

## **“When I can live or Die”**

Devotion for June 2016

Hymn: VU 705 For All the Saints vs 1 & 4

Scripture: 1 Samuel 31:4-6 & 2 Samuel 1: 9-10

Reflection:

As our government struggles, along with the dictate from the Supreme Court, on assisted suicide one has to wonder what the bible says about it. Well, on suicide, the bible says nothing, assisted may be a different matter. In any event my thought is that the government has no business telling me when I can live or die, and should I choose some assistance that is also none of their concern. They meddle in just about every aspect of our lives, while I think Jesus was pretty hands off. Love your neighbour, treat others etc. and if we did that, who needs the heavy hand of government to dictate our lives?

Discussion;

Do you think the government has the right, or is given the authority to tell us when we should exit this world? If so where did they get that from and what does the bible really say about it. If one is suffering daily, regardless at any age, and no cure is in sight who should make that decision besides that person. Remember Robert Latimer? Did he really commit a crime, or help his daughter end years of endless and needless suffering?

Hymn VU 493 Today I live

Prayer:

Lord, we are thankful, grateful and in awe of all living creatures and every life. We pray for guidance and wisdom to make the right decisions when life for us, or family members becomes intolerable. Show us the way and help us make the right decision. Amen