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## HOW to RESPOND to SURVIVORS of SUICIDE: WORDS & RESOURCES

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# Healing Words

- Try to identify with the pain
- Indirectly, acknowledge the death as by suicide
- Acknowledge the mystery of “why”



# Healing Words:

- Comfort with positive memories
- Assurance of God's grace
  - Scriptures
  - Prayers
  - Supportive Actions of the Congregation



# Helpful Resources

- Interfaith Dialogue on Suicide Prevention

[WWW.SUICIDEFINDINGHOPE.COM/CONTENT/ROLE\\_OF\\_FAITH\\_COMMUNITIES](http://WWW.SUICIDEFINDINGHOPE.COM/CONTENT/ROLE_OF_FAITH_COMMUNITIES)

*DVD: A Fierce Goodbye- Living in the Shadow of Suicide -*

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