

hotel room emergency

Posted by 5770 - 19 Jan 2010 21:44

guys i am holed up in a hotel with nothing but internet and cable tv. I have been bored to distraction in meetings all day where lustful thoughts keep saying Hello. NOw I am on my own, away from home, wife + child. Amazingly I am on day 57 - my longest abstinence since i was prbably 12 years old. DOnt want to wreck my "winning streak"but I gotta admit i am starting to go a little mental. i should mention that i am on a non-phsycal relations diet for the last 5 years+ so u see where i am coming from (yep i have been cultivating something of a Shalom bayis problem for a good many years).

in vain i put a picture of my child on the tv in the hotel room,... not sure how long that's going to

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Re: hotel room emergency

Posted by silentbattle - 04 Mar 2010 17:00

[5770 wrote on 04 Mar 2010 15:45:](#)

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help.

What do you mean?

In general, by the way, no matter how smart you are, it's almost impossible to change someone's opinion, especially when emotions are so involved.

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Re: hotel room emergency

Posted by 5770 - 05 Mar 2010 00:37

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you're 100% right. Everything has been from a distance. Trying to keep my big mouth shut seems to be the biggest cause of problems at home, so that's what I am concentrating on. Keeping my priceless advice to myself :-)

Regarding 'affection?' It just seems such a long way from reality.

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Re: hotel room emergency

Posted by silentbattle - 05 Mar 2010 00:59

I hate to be harsh, but then you're living in a sinking ship, just trying to stop the sharks from biting you.

The situation is bad, and it's not going to get better by itself. You need to work and improve it - it might not be easy, and the results might take time, but it can only improve things - right?

Can it make things worse?

As for the sweet promise - you know that the sweet taste is only temporary, and the aftertaste is bitter, bitter. And it seems so beautiful and perfect beforehand, but afterwards, we realize it's nothing. The trick is to remember the "afterwards" from last time, before it happens again.

And trust me, I understand - just this morning I had such a strong urge...glad i was able to get out of the situation quickly, thank god!

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Re: hotel room emergency

Posted by 5770 - 05 Mar 2010 01:26

[silentbattle wrote on 05 Mar 2010 00:59:](#)

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Re: hotel room emergency
Posted by trying123 - 05 Mar 2010 02:38

[5770 wrote on 05 Mar 2010 01:26:](#)

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A researcher recently conducted a study:

He recruited a large group of parents.

He had them sit in a room and watch clips of parents interacting with children...

In one clip there was a child playing with toys and the mother was trying to get the child to go to sleep.

The child put up a big fuss...

He had them write down a description of what they were seeing.

The following was discovered:

The parents who had good relationships with their children described that the child in the clip likes toys doesn't like bed, and therefore wants to continue what he likes...

The parents who had difficult relationships with their children described a mother who was being reasonable and fair and a child who was being defiant and misbehaving and unreasonable, some even attributed the child's behavior as being deliberately provocative.....

Point is:

A good relationship is a result of viewing the other in a positive light...

A strained relationship was a result of viewing the other in a negative light....

Most people would find it very difficult to just keep quiet when the other is acting totally inappropriate...

The key is to change the way we see things...

Much easier said than done, but over time we can change...

Holy brother, I hope I am not being offensive here, I love you, and want you to have good relationships....

Please let us now how things are...

Peace and Love....

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Re: hotel room emergency

Posted by 5770 - 05 Mar 2010 02:53

you are not being offensive, far from it.

"Most people would find it very difficult to just keep quiet when the other is acting totally inappropriate..."

Every single day I am faced with her making stupid short term decisions about our daughter. I keep quiet where I can. She believes in zero discipline, zero natural consequences, and (above all) the child is ALWAYS right.

How am I supposed to reconcile this and be at peace with it?

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Re: hotel room emergency

Posted by trying123 - 05 Mar 2010 03:00

Dear Friend,

I don't know. Perhaps others do...

But all I can say is that the key here is to over time be able to understand where she's coming

form (don't gotta agree, gotta understand... and show the understanding...)

Controlling your words is important, but its the underlying dynamics that hold the key...

It seems that things where complicated for many years...

I don't want to reinvent the wheel here, but did you ever consider marriage counseling?

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Re: hotel room emergency

Posted by 5770 - 05 Mar 2010 03:12

I have raised it before, many times. She fundamentally opposes counselling.

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Re: hotel room emergency

Posted by trying123 - 05 Mar 2010 03:16

On what grounds?

Or better yet, what do you think her true reason is...?

I am assuming that she wants to be happy...

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Re: hotel room emergency

Posted by 5770 - 05 Mar 2010 03:24

she believes she is being "punished"

and that she deserves it

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Re: hotel room emergency

Posted by trying123 - 05 Mar 2010 03:44

Are you also frustrated that we can't have a normal dialog? :-\

I have to constantly check the new replies button to see if anyone one replied....

I hope GYE gets a chat room... I am giving \$100 dollars towards it...

Anyway,

It is not uncommon for one member to try to use family therapy to prove how wrong the other is....

I get that... Especially if you really believe that the other is dead wrong...

But I'm gonna have to stop here, bec. this is way over my head and I am totally unqualified to really give any advice here...

Hope I didn't offend you....

Hope things work out....

Never give up...

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Re: hotel room emergency

Posted by 5770 - 05 Mar 2010 13:46

[trying123 wrote on 05 Mar 2010 03:44:](#)

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Hope I didn't offend you....

absolutely no offence taken! thanks for taking the time to care.

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Re: hotel room emergency

Posted by Me3 - 05 Mar 2010 15:31

Ok, it seems obvious that your wife has problems that she needs to work out, unfortunately she isn't willing to go to outside help.

You can't change her. The only person you can change is yourself.

You also need to stand firm with regards to issues involving the spirituality of your child.

But.. You can choose to avoid fights as much as possible. You can say in a quiet voice, I don't want to fight with you, but I can't agree to what you are saying / doing, etc..

You do not need to yell, lose your temper, fight, etc. All these things are solely in your court. Your choice. Your wife does not control your temper, your responses. Only you do.

And if you do your part, maybe, just maybe after time (not overnight) your wife will take notice and maybe even reciprocate.

But only you can choose to make the effort.

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Re: hotel room emergency

Posted by silentbattle - 05 Mar 2010 16:00

A few questions...can I ask what she feels she's being "punished" for? by who?

As far as counseling, how is it presented? As a way for the two of you to work out your issues? maybe it would be better received if you explained (truthfully) that you want to go to marriage counseling with her because you realize that you don't treat her as well as you should, and you think that's the best way for you to learn to appreciate her and treat her properly again.

I agree with Trying123 - I was once dating a girl, and there were certain things that she did that I found annoying, and in fact, took personally (rightfully so - like her reactions to certain things I did). But then I realized that if I could see her actions as cute foibles, then instead of wanting to yell, I'd want to kiss her - and it worked (though I didn't kiss her, since that would probably end the date right there!) - I stopped being annoyed by those issues.

I think that again - what you need to realize is that most, if not *all*, the issues you're dealing with, are rooted in the fundamental bad vibes between you and your wife. And if you improve that,

really, in a deep way, then the other problems will probably disappear - or at least, get MUCH, much smaller.

So your thought process can go like this - "I need her to see that our daughter should stay in a jewish school. So, in order to convince her of that, I need to start complimenting her regularly. Being nice to her. Showing her that I care."

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