

**In Numbers 11:15 Moses felt God had put him in too difficult a situation and that death was preferable to living. In the following verses God gave Moses a plan to deal with the situation and Moses went on to be a great leader and channel of blessing to his people.**

**1 Kings 19:4 Elijah felt like he had done a good job and was ready to die instead of facing slow starvation but God had other plans. He fed him and encouraged him. Elijah was one of the greatest prophets to have ever lived and was still near the beginning of his ministry at the time.**

**Job 6:8-11 When Job was tested he said there was no reason to go on and no hope for the future. Yet, Job has left untold generations an example of coming through suffering to meet a fulfilling end. He also left us a revelation of God that says we should not take matters into our own hands but trust the wisdom of his infinite mind.**

**Philippians 1:24 Paul wanted to die and be with Christ but he recognized that he was needed. He had learned things that were invaluable and that needed to be passed on as long as God was willing to grant him more time.**

**"Time is an opportunity to get to know God." We don't know what tomorrow will bring but we do know that God is sovereign. That means that it is up to Him and not us to determine whether there is value in us continuing our life. If the above men of God would have died when they desired, it would have been a great loss to many. At the time it seemed like the easy way to solve the problem at hand. The Psalmist says that, "God has numbered our days". Life is perhaps one of the most precious gifts that can be given. To hand it back to God in our time seems to be saying God has made a mistake and we are going to help him out. What good could have come from my Father getting help and dealing with the situation instead of taking what looked like the best solution to what he thought was an irreversible problem. Would he have talked me out of entering a cult? Would he have helped me to be more prepared to for my occupation? Would he have helped other people who felt they could not change and it was better to give up? We'll never know all the good things God had planned for him because at the time it looked like, and I'm sure he thought it was better for everyone, that he was hurting more than helping. Families of suicide victims always suffer from guilt. Even when there should be none, a tension is created in the family and blame is tossed around or self inflicted because of the pain of the loss they experience.**

**I tried once. I'm so thankful today that I failed. The situation changed, God did so much more than I could ever of dared to imagine at the time. There is always hope because God is always there. Pray about what you should do in the situation you are in at the moment. Ask God to show you a bit of the future so you can get a vision of how you will bless others in the future. But also ask for the one step today to help you move toward that purposeful future.**