

The Ten Commandments - Part 33: You Shall Not Murder - Suicide (12/12/2022)

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This is going to be our last week talking about the sixth commandment that commands we are commanded not to murder. Today we are going to cover a topic that is very difficult to talk about; it is a very sensitive topic. They say that for every one person that takes their life, an average of six people are impacted to the degree that they cannot function in society in the way they were accustomed to, radically flipping their world upside down.

I want you to think about that. For every one person that the devil convinces there's no hope, that nobody loves you, that there's no other way to deal with this situation - for every one person that happens to, that they buy the lie, six people's lives will be radically flipped upside down. The enemy will hurl upon them guilt, pain, and suffering. The enemy will actually try to infect these people, who are broken, with anger. He will try to manipulate all of these emotions to his glory. I have seen this; I have seen the enemy work. It's amazing. You think the enemy is just after one person. In the process, he is after a harvest. It's absolutely demonic. One of the darkest things that we can talk about is this subject.

So, we are going to address this subject today through a biblical lens. I want to begin by giving you a little bit of perspective as to what we are dealing with in our society. Here are a few statistics:

[In 2020, 45,979 Americans died by suicide.](#)

[Suicide is the 12th leading cause of death in the US.](#) This is a significant problem.

Put this into further perspective; [every day approximately 125 Americans die by suicide.](#)

[There is one suicide death in the US every 11 and a half minutes.](#) That means more than five people are going to take their life before I am done presenting this message to you.

Put that into further perspective; [there is one suicide death for every estimated 25 suicide attempts.](#) A 25 to 1 ratio. Do the math on that: for every one person, 25 had already tried, but by the grace of God were unsuccessful. That is a radical problem.

[There are approximately 1,149,475 annual attempts in the US, or one attempt every 27 and a half seconds.](#) Are you feeling the weight of this war? The devil is convincing so many people that not 30 seconds goes by where someone has bought another lie.

I think of Revelation 12:12, which says, "**Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.**" You

want to know how short his time is? He doesn't let 30 seconds go without peddling another lie and convincing someone to take their life.

[Suicide is the third leading cause of death for 15 to 24-year-old Americans.](#) We're not just dealing with the top ten; we're talking about the top three. Do you know what number two is? Murder. Isn't that interesting, how in the top three, two and three are directly associated to the sixth commandment.

[Suicide is the second leading cause of death in the world for those aged 15 to 24.](#) It's not simply an American problem; we have a global epidemic; this is a global killer. The devil has been far too successful in convincing people that they are worthless, that they have no value, that they have no purpose in their life, that life is just not worth living, that there is no hope, there is no love, and that nobody loves them. This is what the enemy is convincing them of. I look at the situation right now; we are living in a generation where the devil has wrapped humanity in a cocoon of lies, mercilessly destroying humanity. This is awful.

[Lesbian, gay, and bisexual kids are three times more likely than straight kids to attempt suicide at some point in their lives. Medically serious attempts at suicide are four times more likely among the LGBTQ youth than other people.](#) He is relentless at peddling these lies. It's interesting, a secular world can look at these same statistics and come to a completely different conclusion than someone who is rooted and grounded in truth and understands this through the word of God.

[U.S. News. US suicides increase in 2021 after two years of progress. A total of 1,667 more suicides occurred in 2021 than in 2020, amounting to 47,646 deaths by suicide overall, according to the report.](#) Things are getting bad. This headline is almost deceptive in looking at the situation as though we've had progress and we were doing good, when in fact, when you go back to 2000 and you put all the numbers together, this is what we see: [suicide rates increased 30% between 2000 and 2018, and declined in 2019 and 2020.](#) A small margin. If you look at the bigger picture, what do we see? What do we realize? We realize that we are now living in a society that is addicted to death. We're living in a culture of death; we are promoting death. Do you want to know what I'm talking about? It's gotten so bad that we are glamourising suicide; it's now fashionable. Nay I say, people will portray it as compassionate, as mercy. This is what is being purported. This is what you would call euthanasia. This is what you would call physician assisted suicide.

Let me share with you some definitions; I think this is going to help. Medical News Today said, ["What are euthanasia and assisted suicide?" A doctor is allowed by law to end a person's life by a painless means, as long as the person and their family agree. Whereas in assisted suicide, a doctor assists an individual intaking their own life, if the person requests it.](#) So according to this Medical News Today definition, with euthanasia, the doctor would actually be facilitating the lethal injection; the doctor would give it. In assisted suicide, he simply gives him the toxic medication, and that person takes it themselves at home or wherever they may be. We are romanticising the concept of suicide right now. It's being portrayed as dignity in death. It's being portrayed as compassion in choice.

I'm going to raise a few eyebrows here, but hear me through this. If I didn't have a relationship with Jesus, with Yeshua, if I wasn't immersed in His word and seeking His counsel on all matters, this is where I would be. I would be pushing this; I would champion this cause. I would be a voice for this cause, encouraging people to take their life, if that is what they wanted. Why? Because in the flesh, if somebody is suffering and they are in agony, and if they want to end it and they don't want to suffer anymore, the flesh would tell you to put that to an end; let's have mercy on this person, if that

is what they want. You know, "my body, my choice". This is exactly where I would be without the LORD, without the LORD's counsel.

Physician assisted suicide is legal in eleven jurisdictions: California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Montana, Maine, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington. I put this slide in here right at the last point because I wanted you to see, this is already legal in parts of our country. It's legal in other countries, but the trend is growing. Again, going back to where I was, I would be promoting this; I would be down in the front lines if it were not for this: **"You shall not murder."** You are not to take the life of another person, nor are you to take your own. This one commandment - two words in the Hebrew - completely dismantles Satan's entire campaign where he romanticises this whole concept of suicide, whether independent or whether assisted. It is the word. It stops you dead in your tracks. It doesn't allow you to get to that point.

We read in Psalm 119:50, **This is my comfort in my affliction.** Understand, the psalmist is suffering; he is in affliction. Where is he drawing comfort from? Is it from the counsel of the world, the ideology of the world? Or is it from the counsel of the LORD? He says this, **Your word has given me life.** Listen to me carefully, because it is getting so dark and so twisted, and the thinking of the world is so perverse because they are being led by the devil. If you think for one moment that you have a chance of going toe to toe with the devil, on your own, you will never win that battle. You are outmatched; you are outgunned; and you are outwitted. You will be out-strategized. You don't have the physical power. You don't have the spiritual power. You don't have the spiritual means to defend yourself. The only way you get that is by running to Yeshua.

As it says in Proverbs 18:10, **The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.** You have to go to the Word; that's the only way we know. As it says in Hebrews 4:12, **For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** So, when I have lies being pumped into my head that there's no hope, that nobody loves me, and actually, because I'm suffering - and whatever I'm suffering from, there's never been a cure - the only answer is to kill myself. The only way I can combat that, when I'm at my lowest, is going and trusting in the Word. I don't stand a chance outside of it. We need His Word.

I want to take you to the book of Job, because for those of you who see yourself in a situation of despair, for those of you who have been confronted with the lies of haSatan, that you don't matter, that you don't have value, that there's no hope for you, that you're an utter and completely worthless failure; for those of you that have been dealing with these lies and many others, you have got to go to the book of Job. This story has been preserved for you. This is the power of the Word. This is the power that will give you life.

In Job chapter 1, what we see is Satan moves against the LORD; he goes to challenge the LORD in regard to the man Job. Satan basically comes out and says, "Does Job serve you for nothing? You've abundantly blessed him. You've given him every reason to serve you. Stretch out Your hand, take what he has, and he will curse You to Your face." This is what Satan believed. He believed Job had put his stock - his identity - in his riches.

So how does the LORD respond? One of the scariest verses you will read, not just in the book, but really in the Word is in Job 1:12, **And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person."** So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD (*emphasis added*). What happened? I want you to understand how this story unfolds. The LORD gave all power to the devil over Job, except He put up a barrier and said, "You just can't touch him".

When Satan went out, what did he spare? Nothing. He did not spare his oxen; he did not spare his cattle; he did not spare his sheep. He did not spare his servants. And guess what else he did not spare - his children. He took everything from Job.

We've got stockbrokers jumping out of windows committing suicide because of financial misfortune. And over my lifetime, I don't know how many stories I have read like that where people, simply because people are in a horrible financial situation, take their life. Why? They don't see hope; there is no hope in their situation. This is what the enemy has done to Job. But he went further, and he took out his family. He has his wife left. Talk about sorrow, trauma, and knowing true pain. When you lose a child, that is pain. How does Job respond? He comes out and says, "**The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.**" He was immovable.

The devil does not like this. The devil comes back and challenges the LORD and says in Job 2:4-5, "**Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. ⁵But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!**" How does the LORD respond? We read in verse 6, **And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life."** The enemy of all enemies had gone out now, and he has gone after Job. Do you think he showed Job mercy? He afflicted him with unimaginable pain and suffering, from the top of his head to the soles of his feet. Incurable disease. No physician, no person could come and help him; there was no relief. And this is on top of losing everything; he has nothing.

Let me be clear on something: I look at Job's life; if anyone was ever given a reason to take his life, Job is that person. How did Job feel? I want you to relate to this man who is experiencing unimaginable suffering, and I want you to hear it from his mouth. This is what we read in Job 3:1-3: **After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth. ²And Job spoke and said, ³"May the day perish on which I was born, and the night in which it was said, 'A male child is conceived.'"** And in verse 11, **"Why did I not die at birth? Why did I not perish when I came from the womb?"** And in verse 16, **"Or why was I not hidden like a stillborn child, like infants who never saw light?"** He said, "It would have been better for me to die, not even just out of the womb but better to die in the womb, than to experience what I am experiencing right now." This is his own mouth. It's not me building this up; this is how he feels.

Then we read this in Job 3:20-21a, **"Why is light given to him who is in misery, and life to the bitter of soul, ²¹who long for death"**(*emphasis added*). He longed for death. It's not a misprint. You can go to the Hebrew; you can read it. Job is longing for death. He is at his breaking point; this is it. He is in the valley of the shadow of death; he has plummeted into despair and there is no relief. He longs for it. Question: Does he take his life?

Then we read this in Job 3:21b, **"but it does not come, and search for it more than hidden treasures"**. This guy is searching for death more than hidden treasures. It's the number 1 thing in his mind; this is what he wants. But he says it doesn't come. Why? Because he does not take his life; it was not an option. He held fast to the LORD; he was not going to breach the sixth commandment. It is not an option; this is not what he was thinking. Yes, he wished for death, but as you go through this entire story, there is no narrative that this is what he considered doing at all. Amazing.

Let's take it a step further. We read this in Job 2:9, **Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!"**(*emphasis added*). His own wife has come to him and said, take your life. "Take your life, end it, give up. Curse God and be done." His wife just came out and said, "Your life is not worth living, and your God is not worth serving." I'm going to tell you that this was the very moment the devil laboured for. This is the very moment that he strategized, to come

to Job at the lowest point in his life, when he is most vulnerable, when he is past his breaking point, past hanging by a thread, to come in through his wife, hoping to accomplish what he set out to do: for Job to turn his back on God and to take his life. This is what he wanted. I'm going to tell you right now, don't think for one moment he is not coming after you; that he is not going to come after you and to try to convince you that, whatever your situation is, there is no hope, there is no love, you are completely worthless, there is no way out, there is only one answer: reject God, reject His word, and take your life. Are you prepared for that war? Are you prepared to battle? When you plummet into that midst of despair, that's when he is going to go to work on you.

I have talked to people who have been open about being challenged with the whole notion of taking their life. I've talked about the lies that the enemy sows to build them up to that moment where they start processing these things of just ending it. You know what I have found? Every single time, every example, the devil didn't share what happens after they take their life. That little titbit of information is withheld regarding what happens when you leave this life in breach of the sixth commandment by taking your life. I'll tell you what happens after, so that you never forget: you will wake up to judgment where the wicked, the abominable, the unbelieving, the idolaters, and the murderers will be judged, and everyone who has rejected their hope and trust in the LORD and have not held fast to His word will be hurled into a lake which burns with fire.

According to Matthew 13:41-42, **"The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, ⁴²and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."** This is what the devil is not telling you. He makes you think, "I'm going to solve all my problems; I'm going to run away from all of this; I'm going to escape this and everything is going to be okay", when you will actually expedite your judgment. That is a scary reality.

How does Job respond? A man who is suffering. I don't know anyone - at least not today - that has gone through what Job has gone through, to be at this depth of despair. This is how Job responds in Job 2:10, **But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God and shall we not accept adversity?"** In all this, Job did not sin with his lips (*emphasis added*). The only way Job could say something like that is if he is connected to the King of kings and the Lord of lords, and if he actually believes this.

How was he able to do it? I can tell you. If you go to Job 19:25, **wa'ă-nî yā-da'tî gō'ă-lî hāy, "For I know my Redeemer lives"**. This is what he knew. He knew the power of God, he knew the goodness of God, and he acknowledged that all the goodness that he had ever had had come from Him. "The willingness that I have to accept His blessing, I must be willing to accept the pain, the sorrow and the suffering." Profound wisdom.

I want to build on this and take you to Psalm 55, a psalm of David. David says in verse 2, **Attend to me and hear me; I am restless in my complaint and moan noisily.** David is beside himself. Why? Verse 3 says, **Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked; for they bring down trouble upon me, and in wrath they hate me.** The adversary has unleashed hell on David. Notice what is troubling him, literally. It is the voice of the enemy. How do you combat that? How are you warring against that? Because the war begins in the mind, and I promise you, it ends in the mind. Suicide is determined in the mind; that is where it is determined. That is where the war is. How are you doing in this?

Let's look at David. He says in Psalms 55:4-5, **My heart is severely pained within me, and the terrors of death have fallen upon me. ⁵Fearfulness and trembling have come upon me, and horror has**

overwhelmed me. How do you describe what he is talking about other than that he is beyond overwhelmed. In verse 6, **So I said, "Oh that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest."** This is a literal reflection of what Job had spoken. David wants escape, and many would tell you that actually what is being discussed here is death. This is what is on his heart; this is how far David has been pushed. Continuing in verses 7-8, David says, **"Indeed, I would wander far off and remain in the wilderness. Selah. ⁸I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest."**

When people are listening to the lies of the enemy in regard to this horrific crime or horrific deception that suicide is the answer, they are trying to escape whatever has befallen them. There could be some serious things - and there are - for people that go through with that, that adhere to that lie. But I want to show you how David responds in the moment even when his heart is vulnerable and is telling him, "I want out; I don't want to be a part of any of this". What is the solution in that moment that the devil is whispering in your ear, "this is the only way; this is the solution"? In Psalm 55:16-17 David says, **As for me, I will call upon God, and the LORD shall save me. ¹⁷Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice (emphasis added).** David gives his heart and his mind to the living God. He does not compromise. He does not give in to his flesh; he does not give in to the lie.

I want to take you to the book of Isaiah. If you have been with me long enough, you will know that one of my favorite spiritual warfare stories ever is the story of Hezekiah where we have the king of Assyria comes up against Hezekiah. You really need to understand the backdrop. Assyria was the global superpower. No kingdom has stood against Assyria; they have decimated everything. Further backdrop is that Hezekiah is the king of Judah. All the fortified cities in Judah have been taken out by Assyria. There is one left: Jerusalem. That is the only city left. Now the Assyrian king, Sennacherib, has set his sights to go up there and to take it. So, he sends his emissary, the Rabshakeh, who is a typology of the Antichrist.

In Isaiah 36:4 we read, **Then the Rabshakeh said to them [meaning the Jewish people in Jerusalem], "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria: "What confidence is this in which you trust?" (emphasis added).** You have the spirit of Antichrist coming to the people of God and saying, literally, "What is this confidence in which you trust?" The Rabshakeh goes on in verse 5, speaking for the king of Assyria, **"I say you speak of having plans and power for war; but they are mere words. Now in whom do you trust, that you rebel against me?" (emphasis added).** This is exactly what the enemy does. This is exactly what the spirit of death, the spirit of suicide, the spirit of Antichrist does. It comes into our minds and tries to convince us, "You say you're a Christian, you say you follow Yeshua, you say you really follow the Word, but you know as well as I do, the LORD doesn't hear your prayers. Don't think for a moment that He actually cares about you, or that your words matter to Him, or that when you go to pray, He is going to receive it. None of it is going to happen. All you have is words." The enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy, and he is coming to take your faith. The only way these horrific acts of suicide happen is the enemy is gutting the people of faith, so he has full access to take advantage of them. It is absolutely horrifying.

The Rabshakeh goes on, speaking for the king of Assyria, in Isaiah 36:18, **"Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, 'The LORD will deliver us.' Has any one of the gods of the nations delivered its land from the hand of the king of Assyria?"** This is the spirit of Antichrist. There is so much to talk about here, because here, Hezekiah is a typology of the shepherds and watchmen that go forth and preach that there is hope in Yeshua: "There is hope, we can trust in Him. He is the great Deliverer; we can trust in His word." But the spirit of Antichrist comes on the scene, saying, "Don't listen to them, all those pastors, preachers, and teachers that are telling you, you have hope. Why don't you just turn your eyes and look at the world and see that there are other people in your situation, and

nothing good happened to them. There was no hope for them. Why would there be hope for you?" It's the spirit of Antichrist that's coming in to destroy your hope and your faith in Yeshua.

Again, I'm going to tell you, the war will be won and lost right here in your mind. You need to get armed to the teeth in your faith to push this off. If I was to ask how many of you had ever had suicidal thoughts ever, most of your hands would go up. At some point in your life, whether in your youth or even older. I didn't even get into sharing the demographics that exist with older people committing suicide, and doing it for multiple reasons that, frankly speaking, indicate there is no hope. For example, they got diagnosed with an incurable disease, and they don't want to live in that capacity because, in their mind, "There's no hope, there's no healing, let's just end it." I could give example after example after example.

The apostle Paul says in 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, **For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments, ⁵casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ** (*emphasis added*). I guarantee you, I promise you, the enemy is going to try to take up residence in your heart and in your mind, and he will tell you every lie that he can conceive so that he can convince you that there is no hope, that Yeshua does not love you, that nobody else loves you, that you are worthless, that you are a piece of garbage, and you would be doing the world a favour by ending your life. You have to take every thought captive.

Listen to me. I'm not just talking to the young. I'm talking to the young, the old, and the in between. The moment that adversary attempts to plant that wicked, disgusting thought in your head, take it captive and go to the word, and remind yourself of the promises of God, of the truth that there is power in Yeshua. Remind yourself that you have hope; regardless of what happens to your flesh, you have hope. Hold the line.

I love what David says in Psalms 3:2, **Many are they who say of me, "There is no help for him in God."** He recognises that all the people around him are telling him there is no hope. They are telling him there is no hope for him in God, God is not going to rescue him, Yeshua doesn't care, He's not coming to your rescue. David heard the voice of the enemy. How does he respond? In verse 3 he says, **"But You, O LORD, are a shield for me, my glory and the One who lifts up my head."** He declares his faith in the God of Israel. That is where David goes.

Psalms 116:3: **The pains of death surrounded me, and the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I found trouble and sorrow.** The psalmist is at death's door, Sheol's door. He is on his deathbed here, and what is the response? Verse 4: **Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I implore You, deliver my soul!"** (*emphasis added*). He calls upon the name of the LORD; this is the response, though he is at death's door.

Psalms 119:28: **My soul melts from heaviness; strengthen me according to Your word.** Again, the psalmist is hurting; he is in despair; his heart is melting with heaviness. Where does he go to get his strength? He goes to the word. You cannot possibly read this enough. Certainly, you cannot read this enough in this dark, wicked and vile generation, where you can see suicide numbers off the charts. They are not getting better; it is getting worse.

I want to bring to the table three men. All are mentioned in Scripture; all had a place in ministry, and yet all three of them commit suicide. Think about this, that there is suicide mentioned in the word. They were known by God, and they served God, and yet this happened. So, this is a very real thing. To think that the church should say that they are impervious to this action of suicide is

delusional; the Bible tells us otherwise. Do you know what I have been seeing? There is a trend, something that I never heard growing up, and that is pastors taking their life. Pastors are committing suicide. The very ones that are supposed to stand at the pulpit and proclaim that life and salvation is in Yeshua, Jesus. Now the devil is convincing shepherds that there is no hope. That is an amazing thing to me.

Let us look at 1 Samuel 31:4. **Then Saul said to his armourbearer, "Draw your sword and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised men come and thrust me through and abuse me." But his armourbearer would not, for he was greatly afraid (emphasis added).** I want to stop right there. When you think about euthanasia, or assisted suicide, the armourbearer would not do it. Saul wanted it - he said, "Kill me, take me out" - but the armourbearer would not do it. That was wise. So, what did Saul do? The verse continues, **Therefore Saul took a sword and fell on it.** Saul committed suicide.

Let me take you to the second man in Scripture. We are going to jump to 2 Samuel 16:23, where it talks about Ahithophel: **Now the advice of Ahithophel, which he gave in those days, was as if one had inquired at the oracle of God. So was all the advice of Ahithophel, both with David and with Absalom (emphasis added).** You'd be hard pressed to find a man that has been decorated in a way like Ahithophel, who served David, whose advice was likened to the oracle of God. Incredible.

So, what do we read about Ahithophel? There is Absalom, the son of David, engorged with pride and treason, who moved to take the throne. David has to go and flee, and Ahithophel has this advice to give Absalom. We read what that advice is in 2 Samuel 17:1-2: **Moreover, Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Now let me choose twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue David tonight. I will come upon him while he is weary and weak, and make him afraid. And all the people who are with him will flee, and I will strike only the king."(emphasis added).** This guy who served David, one of the wisest men on the face of the planet at the time, defects to Absalom, and now he hatches a plan to go take David out.

What's interesting is his plan is not accepted because God planted David's friend Hushai into the midst to give counsel, and because this was God's heart, they chose the counsel of Hushai. When Ahithophel found out that his counsel was not received, that his plan to go murder the anointed of the LORD, David, was not accepted, this is what happens. 2 Samuel 17:23 reads, **Now when Ahithophel saw that his advice was not followed, he saddled a donkey and arose and went home to his house, to his city. Then he put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died; and he was buried in his father's tomb (emphasis added).**

This sounds vaguely familiar to another story in the New Testament, of another man who betrayed not David but the Mashiach Ben David (Messiah Son of David). Judas Iscariot betrayed Him with the intent of putting Him to death. Exactly like Ahithophel. And what did Judas do? In Matthew 27:5 we read, **Then he (Judas) threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself (emphasis added).** Think about Judas. Judas was in the ministry. He went out healing. We know for a Scriptural fact that he went out healing, casting out demons, professing Jesus as the only way, and that Yeshua as the King of Israel. And yet, at the end, he rejected the LORD.

Let's look at these guys who committed suicide. You have Saul, you have Ahithophel, and you have Judas. I want to point out a common denominator amongst all of them: every one of them had murder in their heart. What did Saul try to do to David? He tried to kill him multiple times. David is the typology of Yeshua, who would be called the Mashiach ben David (Messiah Son of David). What

did Ahithophel do? His plan was to murder David, a typology of Yeshua. He too had murder in his heart. And what did Judas do? He literally walked it out. He betrayed Yeshua to put Him to death. Every one of these guys rejected the LORD. You can see in Saul's life that he was rebellious against the commandment of the LORD over and over again. You can see the heart of Judas, who went out and proclaimed, "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This happened when the woman poured that beautiful perfume upon Yeshua's feet for his burial and honoured him. This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief (John 12:5-6a). You see a departure in every one of these cases from the LORD.

I'm telling you, that is what is leading the charge here in the culture of death: it is the type of rebellion against Yeshua where you would totally reject Him. In this subject, my hearts breaks. My heart breaks for how active the devil is in trying to take each and every one of you out. This is why I intercede. I'm going to tell you something right now. If you are one of those that are hiding the devil's lies in your heart and in your mind, and you are not bringing this out, and you are not confiding in someone, and you are not confiding in the leadership, you have got to get this filth, these lies, out on the table; they need to be rebuked, they need to be renounced by you, and you need to run to the LORD. This is not a game that you are called to play where you allow these thoughts to take root in your heart. You will experience them; I know that. I know many people - who you would never conceive - that lost their lives this way. I lost my aunt this way. It was the only time in my life I saw my dad cry. It rocked our family in a horrible way. I have sat with families that have lost their loved ones who mean so much to them; their lives were rocked in a horrible way. We cannot let that stuff even happen here on any level. We don't want to see you taken away from us. We don't want to mourn over you believing a lie. You have got to get this stuff out.

We have a special testimony today. We are going to bring Dan up, and he is going to talk a little bit about his experience. It is important. When Dan gets done, we are going to go into a time of prayer, and this is where we go to war. We do what the Word says: we petition the LORD and the hope that is in Yeshua.

The following is a special testimony given by brother Dan Tousignant.

"So much of what Daniel said today is so true, and I have almost experienced every aspect of what Daniel has brought up today. The first thing I want to talk about is inside this community. You guys have heard me say it before: the first time I went to Teen Serve, I went with expectations, and I came back knowing that I needed not to go with expectations.

When I went to Teen Serve for the first year in 2014, we had 17 youth that went with us that year. The LORD opened my eyes really quick; we had issues in our community. We had about 50% of the teens that went that year that were thinking suicide. It is in our community. That's part of the story you guys have never heard, I have never shared, of why the LORD said, "Right here, don't be looking elsewhere. You've got issues inside your community." Think about that. Eight kids out of 17 thinking suicide.

So that week what the LORD was pressing on me as we were going through that week was that I needed to share my testimony. So, I shared my testimony, and now I am going to share it with you guys. Some of you have heard part of my testimony; I don't think many of you have heard it all. So here goes it all.

It was November of 1985; I was only 11 years old. What's crazy is I remember the details of all these days when this was going on. It's amazing how much details I know. I mean, 11 years old, that was quite a while ago. I was out playing with my friends, and I ended up going home to a voicemail from

my mom. We didn't have cell phones back then; there wasn't pagers. There were answering machines. There was a message from my mom, and I had to call my mom back. She was at my grandma's.

My mom's father had decided that it was time to take his life. I remember her telling me this, and I remember riding my bike from my house down to my grandpa's house, crying. Getting down there, I remember seeing my grandma and my mom crying. Her brother was there crying, because my grandpa was only 63 years old. But my grandpa thought he was a burden on people, because he was sick; he had emphysema; he was on oxygen. He had people waiting on him day and night, and he thought it would be easier if he just took his life so they didn't have to suffer taking care of him. The one thing I remember from that was that nobody cared about taking care of him. They cared that he wasn't there. My grandpa didn't realize that it wasn't a burden on them while he was alive; he put a burden on them when he took his life. He didn't realize that.

But that's not the end of my story. Most of you know my family; you know my wife. I've got four kids. I have a sister that has a husband, and she has three kids. The only thing is, my mother has never met any of them. In February of 2000 my mom decided to take her life. She was going through depression. She had anger. She had bitterness. Our parents were divorced. Life wasn't what she thought it would be. There were multiple attempts before this, but this year, in 2000, she succeeded. She didn't get to see any of her grandkids. She didn't get to see her kids get married. She didn't even meet her future daughter-in-law. The first time my wife met my mom was at her funeral. The destruction that comes from that is crazy.

I remember that day too. The details, they don't go away. I remember my dad showing up to my work at 2 o'clock in the morning, as I was working third shift, and I'm looking at him, going, "Why are you here?" He proceeds to tell me that my mom passed away. I also remember standing outside the house as we were going in, and I took a big sigh or deep breath, and my dad is like, "Are you okay?" I'm like, "Yeah, I'm okay, but I'm worried about my sister." My sister was already upstairs at her house. I remember walking into the room and seeing my sister, my mom's brother, my mom's boyfriend, all sitting there waiting for the people to come and get her body. I remember me and my sister walked into her room and said goodbye, even though she couldn't hear us. Those details are there, and they don't go away.

There are all these different sides of what it does, and it is all the lies from the devil. I think this might be the first time I ever shared the whole story, but this is where bitterness, anger and depression lead you. This is where the devil wants you. The thing is, you think that it relieves your pain, but you don't realize the pain that it leaves behind, the destruction that comes after that.

Here Daniel put up that statistic that six people are affected by that. I just think of my sister's family and my family. We have six; I have four kids and she has two [biological] kids. It is like, wow, six kids affected because they didn't have their grandma.

It is a serious subject. I know Daniel is going to come up here and close us in prayer. I encourage you, if any of you guys have any one of these things that you need to get off your chest, I encourage you to come up and seek prayer. Get help. Start talking to people. Start talking about your struggles because the number one thing the enemy wants is for you to keep to yourself. He doesn't want you to get help. He doesn't want you to talk about your struggles." (*end of testimony*)

Pastor Daniel Joseph's sermon continued.

If you listened to that message, if you're a parent, you had better start praying. You had better start locking it down, because the enemy is convincing someone every 30 seconds, and we cannot afford to have open doors to the world in our homes. It is time to lock it down.

Youth, if this is something that the enemy is trying to take advantage of, you get it out. You go find your leaders. Go and talk to your mom and dad and have them pray over you. Get the lies out on the table, and get into the Word and start praying. Because otherwise, this is going to lead you to weeping and gnashing of teeth.

There is nothing in this life that can compare to what will happen at the judgment. Whatever pain and whatever suffering we're going to experience in this life is nothing compared to what is going to come at the judgment. Again, remind yourself, these are the little details that the devil doesn't want to tell you. So, let's have everyone labouring in intercessory prayer as we go into this time of prayer.