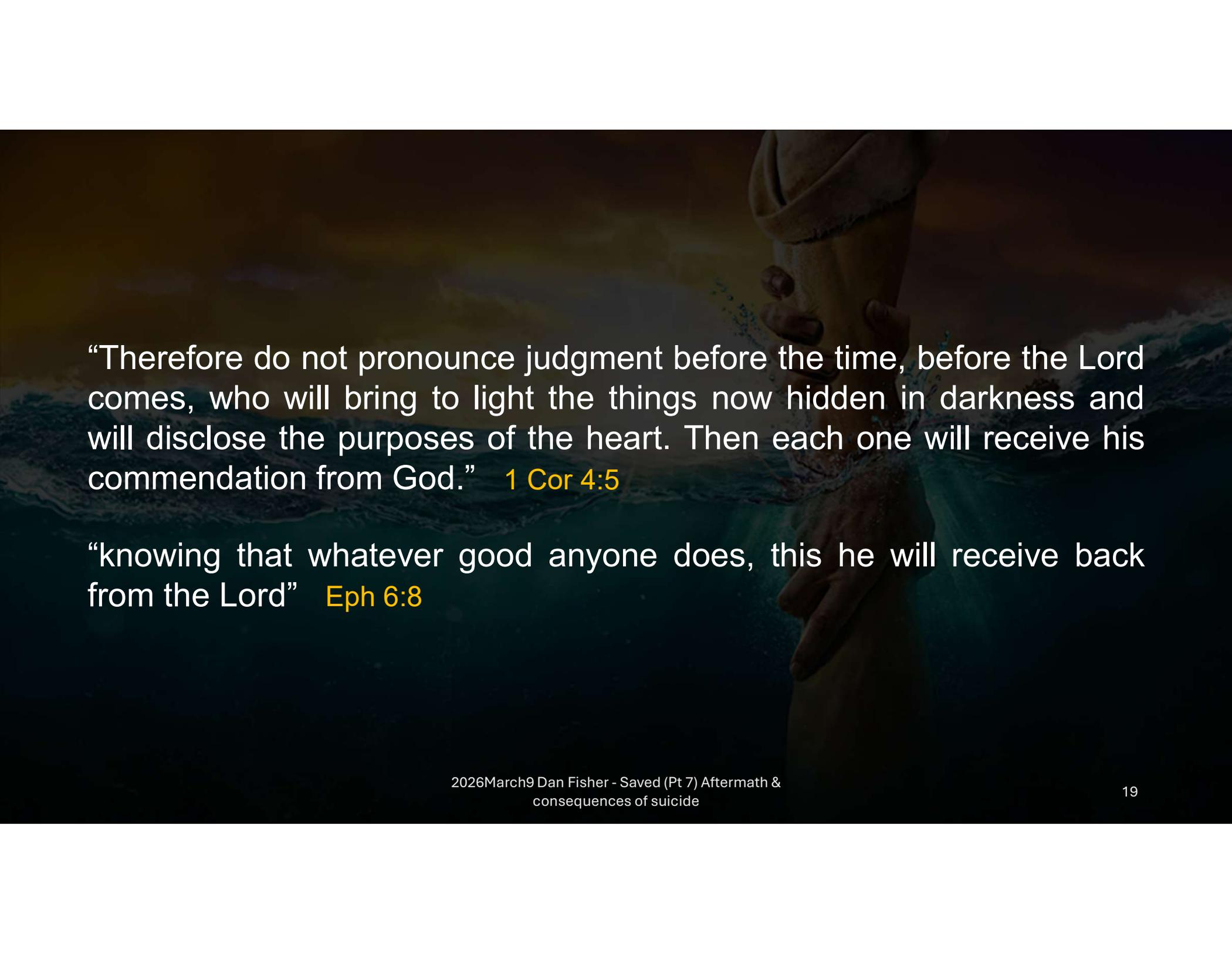




Some surmise that since works don't help save us nor keep us saved, it doesn't make any difference how we live.

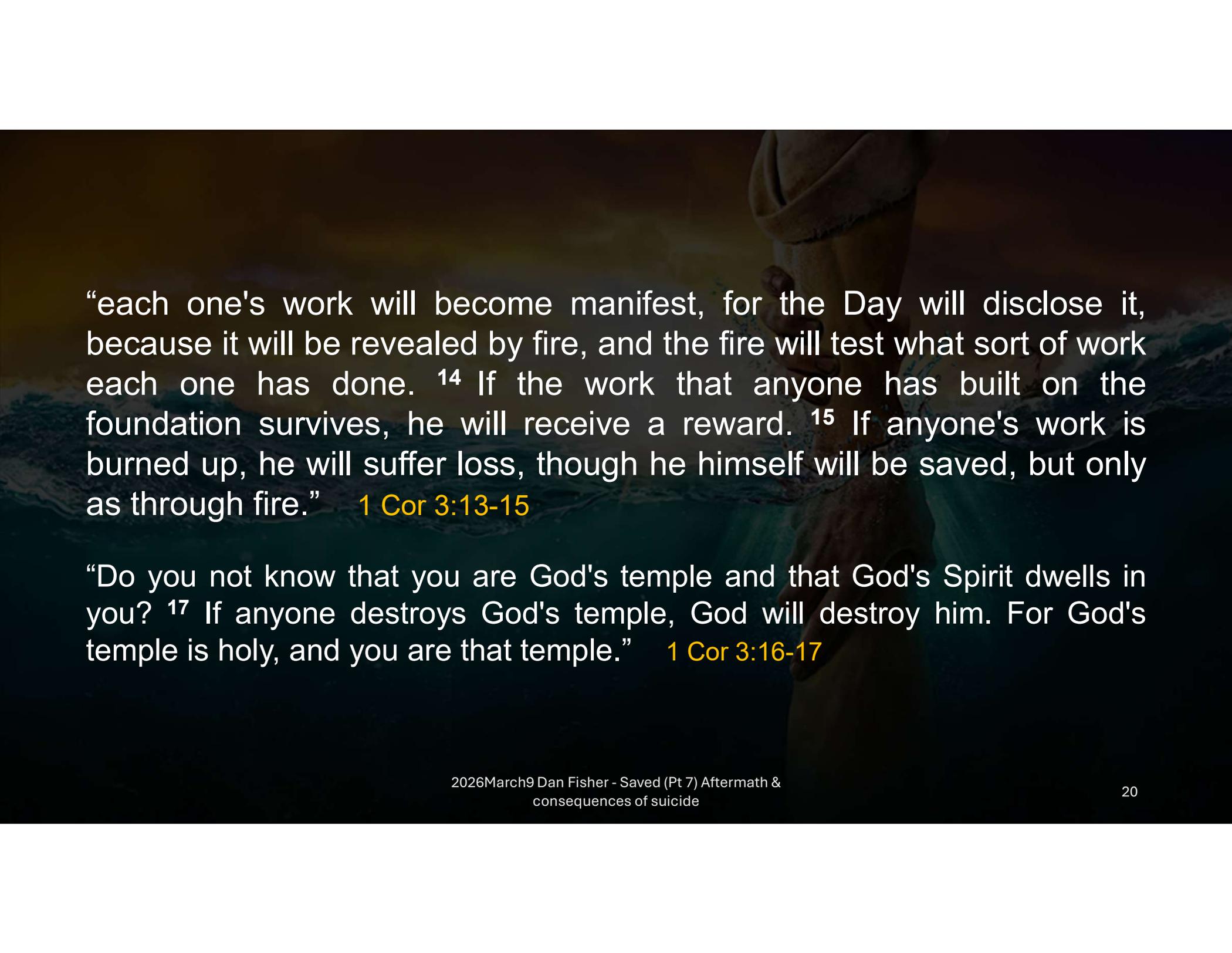
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- Every believer will account for how they have lived out that purpose

“For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” ¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.” **Rom 14:10-12**



“Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.” **1 Cor 4:5**

“knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord” **Eph 6:8**



“each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.” **1 Cor 3:13-15**

“Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.” **1 Cor 3:16-17**



2. The devastation suicide leaves

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The aftermath of suicide touches the lives of everyone who knew the individual affected by the event, far beyond the nuclear family of the deceased.

- 77% of survey participants reported a significant [negative] impact on their lives
- 37% experience mental health issues ... including anxiety, depression, and posttraumatic stress
- 22% experience physical health problems ... such as nausea, chest pain, and insomnia, depression, anxiety, posttraumatic stress, impacted immune system, gastrointestinal symptoms, headaches, and sometimes heart disease



- 38% experienced thoughts of suicide
- 8% attempted suicide following the loss of a loved one to suicide
- 33% experience financial difficulties and the dissolution of family and other relationships
- A significant number engage in high-risk behaviors such as substance misuse and impulsive financial or sexual behaviors

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- Bereavement from suicide loss can lead to complicated grief – a prolonged & intense form of grief that can hinder the mourning process and impair an individual’s functioning and quality of life
- Survivors can experience overwhelming feelings of guilt, confusion, rejection, shame, anger, and trauma, societal stigma, inhibiting their ability to openly discuss their loss, which can impede healing



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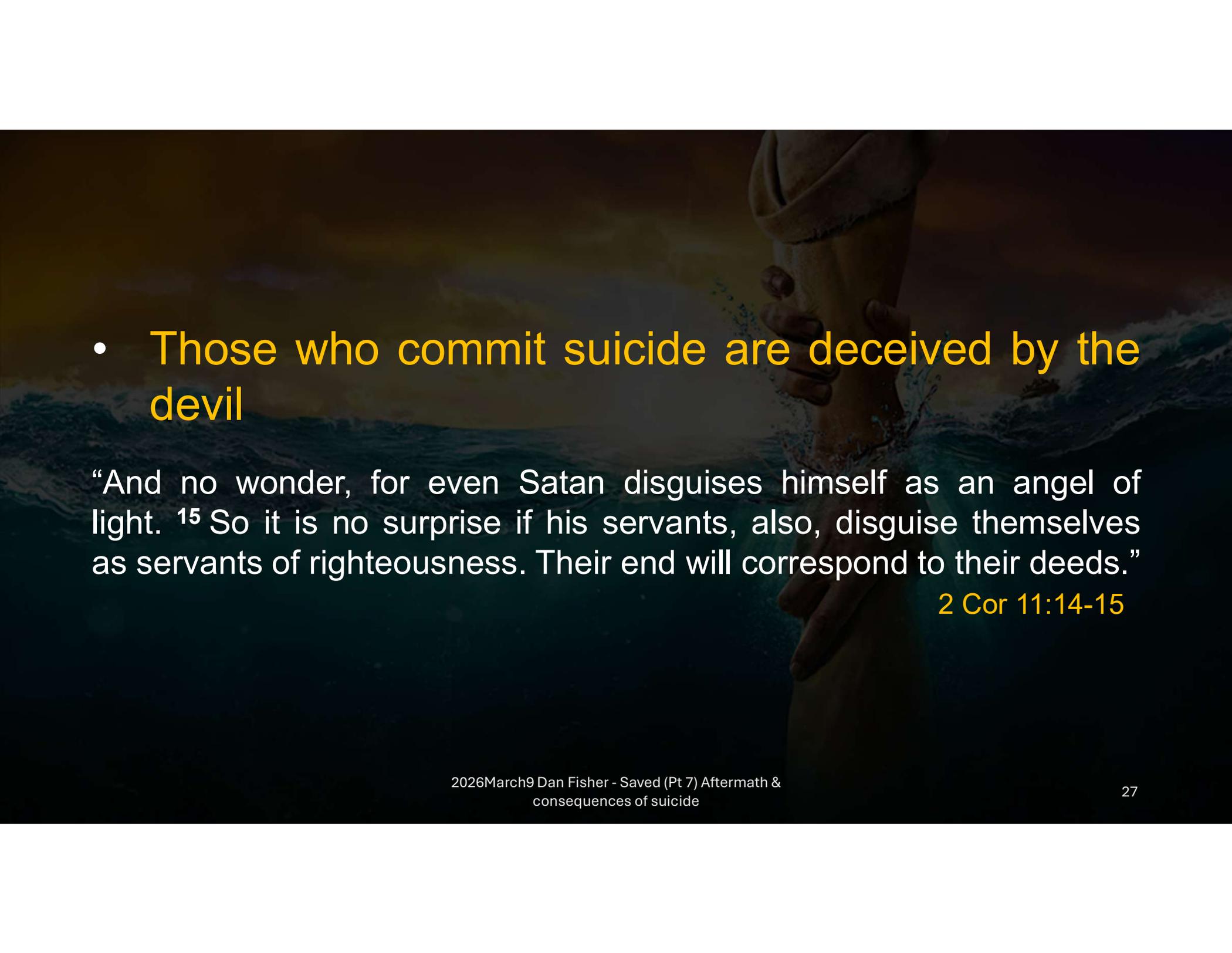
- Families report logistical and financial challenges, stress from police investigations around the death of their loved one, societal stigma, fear of further suicides within the family and difficulty forming new relationships outside the family
- Bereaved adolescent survivors report engaging in risky behaviors while their parents struggle to provide sufficient emotional support and have a higher risk of suicide mortality themselves, especially following the suicide of a parent

“The Ripple Effect: Impact of Suicide on Family and Friends,”
Glen P. Davis, MD, Institute for Community Living, 1/14/25

<https://behavioralhealthnews.org/the-ripple-effect-impact-of-suicide-on-family-and-friends/>

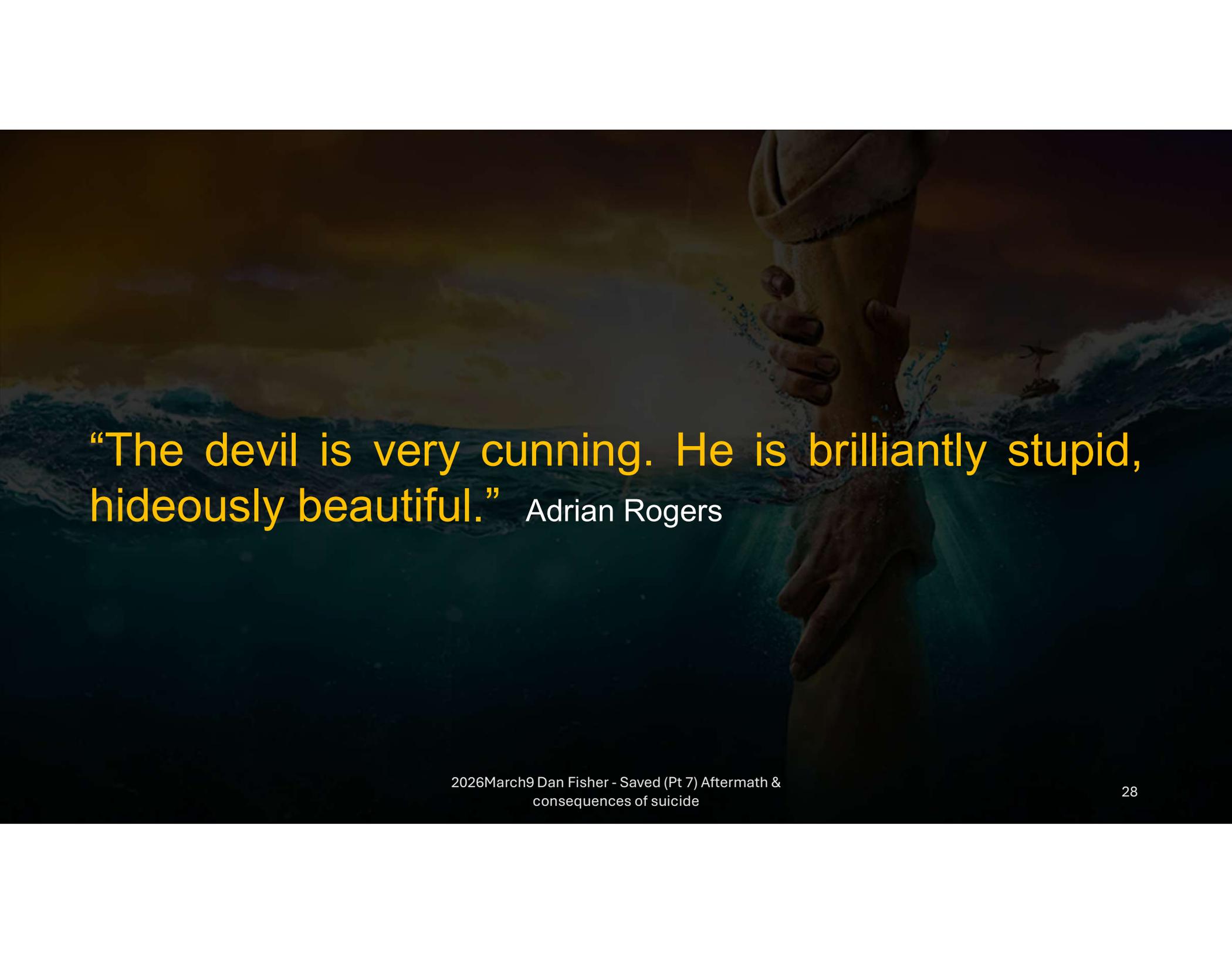


3. The deception suicide spreads

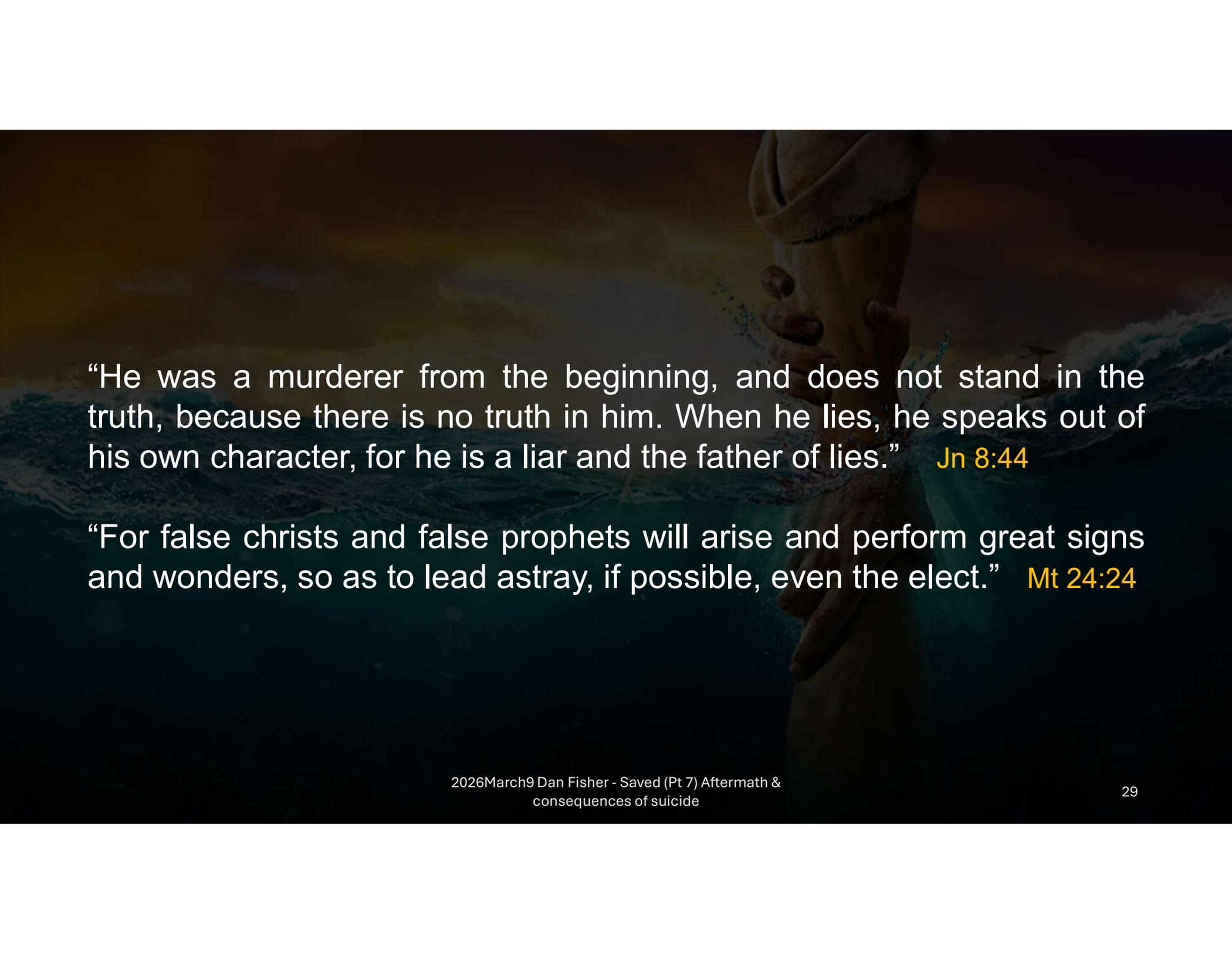
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- A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a small, dark object over a body of water. The hand is positioned as if about to drop the object. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with a horizon line. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.
- Those who commit suicide are deceived by the devil

“And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵ So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.”

2 Cor 11:14-15

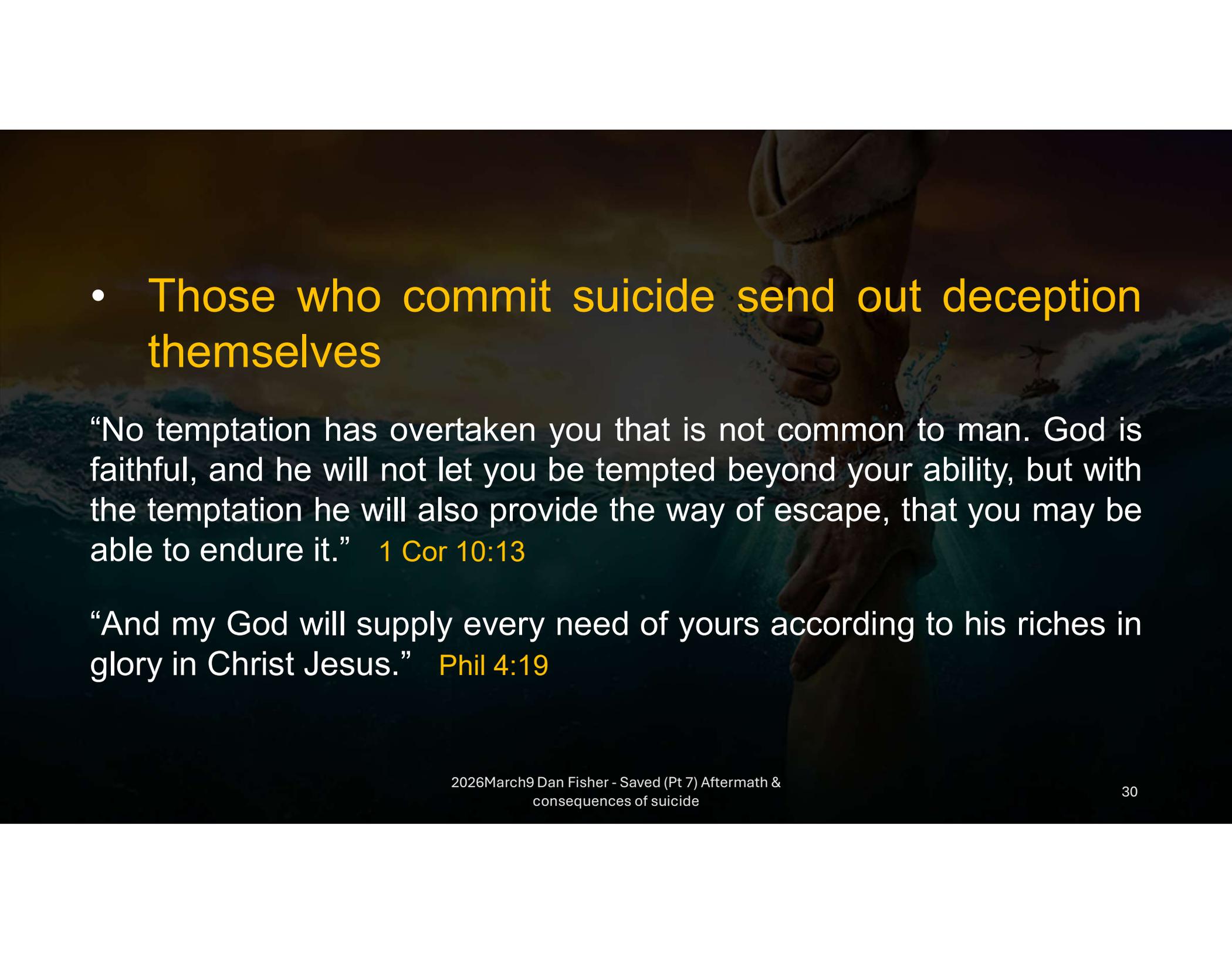


**“The devil is very cunning. He is brilliantly stupid,
hideously beautiful.”** Adrian Rogers



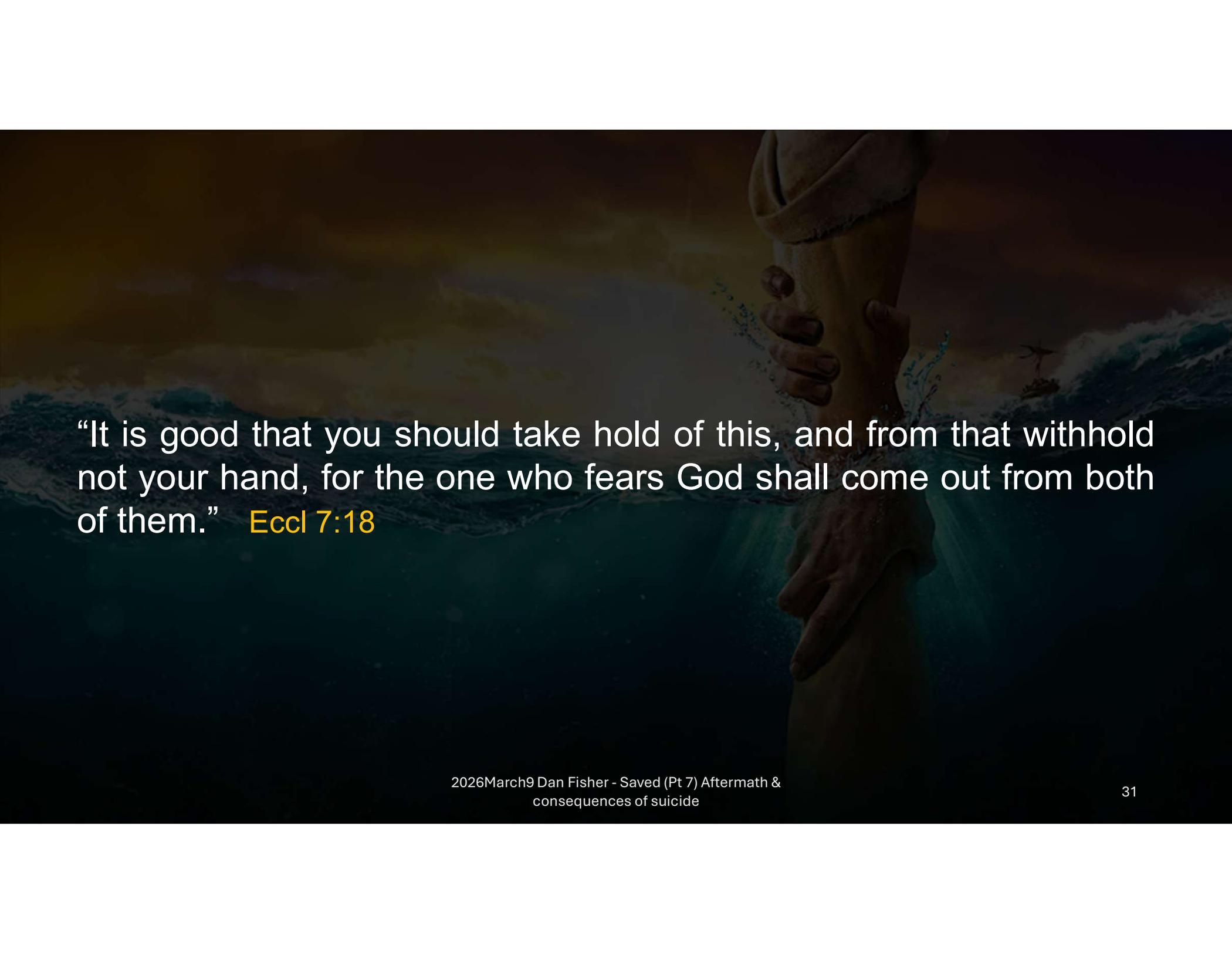
“He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” **Jn 8:44**

“For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.” **Mt 24:24**

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- Those who commit suicide send out deception themselves

“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**



“It is good that you should take hold of this, and from that withhold not your hand, for the one who fears God shall come out from both of them.” **Ecc1 7:18**

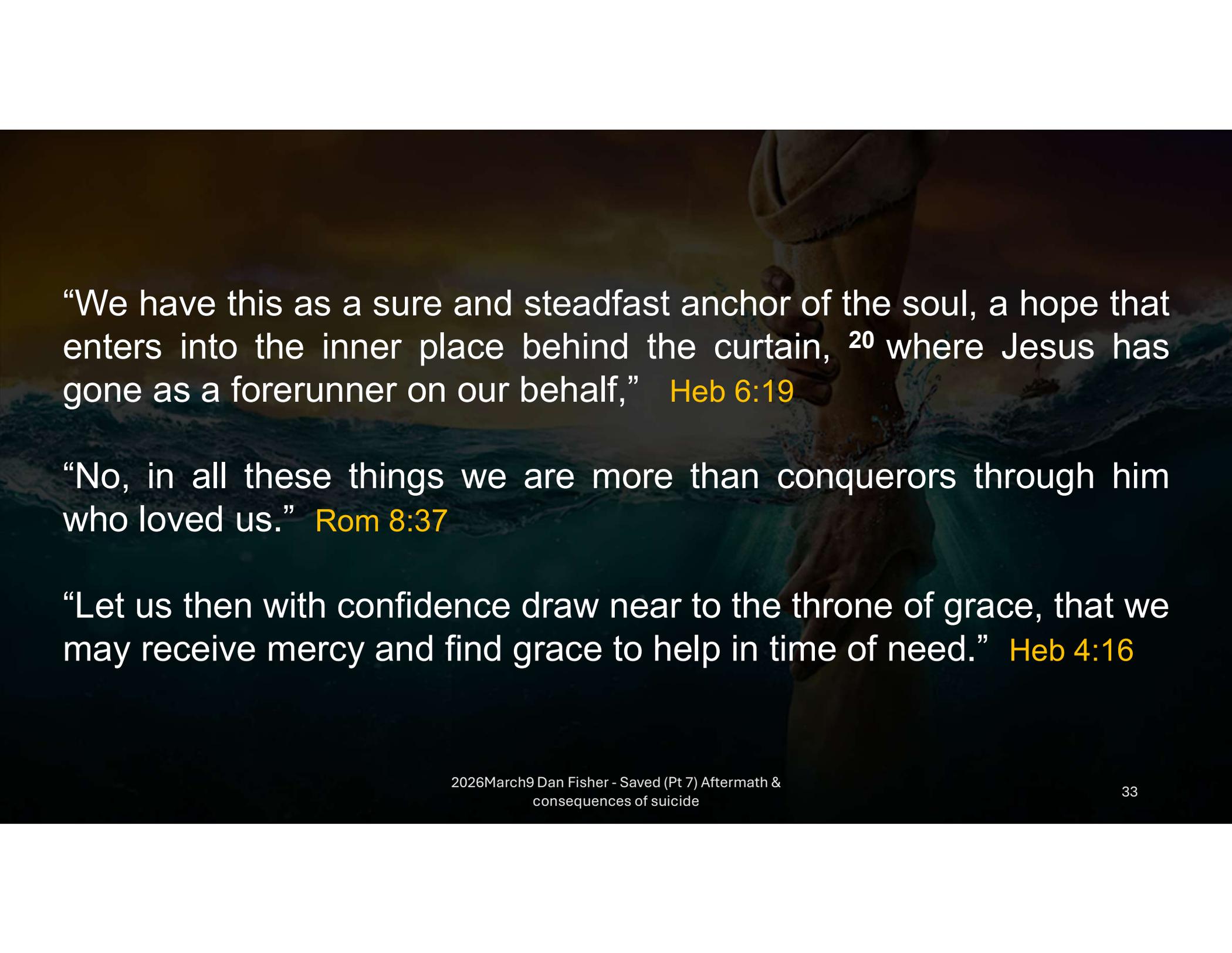
HELP!

MY FRIEND IS SUICIDAL



bruce ray

“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, ²⁰ 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**