

Broken and crying

Posted by iwantmeback - 28 Feb 2023 10:37

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Re: Broken and crying

Posted by simchastorah - 28 Feb 2023 10:49

That is so rough! Hashem should help you get through this, and iy'h this should be the rock bottom which you will one day celebrate as the thing which pushed you to get to a place of complete cleanliness and clarity! I left you a private message

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Re: Broken and crying

Posted by chancy - 28 Feb 2023 14:14

Hi and welcome.

You made a great decision by joining GYE. You are no longer alone! You have a very strong community of people who struggle or have struggled. So stick around.

you can gain tremendously if you keep on coming back here and just sharing your struggles, you can also use the other tools like the 90 chart or the F2F program. Tons of us have been in the same or worse situations that you find yourself in, and have achieved nothing short of greatness! This battle can be won and the struggle overcome! Do not give up or despair. There is Hope if you really want to change!

congratulations on taking the first step towards freedom!

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Re: Broken and crying

Posted by ms249 - 28 Feb 2023 17:20

I'm here for you.

Your family is very lucky to have such a dedicated father and husband. You are trying your best, we all make mistakes.

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Re: Broken and crying

Posted by Icanbreakfree - 28 Feb 2023 19:53

my friend i am going through a very similar situation. my wife knows and doesnt trust me, etc.

I am PETREFIED to think of what might happen.....

I totally understand you!

you can email me at

averagejoe723@yahoo.ca

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Re: Broken and crying

Posted by Vehkam - 28 Feb 2023 20:44

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Please use this as a catalyst to get proper help. Call an organization for a therapist referral. You can change if you want to. It takes work but it is immensely rewarding. Don't try to fix this on your own. Take it from someone who was trapped for 35 years.

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Re: Broken and crying

Posted by Bennyh - 28 Feb 2023 21:48

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My heart goes out to you! Like Vekham said, use this as a catalyst to change.

I recently came across this post:

guardyoureyes.com/forum/17-Balei-Battims-Forum/374271-I-Need-This-To-End#374271

Seems like sometimes (always?) Hashem "steps in" with something to shake us awake!

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Re: Broken and crying

Posted by hashemplease123 - 01 Mar 2023 02:29

Hi it sounds like you are in a lot of pain i feel for you. Hashem gave us a wonderful gift called TIME. TIME WILL HEAL YOU.

You need to think positive think of the future like in a year from now when you have fully made

teshuva and dropped this whole problem how special that time will be how awesome you will feel. You have to be positive in your current situation negativity could bring you even lower its a tactic of the yetzer. I would refrence you to a sefer written by rav shlomo hoffman secrets of the soul he has chapters in there on how to cope with sin very helpful.

There are people who have done worse than you and you regret it and want to move on your a great person!! be proud of yourself for posting and seeking help. dont worry about the money that will be your kaparah move forward with positivity!

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Re: Broken and crying

Posted by iwantmeback - 01 Mar 2023 10:25

I understand fully.

I sent you a couple of thoughts privately to your email. I heard many years ago a older man talk about our type of situation. For him there was a consequence and a price he had to pay. He got divorced and he no longer had the kids close. It broke him for a while till he remembered that being an involved dad or even a partner to his wife in the capacity after divorce did not end with divorce. For you and me both, let's live and keep the fearful "mights" where it belongs and instead live reality with the right kind of inner might and become who we truly want to be. Are you with me?

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Re: Broken and crying

Posted by frank.lee - 02 Mar 2023 00:30

Great that you are reaching out here. I'd suggest talking on the phone with someone here called HHM. You can call from an anonymous Google voice number or something.

Hatzlacha in staying healthy!

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Re: Broken and crying

Posted by retrych - 02 Mar 2023 17:27

As for the money scammed, I dont know enough to say, but is there any way of getting some of it back? Maybe talk to someone about that as well. But definitely, if you confront this problem, thats the main thing. everything else is to wake you up. definitely you need to take big steps, to show everyone and yourself you are trying to change.

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Re: Broken and crying

Posted by josh david - 03 Mar 2023 01:27

Wow that's terrible i feel for u man

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Re: Broken and crying

Posted by iwantmeback - 03 Mar 2023 11:53

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Do you mind sharing what those actions are?

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Re: Broken and crying

Posted by iwantmeback - 03 Mar 2023 13:50

I took 3 immediate actions.

1-I reached out and connected to GYE.

2-I reimplemented a rule for myself. Phone gets shut off and stays out of the bedroom at night (it is almost always where thoughts begin to fester and develop or where action takes place) . In the past it has been very effective. By greatly decreasing the use of the gateway (phone) I greatly increase my chances to not get in to circumstances I will certainly regret.

3- This is specific to me but I took technical steps to secure myself financially (as what I was hit with was essentially a financial scam) as well as set alerts to be sent to a third party. This will increase the chance that a repeat of what happened won't happen again.

It won't stop with the above 3. More to come.

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