

Subject: Depression – Suicide Reference

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Depression

All people are sacred, made in the image and likeness of God. People do not lose dignity nor their true identity because of mental illness, depression, disability, age, lack of success, or other diseases.

The condition – the depression – that caused _____ to end his/her life is a disease...like cancer, or diabetes. And it is not the determining statement of his/her life. H/she was and is so much bigger than that.

And I know there are some who say that one whose life has ended in this way is not allowed into God's Kingdom. Nothing could be farther from the truth. _____ – nor any of us – can ever be separated from the love of God.

_____ shared with me how many people have called him/her this week to say how much they love _____ and how often h/she was there for them.

Support from caring individuals can be very healing. I urge you to show up in this family's life, even if you don't know what to say. Remember that your caring presence is healing.