

# PROPOSAL, PROPOSED, RECOMMEND, RECOMMENDED, SUGGESTED, SUGGESTION

Jacob was the one who **suggested** working for Laban for seven years in exchange for Rachel. Jacob set that price, not Laban.

- **Genesis 29:18:** "And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter."

The person who **suggested** selling Joseph as a slave to the Ishmaelites was Judah.

- **Genesis 37:26-27:** "And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content."

Moses told the leaders of Israel to allow the **proposal** that the tribes of Reuben and Gad had presented (for them to inherit the land that was east of the Jordan river).

- **Numbers 32:1-5, 28:** "Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle: and when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place was a place for cattle; The children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying, Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and

Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon, Even the country which the Lord smote before the congregation of Israel, is a land for cattle, and thy servants have cattle: Wherefore, said they, if we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, and bring us not over Jordan. ... So concerning them Moses commanded Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel:"

After Saul's servants **suggested** that harp music could help him when he was troubled by an evil spirit, Saul told them to bring him a skilled harp player. (They brought him David.)

- **1 Samuel 16:15-17:** "And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well. And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me."

When David's servants tried to keep him warm with clothes and failed, they **suggested** that a woman be found who could lie with him and keep him warm.

- **1 Kings 1:1-2:** "Now king David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat. Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat."

At mount Carmel, Elijah **proposed** a contest between himself and the prophets of Baal.

- **1 Kings 18:22-24:** "Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the Lord; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men. Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken."

When Benhadad fled into an inner chamber in Aphek, his servants **suggested** that they put sackcloth on their loins and ropes on their heads (or necks), and go out to Ahab in hopes that he would spare them.

- **1 Kings 20:31:** "And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will save thy life."

Shechaniah **suggested** that Jewish men should separate from their pagan wives. (However, there was no mention of Jewish women separating from their pagan husbands.)

- **Ezra 10:3:** "Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of

them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law."

Memucan **suggested** that Ahasuerus give the royal estate of Vashti to someone better than her.

- **Esther 1:19:** "If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she."

Memucan **suggested** that Vashti be removed from her position of queen by passing a law, so that she could never be queen again. He further suggested that this decree be published throughout the entire empire, so that everyone could see the consequences of her actions.

- **Esther 1:19-20:** "If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she. And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great,) all the wives shall give to their husbands honour, both to great and small."

The servants of Ahasuerus **suggested** replacing Vashti with someone who was young and beautiful.

- **Esther 2:1-4:** "After these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was appeased, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her. Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king: And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, unto the custody of Hege the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given them: And let the maiden which pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so."

The servants **suggested** bringing all the beautiful young virgins from the entire kingdom to the palace, to find a suitable replacement for Vashti.

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The king agreed to Haman's **proposal** (to slaughter all the Jews throughout his entire kingdom).

- **Esther 3:8-11:** "And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it is not for the king's profit

to suffer them. If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed: and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring it into the king's treasuries. And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' enemy. And the king said unto Haman, The silver is given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee."

Although Solomon taught that in some cases it was better to die while being born than to live a long life, he never **suggested** that suicide was an option. The Bible consistently teaches that if our life is miserable and full of pain, we still have to live it until the end. We're not allowed to cut it short through suicide.

- **Ecclesiastes 6:3**: "If a man beget an hundred children, and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, and his soul be not filled with good, and also that he have no burial; I say, that an untimely birth is better than he."

None of Nebuchadnezzar's counselors asked the king to spare the three Jews who refused to bow down to his idol, or **suggested** that killing them was a bad idea. None of them spoke up on their behalf. Instead they all agreed that the three Jews should be cast into the fire.

- **Daniel 3:24**: "Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king."

When John the Baptist taught that wrath was coming and people needed to save themselves, he didn't **recommend** stockpiling clothing and food. Instead he said that those who had extra clothing and food should immediately give it to those who needed it.

- **Luke 3:11:** "He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise."

When Peter was on the mount of transfiguration and **suggested** building three tents (one for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah), he didn't know what he was saying.

- **Luke 9:33:** "And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said."

When Jesus asked Philip where they could buy enough bread to feed the multitude, both Philip and Andrew thought it was impossible. No one **suggested** that Jesus could perform a miracle to feed them.

- **John 6:5-9:** "When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, which

hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?"

When Peter said that someone else must take the position among the disciples that once belonged to Judas, he made that **suggestion** out of obedience to what the Old Testament commanded.

- **Acts 1:20-22:** "For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take. Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection."

The church at Jerusalem wrote letters to the new Gentile churches (just as James had **suggested**).

- **Acts 15:13, 20, 23:** "And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me: ... But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood. ... And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia."

It seems the other sailors on the ship which was taking Paul to Italy **recommended** leaving the harbor and sailing to Phenice.



- **Acts 27:12:** "And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to depart thence also, if by any means they might attain to Phenice, and there to winter; which is an haven of Crete, and lieth toward the south west and north west."

Paul **recommended** that Christian husbands who have unbelieving wives shouldn't divorce them.

- **1 Corinthians 7:12:** "But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away."

Paul **recommended** that Christian wives who have unbelieving husbands shouldn't leave them.

- **1 Corinthians 7:13:** "And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him."

The church needs to be striving for the gospel, not something else. Paul never **suggested** that the church should pursue social or environmental causes.

- **Philippians 1:27:** "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;"

Paul believed it was sufficient for churches to meet in people's homes. He never **suggested** that this wasn't ideal, and that

Christians really needed to build buildings and start holding services there instead.

- **Colossians 4:15:** "Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house."

Paul called out false teachers by name and warned against them. No apostle or disciple had anything good to say about false teachers, or **suggested** that it was important to have dialog with them to reach some kind of compromise. Instead false teachers were uniformly condemned.

- **2 Timothy 2:17-18:** "And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some."