

Words of Wisdom by [John T Polk II](#)
For [WECO FM 101.3](#) and [The Fellowship Room](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

5-15-2017 Suicide Or Salvation? (4)

Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.' And they said, 'What is that to us? You see to it!' Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself (**Matthew 27:3-5**).

Suicide is only an option to someone who gives up on God. Forgiveness is with God.

If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared (**Psalm 130:3-4**).

Christians must,

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you (**Ephesians 4:32**).

Whatever you have done, if you repent, God can forgive it, and Christians must forgive you.

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5-16-2017 Doubtful Faith

And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" (**Matthew 14:31**).

Jesus walked on water to the Apostles' storm-tossed boat. Peter's faith let him step on the water with Jesus, but his concern for the storm caused "doubt." "Doubt" is from a word meaning "pulled in two directions." Doubt is like "malware" that holds "faith" for "ransom." Peter's confident faith in Jesus had let him overcome the storm. Jesus also said:

"Everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day" (**John 6:40**).

But when we look around through slanted news headlines, police reports, or public

media, at what people are doing, we “doubt” whether Jesus saves, or people can be saved! Has your faith “doubted?”

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5-17-2017 Humbling History

And Joseph died, all his brothers, and all that generation. But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them. Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph (**Exodus 1:4-8**).

The “new king over Egypt” must have been taught Egypt’s history without having to admit that Joseph, and his God, had absolutely saved Egypt from complete starvation! How can something so meaningful be omitted from their history books? Life’s lessons may be painful to remember, but they are humbling.

By humility and the fear of the LORD Are riches and honor and life” (**Proverbs 22:4**).

Without the humility of history, the pride of the present creates cruel tyrants and dictators.

A proud and haughty man -‘Scoffer’ is his name; He acts with arrogant pride (**Proverbs 21:24**).

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5-18-2017 Statues of History

God commanded the Israelites who crossed the Jordan River on dry land to enter the Promised Land, to leave a pile of 12 stones:

... That this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, ‘What do these stones mean to you?’ Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever (**Joshua 4:6-7**).

This monument would cause a new generation to ask this question, and learn a needed lesson. People who remove statues and monuments because they don’t want to be reminded of the past will raise a generation whose curiosity will not be sparked to learn much-needed lessons!

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5-19-2017 Church Assembling

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it (**Matthew 16:18**).

The word "church" means "assembly," so when Jesus was raised from the dead, His "disciples were assembled" (**John 20:19**), and before He ascended into Heaven, He "assembled together with *them*" (**Acts 1:4**). Once baptized into Christ to wash away his sins, Saul of Tarsus came to Antioch with Barnabas, and:

For a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch (**Acts 11:26**).

Only the Devil would convince people they can be Christians without assembling with the saints! Only the Devil would convince people they can be saved by Jesus Christ without needing "church!" Without "church," sinners are alone!

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