

Taking hard steps

Posted by Hy - 21 Dec 2020 21:04

Hi all,

I'm writing just to get this off my chest a bit.

I recently had a issue with a unfiltered device in my house.

Long story short I told my wife we need to get rid of it and we did.

That was one of the hardest steps I've ever taken in my struggle and i still feel bad that i told my wife and got rid of it (meaning i wish i still had access to it).

Interestingly right now i'm just in a constant struggle for the last few weeks.

I just came off a 40 day record when we got the device.

It feels like im in a tailspin in a sense and im having a hard time getting my heart back on the program even though my head knows that I already made the sacrifice I'm still having a very hard time.

Thanks for reading.

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Re: Taking hard steps

Posted by Hy - 09 Feb 2021 20:18

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Posted by YeshivaGuy - 10 Feb 2021 01:27

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Absolutely bro, ur doing great, keep getting back up.

Have u ever spoken to a GYE guy on the phone?

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Re: Taking hard steps

Posted by Hy - 10 Feb 2021 05:27

Nope not yet. I'm not sure I would be comfortable.

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Re: Taking hard steps

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 10 Feb 2021 15:42

I hear ya. It's very worthwhile, whenever ur ready

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Re: Taking hard steps

Posted by DavidT - 10 Feb 2021 17:34

[Hy wrote on 09 Feb 2021 20:18:](#)

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Re: Taking hard steps

Posted by Striving to be good - 10 Feb 2021 19:51

However, one of the goals of the GYE community is to help people **"Hit bottom while still on**

top.”

Love this line!

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Re: Taking hard steps

Posted by Hy - 11 Feb 2021 17:11

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Thanks for that, i can see how that would motivate longer streaks.

I've actually been caught (wife) and it was not pleasant to say the least but i feel like getting caught doesn't hold as much weight for me anymore.

What are other ways to imagine rock bottom?

Any practical exercises?

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Re: Taking hard steps

Posted by DavidT - 11 Feb 2021 17:36

please see this article

guardyoureyes.com/articles/12-step/item/hitting-bottom-while-still-on-top

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Re: Taking hard steps

Posted by Sapy - 11 Feb 2021 17:46

Doing something that you are deep down not proud of, even if you try to tell yourself that you dont really care, takes a deep toll on your self respect and your self esteem. A life without self respect and self esteem is painful and miserable.

You cannot escape this fact, so look it in the face....

Another point. If you would able to choose if you wanna act out or not, that's one thing. But you cannot.(at the moment) you are tied with sweet ropes, you are not a free man. And there is nothing sweeter then being free.

You wanna imagine hitting rock bottom? Imagine yourself as an 80 year old man, looking back at how you spent your fast speeding life... remembering how you sat by a computer for hours and hours like a maniac out of control, instead of all other priorities you respect. Instead of connecting with loved ones and friends, learning, or helping others etc. Is there a more deeper bottom then this regret??

Is this the life you would wish for a loved one?? Is this life at all?

do you wanna asleep your whole life? Why not? I loooove to sleep! Or better say, on drugs? You will always be happy.... on a high... but you will miss out life. It's that simple.

so look ahead start living, and trucking full speed! And dont worry about bumps and holes,
along the way, we will make sure to pull you out....

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Re: Taking hard steps

Posted by Hy - 14 Feb 2021 11:42

Thanks Sapy, and DavidT,

I'm going to work on that. Even having these thoughts and scenarios at the back of my mind are
helpful and make an impact. (however small or big that might be.)

Today is a hard day so far. I'm feeling under the weather and I just want to fall. It feels
depressing. But I know its not as bad as I'll feel if i fall.

Figured if I come here and just write it will make it a bit better.

Later this week things should get easier (#marriedlife) but right now it feels impossible. I almost
feel like the effort is so huge and the hurt is so great its just easier to give up.

But for the next hour i will stay strong. (and then the hour after that etc. until I'm safely asleep.)

Thanks for reading my vent. I hope everyone has a great week!

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Thanks for reading my vent. I hope everyone has a great week!

This is a thought I have had,so maybe it would work for you as well.

Try to envision how much better midweek will be if you make it there clean. Forget about all other Cheshbonos (if they aren't doing the trick). Just think how much more enjoyable and guilt free it will be at that time if you push through.

Hatzlocha!

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Posted by Hy - 16 Feb 2021 11:03

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Thank you for sharing it.

Hi Hy

how's your TODAY going?

we'll all in this together, helping each other grow...

keep strong!

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Re: Taking hard steps

Posted by Hy - 17 Feb 2021 21:35

Hi DavidT,

My day went excellently! I was very busy almost the whole day so I didn't even have time to think about anything triggering.

Thank you for asking!

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Re: Taking hard steps

Posted by DavidT - 17 Feb 2021 21:41

[Hy wrote on 17 Feb 2021 21:35:](#)

Hi DavidT,

My day went excellently! I was very busy almost the whole day so I didn't even have time to think about anything triggering.

Thank you for asking!

Yeah, I can relate to that.

Keeping busy is one of the best ways to stay away from tempting situations.

Thanks for sharing such good news... keep it coming!

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