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Culture Collision: 13 Reasons Why Not

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

Jeremiah 29:11: “‘I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”

Points to Ponder

1. What was your view of suicide before today’s message?
2. Read 1 John 1:9. When this passage says that God will forgive us from “all unrighteousness,” does it say anything about suicide being excluded?
3. Does being repentant mean you verbalize and confess every sin or that there’s a struggle going on in your heart?
4. According to Pastor Mike, what is the difference between capital “F” Faith and small “f” faith?
5. Which of the “13 Reasons Why Not” struck you as especially powerful? How might you use that reason with a suicidal friend?

Suicide is not a topic we talk about often in church—though it affects many of us. If we don't talk about it though, how can we help each other? What does God say about it? The Netflix series *13 Reasons Why* thrust suicide into the cultural conversation. This message explains why Christians are tempted by suicide, what the Bible says about suicide, and gives 13+ reasons why we should live to the end of our God ordained time of grace.

What else does God say?

Proverbs 3:5,6: Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.