

I thought I can do this alone.  
Posted by realsimcha - 11 Mar 2011 20:07

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This is really hard for me. I feel nervous and uncomfortable as I am posting this . I have been struggling for over twelve years. Twelve nightmarish long years. Some have been better and some have been worse. All have been painful. I have never reached out like this before. Its really hard for me, as I always convinced myself that I can do this alone. I was wrong. I hope that I can get what it seems like others on this website have. Strength. Simcha. Clarity. I don't have any more strength for this addiction, and I want to face the world around me with simcha and without feeling embarassed. Can you help?

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Re: I thought I can do this alone.  
Posted by realsimcha - 18 Apr 2016 13:25

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Re: I thought I can do this alone.  
Posted by inastruggle - 18 Apr 2016 14:19

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KUTGW!

Do not get overconfident. 70 is only a drop in the bucket.

It also represents a lot of hard work. KOT!

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Re: I thought I can do this alone.  
Posted by Workingguy - 18 Apr 2016 14:53

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It's great to hear that you're happy

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YOU MADE IT TO 70!!! Congratulations and continued hatzlacha to you! Say it ten times, jump up and down, and then say to yourself "I made it to 70; wow, I better get to work now".

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Re: I thought I can do this alone.  
Posted by Yesod - 19 Apr 2016 04:37

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Real Simcha,

Congratulations! That's phenomenal, rock on brother.

I hope you keep on finding more and more blessings in your day to day life, little things to move you further away from the past and closer to a beautiful future.

Hatzlacha.

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Re: I thought I can do this alone.  
Posted by Shlomo24 - 19 Apr 2016 05:42

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Wow, amazing. A person with a lot of sobriety, (9+ years), told me I should treat myself by  
You deserve it. Also, remember that 70 is

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Re: I thought I can do this alone.  
Posted by markz - 19 Apr 2016 11:03

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Posted by Shlomo24 - 19 Apr 2016 17:11

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Good zug, Good zug.

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Re: I thought I can do this alone.  
Posted by thanks613 - 19 Apr 2016 19:14

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Re: I thought I can do this alone.  
Posted by markz - 19 Apr 2016 19:17

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Posted by doingtshuva - 19 Apr 2016 21:11

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Posted by cordnoy - 19 Apr 2016 21:27

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Re: I thought I can do this alone.  
Posted by realsimcha - 20 Apr 2016 01:33

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thinking [?!?!?!] that it would be a good time to review the day and talk about stuff that happened and think about how to finish getting the house ready for yom tov. I thought we would take a little break, enjoy each others company, chill out and maybe even enjoy some intimacy. Boom! And all because I couldn't get off my own selfish position and selfish needs. If only I could have said "zelda shprintza [name changed to protect anonymity], I see you have a lot on your mind from the day, let's talk about that a bit and then let's take a break and enjoy each other" - then I would have been the caring and understanding husband that my wife has been starting to believe that I could be. The night could have been great. It didn't go that way. We are married for a long time and we are mature enough to work through it, but it reminded me just how selfish and single minded I can be. Selfish enough to lock myself into the bathroom and act out while she takes care of the kids and runs the house. 70 amazing days. [today 71 bh]. And lots more work to do.

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Re: I thought I can do this alone.  
Posted by doingtshuva - 20 Apr 2016 10:35

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your so right

It looks like nothing is working,

but then you find out how everything starts working.

Its really scary.....

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Sorry, but the honest truth is coming. I know from my house that even in your amended version, you would not be labeled as caring and understanding. Certainly two days before pesach, saying "let's take a break and enjoy each other" is selfish - even when stated after "let's talk about the day." But perhaps your house is different. In mine, I don't ever say that six months before pesach.

B'hatzlachah

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