

Overcoming my fear

Posted by arm408 - 06 Jan 2015 09:05

Hi my name is Avi and I'm embarrassed to write because my spelling is bad to say the least so that's why i'm writing here.....

My name is Avi 29 married with kids and I'm a sexaholic. I hit rock bottom 127 days ago and ever since have been going to meetings ,got a sponsor [that fell] got another one trying to read and god is keeping me clean one day at a time ever since.... i still struggle with lust and it comes mainly after anger,expectations ,and after i'm very successful at work.

I'm writing this since i don't want to so that's a good enough reason to do so

Avi

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Re: Overcoming my fear

Posted by cordnoy - 06 Jan 2015 09:12

Very nice!

Welcome.

Don't be ashamed; your spellin' is better than many, where English is there primary language!

Sounds like you're workin' the steps; that's nice.

We are lookin' forward to hear more.

Yes, my recovery also began after I hit rock bottom.

Sadly, I found out afterwards that it only felt at the time like rock bottom, but in truth, there was more rock bottom awaitin' for me.

Anyway, recovery should be b'hatzlachah, and do share please.

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Re: Overcoming my fear

Posted by Bigmoish - 06 Jan 2015 09:23

Wow. It doesn't matter how you spell, it's obvious that you write with feeling.

Welcome. Stick around and you'll make friends here. Many will be able to relate to you; and vice versa.

Hatzlocha

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Re: Overcoming my fear
Posted by serenity - 06 Jan 2015 10:53

Welcome to GYE! I'm so glad to read this post, it gives me a lot of chizuk! Keep posting, please!

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Re: Overcoming my fear
Posted by ineedchizuk - 06 Jan 2015 13:18

Shalom aleichem, Avi

(Now if only I'd follow your lead and simply do anything that makes me uncomfortable...:-))

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Re: Overcoming my fear
Posted by cordnoy - 06 Jan 2015 17:28

[ineedchizuk wrote:](#)

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You can....

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Re: Overcoming my fear
Posted by arm408 - 06 Jan 2015 21:00

Good morning thanks for all the responses.

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Thanks Avi

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Re: Overcoming my fear
Posted by cordnoy - 06 Jan 2015 21:58

IMHO:

One of the main purposes of the 12 steps, and accordin' to some - it is the primary purpose - is to become closer to God. So, how can success be measured? Are you closer to Him than you were 124 days ago? Do you feel Him more than yesterday? When you get to the stage that you feel God at all times, you might be a malach.

b'hatzlachah

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Re: Overcoming my fear

Posted by dms1234 - 06 Jan 2015 22:13

WELCOME!

Check out the [GYE Handbook](#) and [Skep's tips](#)

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Re: Overcoming my fear

Posted by Shmeichel - 07 Jan 2015 01:36

avi dont worry about the spillin

here in England there was a famous millionaire who couldn't write his checks

he had all his checks and letters written by his secretary/solicitor

once a non frum guy teased him that his boy went to collage for a lawer degre, while our frum boys go to yeshiveh, the millionaire answered him, good so he can be my next secretary

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Re: Overcoming my fear

Posted by serenity - 07 Jan 2015 02:21

No pun intended?

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Re: Overcoming my fear

Posted by arm408 - 07 Jan 2015 22:27

Good morning

I'm holding on step 11 and trying to see how to apply it to my day to day life what caught my eye

and mind the most is faith without works is dead.this changes my whole view on the relationship with God and myself it's real not just faith .Hope god will help me get closer to him on a constant bases

Avi

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Re: Overcoming my fear

Posted by cordnoy - 09 Jan 2015 19:46

He most certainly will!

You continue workin', and He wants nothin' more than for you to feel His proximity to you.

b'hatzlachah

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Re: Overcoming my fear

Posted by Hatzileini Na - 12 Jan 2015 01:09

[arm408 wrote:](#)

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I remember one Yom Kippur where no matter what I could not seem to feel any connection to Hashem. I tried everything I could think of and felt nothing.

After Davening was over I went over to a Rebbe of mine who was there and spoke to him. I was wiped out and felt defeated and tried to explain how I felt.

My Rebbe told me that Rav Nachman writes that while Tefillah where we feel a real closeness to Hashem is amazing, it cannot touch a Tefillah where no matter how hard we try, we do not feel anything. Those Tefillos where we just can't seem to connect are Tefillos coming from a deep place inside. A Tefilla where we feel we are connecting has in it some personal gain because we feel good and invigorated in the process. When we Daven despite feeling nothing, it is even more powerful.

We see many sources from Gedolim across generations that they felt like Hashem was not there. Dovid Hamelech in Tehillim speaks of it many times, "Keili Keili Lamah Azavtani" - "My God, My God why have you abandoned me" etc.

I believe when we want to feel the presence of Hashem, and we Daven to feel that presence, over time we may be blessed to feel it more frequently. Ultimately though, we will only truly feel it constantly in the next world (or maybe after Moshiach comes.) Until then, there will God-willing be many times we feel the connection, but some when sadly we do not.

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