

feeling depressed 2 weeks in
Posted by Boy1234 - 04 Jan 2024 22:09

anyone else have periods of depression for a few days at a time when trying to go clean

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Re: feeling depressed 2 weeks in
Posted by yitzchokm - 04 Jan 2024 22:48

Was the depression present before this and you were trying to resolve it in the past by acting out, is the depression the result of acting out or is it something else? I used to have the first two. It is called a depression loop where depression leads to failure which in turn feeds the depression even more. The way out of this for me was to find things I enjoy doing. This results in positive energy and lifts the mood which leads to positive behavior which in turn lifts the mood even more. You may be experiencing something else.

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Re: feeling depressed 2 weeks in
Posted by ainshumyeiush - 05 Jan 2024 00:05

For sure, and i also noticed that it comes around 2 weeks in

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Re: feeling depressed 2 weeks in
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 05 Jan 2024 01:58

Extremely normal and expected. Exercise helps a lot to relieve symptoms. Reaching out to the chevra here by phone (or meeting) also does wonders.

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Re: feeling depressed 2 weeks in
Posted by crabapple18 - 05 Jan 2024 03:43

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This makes the most sense to me. Thanks.

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Re: feeling depressed 2 weeks in
Posted by true_self - 05 Jan 2024 11:37

I think (I might be wrong, I'm not a professional) that depression often comes from feeling an emotional void, we try to fill that void with bad habits and it can help while we engage in them, when we stop that void is still there and therefore it's important to focus on filling up the void with positive things you enjoy and that will make you feel accomplished as it was suggested by others here.

It is very normal experience to go through, take it one day at a time! a brighter future awaits you beH.

Keep climbing!

True self

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Re: feeling depressed 2 weeks in
Posted by hopefulposek - 05 Jan 2024 14:13

Very normal, it happened to me every time I would start to have a good streak about 2-3 weeks in. I found that focusing on the fact that it WILL NOT last forever, and at most a couple of days helped me to be able to utilize distractions to make it through.

Also posting regularly (daily or more often) I found helpful.

Hatzlachah! You can make it through!

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Re: feeling depressed 2 weeks in
Posted by iyh50 - 07 Jan 2024 02:32

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Re: feeling depressed 2 weeks in
Posted by iwant2begood - 14 Jan 2024 02:29

Yes, I remember the first 30 days, was very hard, & I was feeling very depressed. Honestly this was a drug that used to meditate all my feelings, while i was acting out. so when I stopped acting out, I had to deal with all the issues. Actually A few months into my recovery, I was feeling so bad, and started therapy to face all the issues I never knew about.

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Re: feeling depressed 2 weeks in
Posted by yiftach - 14 Jan 2024 12:09

Just chiming in with my own experience...

I just recently began my process of cleanliness and can 100% relate to you. The couch hugging, feeling stressed over everything and anything, not ready to face the world...

Speaking to people really helps and knowing that it's totally normal. We used to suppress even the smallest pressures with a drug we no longer have (or don't want) at our disposal. Look for alternatives, reach out and hang in there... The future is bright!

- Little Yiftach'l

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Welcome IYH!

That is an incredible accomplishment!! Excited to have you here on the forum! Keep on trucking!

Boy - Welcome to you as well!

Depression is very normal and nothing to worry about. It does pass.

As mentioned reaching out to people, exercising or being otherwise involved in something productive helps depression a lot. It is also worth noting that these are the very **last** things a person feels like doing when they're depressed - they prefer "leave me alone, I'm staying in bed and I'm not doing anything." But despite the lack of desire to do these things, they really do help and make life a lot better.

Keep posting and keep on trucking!!! Chazak V'ematz!

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