

Life-Minded 1: Suicide Awareness and Prevention Show Notes

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The average length of life among the American population went down:

<https://www.nationalreview.com/news/u-s-life-expectancy-drops-for-third-consecutive-year-due-largely-to-alcoholism-drugs-and-suicide/>

One-point-three million adults attempted suicide in 2017:

<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/suicide/fastfact.html>

Some 48,000 souls ended their own lives:

<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/suicide/fastfact.html>

The suicide rate in our nation has risen by 30-50% over the last twenty years:

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/databriefs/db330.htm>

Twice as many died by suicide as by homicide across the country:

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/statistics/suicide.shtml>

The second-leading cause of death for adolescents and twenty-somethings:

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/statistics/suicide.shtml>

Americans take their lives more frequently:

<https://worldpopulationreview.com/countries/suicide-rate-by-country/>

Psychological effects of the outbreak:

<https://www.kff.org/health-reform/report/kff-health-tracking-poll-early-april-2020/>

Connection between unemployment and suicide:

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2015/02/the-link-between-unemployment-and-suicide/>

Women, teens, and young adults experience symptoms at greater rates:

<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/Suicide-DataSheet-a.pdf>

Females attempt suicide more often:

<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/Suicide-DataSheet-a.pdf>

Twice as much among Native Americans and Caucasians:

<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/suicide/fastfact.html>

Military veterans do have double the suicide rate:

https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/mentalhealth/suicide_prevention/data.asp

Increase in suicide among middle-aged white women:

<https://www.jhsph.edu/news/news-releases/2008/baker-suicide.html>

Those who have undergone abortion experience depression and suicide:

<https://lozierinstitute.org/new-study-elevated-suicide-rates-among-mothers-after-abortion/>

The same holds true for those who are struggling with same-sex attraction:

<https://www.thenewatlantis.com/publications/executive-summary-sexuality-and-gender>

Folks facing gender dysphoria have the highest suicide rate of all:

<https://www.thenewatlantis.com/publications/executive-summary-sexuality-and-gender>

Elderly persons, over age 65, suffer a greater risk of suicide:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5916258/>

Research in Oregon found the non-assisted suicide rate went up:

<https://mercatornet.com/do-suicides-increase-where-euthanasia-is-legal/21709/>

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

Lutherans For Life's Word of Hope crisis care line: 1-888-21-STORY

Our Lord Jesus states in the Gospel of Matthew:

Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. Matthew 12:31-32 ESV

The Epistle to the Hebrews adds:

For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then

have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt. Hebrews 6:4-6 ESV

Jesus Himself cried out:

“My God, why have you forsaken me?” Matthew 27:46 ESV

A certain father in Mark’s Gospel pleaded:

“I believe; help my unbelief!” Mark 9:24 ESV.