

# Did He Do It?

## The One Second Difference and the Potential killer.

He is sitting on the edge of a bed. He acts paranoid. He thinks that his mom lied about his dad and his dad is still alive. After all this time is he really hiding somewhere. They lied the young man thought. I hate that I can not prove it or can I?

The young man pretends to be asleep in the old house in the hills of WV. His mom sees he is "asleep" and goes downstairs. Suddenly he gets up very slowly and the floor creaks.

He freezes, it is an old house. Did they hear him. He listens carefully and does not sense they heard. He makes his way carefully to the stairwell vent area. Now the truth will come out!

Why didn't he think of this earlier? The fourteen year old young man eavesdrops on his moms conversation. They talk of normal things then his mom says "he is asleep we can talk now..

“I wish Doug knew his dad is really dead.” He is shocked and grief grabs him like gravity grabs a ball thrown up in the air. Trauma, confusion, and realization strike him. Then denial

No it can not be true! She was telling the truth. The young man just wanted to die. He will take his life and go and be with his dad.

What if his dad is in hell? He did not know his dad that well what if he was a there? It could not be worse the young man thinks. So he takes a razor blade and he puts it to his throat.

He hates his life and just wants the pain to stop. Does he do it? The grief and hopelessness seem overwhelming. Will he be missed?

**Well did he do it?**

Why or why not?



**If you answered yes...**

Then that is not what happened. I'm that young man that was fourteen and 1 second from death. One second and I would not be here, over a decision I can not reverse.

This is a permanent choice. I called out to Jesus Christ and I am still here. There was no out body experience or anything but a peace that I can not explain replaced the hurt. I almost made a bad permanent choice.

Did I immediately become a super person? No way! I was still the same broken young man I was before, but I was alive. Some have said, “You will never amount to anything.” Sound familiar? Loser etc.

I do not regret not committing suicide though it was the only choice I was seeing at the time.

This the life I have lived so far. I am now 42 years old and I have lived some of my life.

I have made bad decisions. I have also made great ones, but I almost made a decision I can not reverse or even change my mind about. The world screams around me, "Never amount to anything!"

I did not finish school I dropped out to help support my family when I was 16. "Loser!", screams the world around me. I hated math anyway. I will not give all the details in this simple presentation but I will say I am now a college graduate with a Bachelor of Science in IT.

**Some of life is about choices.** Other about the opportunities you have and the opportunities you missed. If you commit suicide you lose your opportunity to even make bad choices that have a way to lead to better ones as you learn more.



**When** I wanted to commit suicide that clouded my emotions. All I felt like doing was dying and relieving the pain. In less than an hour probably less than 15 minutes I wanted very much to live. Our feeling clouds our judgments and we will not consider the consequences of our actions or the impact.

Hardships are part of life and we learn to appreciate the good times when some are not so good.

Life that almost never was. What is your story?

# Mine nearly ended at fourteen. Let us look at some contrasts.

❖ dropped out of high school	❖ but am now a college graduate
❖ I was a wimpy teenager always picked on.	❖ Now I have served 6 years in the US Army and even overseas in South Korea.
❖ I was in a many low end jobs and did not own much of anything when I was young.	❖ Now, I own a trailer of my own I also make enough money for my wife to start her own business with her own
❖ I hated public speaking,	❖ but now, I have authored an eBook and a book under a writer's name as well.

Is my life perfect? No way, but neither are the Hollywood movie stars you see either. I am a man nothing more and nothing less, but I have a source that has helped me along the way in Basic Training College and Life as well.

**Your life is about more than just you.  
You impact people along the way, your  
spouse, children etc.. Sometimes you  
impact history as well.**

The year is 1928, September the 3rd. Do any of you know what happened that year? Penicillin was discovered by Alexander Fleming. **You can impact people around you.**

In 1881 in Ayrshire, Scotland a son of a simple farmer was born the man was very old for his time, 52 years old, when this baby was born. What if the farmer had decided to committed suicide?

Nothing you may think because he is only a farmer. This was the father to Alexander Fleming the man who helped take down a modern day epidemic, polio, in the early turn of the 20 Century.



I have the worst of circumstances and I have no potential some of you may say.

Fair enough I will give an example of someone famous who really grew up with life stacked against him?

Born a black slave in the south before the Civil War this man had more reasons to commit suicide if he chose than any of us.

He became an early pioneer environmentalist and a scientist at the time black people were truly persecuted. He was not even allowed to attend school with white people for instance.

He was born sometime in the 1860's He is a slave and a baby only a week old . Suddenly, he is kidnapped and separated from his family and endures many other hardships.

What does he have to offer?  
He is a slave. His new owner,  
though a good man, can not  
keep him from the prejudice  
of the day.

Do you know who he is?

## George Washington Carver!

I sincerely spoke with you because your life is valuable even if you can not see it. Some very terrible decisions can be recovered from but not suicide the potential killer. It is just that it kills all potential you have in this life when you allow suicide to take your life.

Your life matters and rather than bore you with stats, I gave my personal experience with this potential killer.

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