

Why cant I connect to god?!?! :-(((

Posted by Al Tisyaesh - 20 Oct 2015 01:16

Hey all

So im celebrating 10 months today but im feeling very lost and down...

I cant get myself to go to shul or daven at all. Im usually a guy that makes 2/3 tfillos a day but I've missed tfillin in ages.

It all started in elul when like every year i started getting into a guilt trip about everything i used to do/how my whole year is decided on RH and i dont deserve anything , so i decided to cancel elul and forget abt it all this and that worked , until YC night when i totally freaked out under pressure like my whole year is gonna be decided now and what do i have to bargain with???

To cut the long story short. I survived YC but I found it so pressurizing that i find it hard to get back into a shul ever since.

Now i keep on feeling empty cos im not davening but i just as much find it hard to daven shachris .

Lost and afraid

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Re: Why cant I connect to god?!?! :-(((

Posted by serenity - 20 Oct 2015 02:46

Mazel Tov !

Just live life man. Don't look at what Hashem or life has in store for you today, look at what you have in store for it! Focus on your accomplishments and don't dwell in negativity.

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Re: Why cant I connect to god?!?! :-(((
Posted by yiraishamaim - 20 Oct 2015 04:30

Start small but be a steady eddy

You clearly need to feel spiritually accomplished on some level. While it is true that becoming healthy emotionally- that is being sober- takes precedence, that alone won't cut it with you.

Yet at this time you are not ready for giant spiritual leaps.

So what you must do is take one small, even tiny step. However it must be consistent [i]chok v'loh ya'avor

Example: 1 mishnah a day(with an english artscrol)or a kapital tehilim or daily lesson in hilchos lashon harah.

It should be purposely simple and easy. and do it with SIMCHAS HACHAIM - that's essential

It's so easy you will be embarrassed to say no to it and miss a day.

2 weeks straight my friend and then come back and we'll raise the ante - but just a bit.

Are you in?

Yirai

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Posted by MBJ - 20 Oct 2015 13:11

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Posted by markz - 20 Oct 2015 16:59

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AT I wanna ask a personal question, and I don't expect you to reply on this forum - just think about it

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I can even tell you the angriest I ever was. It was when I was coming to grips that I am an addict and I do blame Hashem for making me this way. I know for my benefit, but still it makes life hard. So my marriage is crumbling and I let it crumble because my addiction so terribly blinded me to the horrible way I was relating to my wife. I basically yelled that You broke it You fix it. So while I know that I have to do my part, a huge weight lifted off my shoulders realizing that I didn't have to fix it all, I can't, I need Hashem and G-d is always there for me. I took the raw anger and desperation that I felt and used it to get closer to Hashem.

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Did He fix it?

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Re: Why cant I connect to god?!?! :-(((
Posted by Shlomo24 - 20 Oct 2015 18:56

I have similar issues. For me I just would rather get some extra sleep and do various other things then daven. Honestly I do enjoy davening, i utilize it 2 connect to my higher power and i usually feel good during and afterwards. i have been focusing on when i **DO** daven rather then when I **DON'T** daven and that has helped. I am starting to get the feeling for davening once again. also i read the 3 part essay from dov abt strugglers who's religion slips and that gave me a massive chizuk. another thing that has helped is talking to hashem, even if it's not davening, just talking to him and explaining my situation to him, what i am struggling with, how i would like for him to help me etc. a real heart to heart with hashem always makes me feel better.

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Re: Why cant I connect to god?!?! :-(((
Posted by Al Tisyaesh - 20 Oct 2015 23:10

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Shlomo could you point me in the direction of that essay?

Thanks

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[markz wrote:](#)

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So its funny cos the rest of my lifes been amazing lately...

Ive never been as close with my family as i am now, Works been great and chavrusas really working out

But I always end up feeling really low if im not davening.

Its like what does everything else matter if im not saying thanks to the one person that gave me everything?

What kind of person does that make me?

Dont get me wrong, Im not running around depressed all day ,, I enjoy and appreciate the life hashem has given me, the good and the bad, but the issue of not davening has been pressing me for a while and i had to get it out before it got me out

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Re: Why cant I connect to god?!?! :-(((
Posted by Shlomo24 - 20 Oct 2015 23:57

guardyoureyes.com/articles/12-step/item/our-yiddishkeit-changes-in-recovery

it was in the articles section under dov's header for 12 step articles

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Posted by yiraishamaim - 21 Oct 2015 00:25

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I'm so glad. May I suggest have a definite minimum that is clear and definite. On those days you want to have a longer conversation, learn etc. go for it! ride the wave of that moment of inspiration. However, that day's actions as wonderful as they are - is not your commitment. Your committed every day to a certain minimum.

A man with a plan

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Re: Why cant I connect to god?!?! :-(((
Posted by MJB - 21 Oct 2015 13:24

[eslaasos wrote:](#)

Did He fix it?

He is fixing it, except for when I sabotage it. As long as I let Him work it is all good.

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