

losing my way

Posted by andsm1 - 08 Dec 2008 18:16

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i am a new writer here

i tend to ramble and get off-topic because of the all-encompassing nature of the suffering i deal with on a daily basis and how it has begun turning me from the one of a kind to just another failure

my life or childhood to be more specific was one of statistics

according to statistics because of how i grew up on the one hand i should be a murderer on death row by now or dead already

or i should be the next great rabbi

i went to some of the best yeshivot in my childhood and dealt with a very difficult home life so the fact that i never had these problems till my late teens/early adult time is deemed by many nothing short of a miracle though i view it as a convenience thing really

you see till i was much older i was extremely shy and my natural development prevented me from having these kinds of problems on any level except the most basic like shomer negiah that never went too far (or so i thought at the time now i know ven that was too far) (im sorry the "e" on my keyboard is stuck hence the typos)

but now i am married with 3 kids and i only now struggle with both taharat mishpacha .....mostly lack of knowledge because of a lack of a rabbi i trust

and with mas-----tion on a level never seen in my life

i know this is weird to many that soo well a person falls at the time when most have it easier but there was a kohen gadol once who went 80 years being the only man who could see G-ds presence in the kodesh kodoshim on yom kippur to being conservative-like i know its not soo alike but it just shows you .....never let your guard down

im trying to beat this with everything i've got just like my many other problems because if i dont succeed there are countless others who look to me to see themselves who will give up too

p.s. i hope ii dont come off as full of myself or something i just know that evry prson has their utimate potential in dirct connection with how they got where they are and also my self believe in this one area is the only shred of self-confidence i truly have

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Re: losing my way  
Posted by battleworn - 01 Feb 2009 17:53

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You're 100% right! But you also have to remember that the way he fights is very mean and very dirty. You can't put anything past him!

If you stay positive and confident, while at the same time you keep your guard up and be prepared for all kinds of attacks, you'll succeed!

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Re: losing my way  
Posted by me - 01 Feb 2009 18:40

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The answer is clear and simple:

1)Yes, the Y"H was given to us by hashem in order for us to use free choice in order to choose good, and thereby create a closeness with our creator.

2) The Y"H, fights dirty, and goes way beyond what he is supposed to do. (similiar to the question chaza'l ask on Mitzrayim. Why were the Mitzrim punished if they in fact fulfilled the nevoah. Answer: because they went beyond Hashem's tzivoiy in causing tzar to Am Yisroel.

The Y"H, lies to us, and the when we listen to his seductions, he turns around and begins to be m'katreg,( when he himslef was the makshil.) He does not hold by the halacha (min Hatorah) of Dan L'kaf Z'cus. He holds by nothing other than absolute destruction.

3) And if he is so good, why do chaza'l tell us to scream out at him all of his names: Rasha, K'sil, Zaken,Menuval, etc.....

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Re: losing my way

Posted by Chasdei Avos - 03 Feb 2009 17:31

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andsm1:

You are incredible. What you say is most definitely emes. But whats amazing is that you're like Avraham Aveenu. You never even learned that aspect of the yetzer Haraa but through your accomplishments in this war, you yourself came to this insight. I have learned about it, but you **live it**. WOW keep it up. Also, its a secret that when you know, can definitely enable you to win, cuz you know that there is really nothing more that the yetzer haraa really wants than you to beat him. That is why it says that when the torah says "Tov MIOD" in maase bireishis, it is referring to the yetzer Hara. Because only with the Yetzer Hara can one grow to his true heights.

I hope you dont mind if I use your thread to share a bit:

I am indebted to everyone hear for all eternity, because I have bli ayin hora with ezras Hashem always, I have been clean, almost as a whistle, since rosh chodesh Elul. Hashem should continue to give us all the strength we need.

Around elul time I lost my job, and although I was not unhappy bec I really didnt enjoy it that much, I got down and frustrated a lot. However, I spent a few hours each day writing and

reading on this web site. Since then, I feel like I have broke free (hopefully from the menuval). I now see that I must kiss Hashem and hug Him a trillion times for giving me the opportunity to be unemployed so that I could spend time on this website. I davened for many years that I should overcome this particular Y"H, and now, (as Hashem always does, we just don't always see it), Hashem answered my tefillos by taking away my job, so I could focus on this addiction (which I never ever thought was an addiction) and now I see the Yad Hashem.

Part of what has been working for me is a complete ban on TV, no matter how clean the show or movie is. For me, just getting near a TV (with cable) is dangerous. So I hav not even watched 2 mins of TV Bezras Hashem since then. The hardest is on vacation, where I always used to kick back and watch a movie. But I realized that would be too dangerous. Not to mention that the hotel TV's are X rated even if you don't officially watch anything X rated, because just scrolling is terrible.

Thank you all and thank You Hashem and please let our struggles (not just our victories) be a zchus for all sick and jobless in the world.

Biahava Rabba

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Re: losing my way  
Posted by the.guard - 03 Feb 2009 21:05

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were by our site back then. remembering how inspired you

What an inspiration you are! If you agree, I would like to put you up on our "[Wall of Honor](#)" for those who have been clean for more than 90 days! And if you can send us your story ([eyes.guard@gmail.com](mailto:eyes.guard@gmail.com)) , I could put it up on our site and it could be an inspiration for Yidden for many years to come!

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Re: losing my way  
Posted by Chasdei Avos - 03 Feb 2009 22:10

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sure, but please continue to daven for my continued success. how should i send you my story if i write it?

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Re: losing my way  
Posted by the.guard - 03 Feb 2009 22:32

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If you are comfortable posting your story on the forum, you can write it here. Or you can send it to me at [eyes.guard@gmail.com](mailto:eyes.guard@gmail.com), like I wrote above.

Also, so that I can put you on the Wall of Honor, can you tell me please for how long you are clean, and your marriage status (married, single?)

Yasher koach!

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Re: losing my way  
Posted by andsm1 - 22 Feb 2009 19:45

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well i havent been here in a while

mostly cause im going through the most unbelievably difficult period of my life

bottom line is if certain people get their way i could lose everything i care about .....this is a real situation .....

on a lighter note i have been really careful with where i look and have been m\*\*\*\*\* and p\*\*\* free for nearly 2 months

i need all the prayer i can get

my name is shmuel yitzchak ben pelah/?????? ????? ?? ???

those of you who have lost your lives before will certainly understand what it is i am implying and talking about

i feel that G-d is with me but i also don t feel rasured

i need a special zechut now to get past this chapter

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Re: losing my way  
Posted by mdmjerusalem - 22 Feb 2009 19:57

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shmuel yitzchok ben pelah

our prayers are with you

I really hope you do not lose your LIFE

but who knows if you are of losing or gaining

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Re: losing my way  
Posted by Chasdei Avos - 23 Feb 2009 16:19

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andsm1: I'm very sorry about your current matzav. Hashem should bring you a geula sheleima from your difficult situation.

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Re: losing my way  
Posted by Chasdei Avos - 23 Feb 2009 16:23

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Guard: I have bli ayin haraa been clean for 6 months. I am Baruch Hashem married.

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Re: losing my way  
Posted by the.guard - 23 Feb 2009 17:14

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Andsm1, our thoughts are with you in this difficult time. I am sure that in the merit of Shmiras Ainayim and shmiras habris, hashem will open the channels of blessing for you. I bless you in the name of all the great warriors here with Hatzlacha in all you do. Keep strong. You are building a foundation for your soul in these trying times.

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Chasdei Avos, Can I put you up on the [WOH chart](#)? The more people there, the more others will be inspired.

And if you can send us your story, and include in the story about how our site helped you - it could **really** inspire others!

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Re: losing my way  
Posted by Ykv\_schwartz - 23 Feb 2009 20:59

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I wrote your name down and I will daven for you.

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Re: losing my way  
Posted by Chasdei Avos - 24 Feb 2009 15:46

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sure you could put me in the woh. Thank you

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Re: losing my way  
Posted by andsm1 - 27 Mar 2009 13:31

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hi i havent replied in months because frankly i had no net connection

thank G-d i am ok for now

my family and i moved to north israel

we won a major/minor victory against people who would insist that all of us here on this site are insane probably

but we arent out of the woods

also all this stress has put our emunah to its ultimate test

its analogious to when after the akeidah avraham hears about his brother and his resounding success in children while for 100 years avraham had to perfect himself and nearly sacrifice his

son to gain the rights even to have additional legitimate offspring from his promised son

i have heard that that news was an even larger test than the akeidah

to have such problems and have to beg G-d for things we all take for granted

and then to hear that an idol worshipping brother has even greater apparent success with no or little effort

and to accept this as G-d's way and not complain

i am not on that level

not even a 10th

i lost much of what i had gained over the last 4 months

i fell and sinned many times

though i felt bad and went through the tikunim i know of every time

and others in my family just feel that G-d's wrath must be on us and if so what is the point of trying

this is how many of us feel

though we go on religiously and pray anyway that our pains be lifted

these really are troubled time for us all

we are constantly accused of horrible deeds that we dont do and are often not given the time o day to defend ourselves till the last minute or not at all

while real offenders go unpunished unnoticed and unchecked

and our accusers are as guilty as they claim we are

i dont know what else to say

i dont know why i am held to such a high standerd that i am watched so closely ..... ???

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Re: losing my way

Posted by the.guard - 27 Mar 2009 14:14

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i dont know why i am held to such a high standard that i am watched so closely

You must have a very high soul and tremendous potential. And proof of that, is your comments above from the tests of the Akeidah. You relate to it, even if you haven't reached that level yet. But the simple fact you relate to it, and accept that you aren't even near that level, you humbly accept that you wish you were on that level, but ackowlege the truth of how far you are from it - THAT IN ITSELF IS A GREAT LEVEL that only a Jew with a high soul could recognize. As it

says by Avraham before the Akeida "And he saw the place (Hamakom, meaning Hashem) from afar". It is only when we recognize that we are "far" that we succeed to glimpse Hashem. As the Pasuk says: "**Merachok Nireh li Hashem - from afar did Hashem appear to me**".

Hold on to G-d. Life is a roller-coaster, but G-d is your body harness. Stay strapped in and no matter what the roller-coaster does, you'll be safe. Scream at the top of your lungs if you have to, but enjoy the ride just the same! After all, you're strapped in tight. Put your complete trust in the designers of the ride. They made it safe. They made it for your benefit. And you'll come out with a smile ;D

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