

Ready to recommit

Posted by justinbieber - 10 Sep 2024 07:16

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Re: Ready to recommit

Posted by adam2014 - 10 Sep 2024 10:14

Of all the terrible things about P and M, the worst for me was that I prefer Porn to having real sex with my wife. She doesn't know my problem, but she knows I am no longer overly interested in her. It is not about her at all; she is beautiful and willing; it breaks my heart to think about how she feels, feeling that I am not interested in her that way. So, you are not alone and in the right place..... BTW.. you are NOT a bad father and husband. You have a problem and are working on it, and for that, you should be commended.

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Posted by odyossefchai - 10 Sep 2024 12:58

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Posted by BenHashemBH - 10 Sep 2024 13:23

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Shalom Brother,

I don't know your situation, but it sounds incredibly difficult and painful. Some have it harder than others, there are some folks here that have really challenging bedrooms, but everyone can work on themselves. It's hard to see it, but when we do our part and put in the appropriate effort and alter our mindset, sometimes for a long time, eventually things start to change. Might not be the ending we hope for, but it's not our job to change our spouse, that road only leads to resentment and misplaced blame for all our woes.

As a related note: porn teaches us things that we think we now know about women and sex. It's usually wrong. We have to make sure we are open to her needs, sensitivities, and dislikes without any preconceived notions about what it ought to be. Not presuming anything about your situation, just a general issue that many have to contend with after exposure to unrealistic ideas

of what 'good sex' means.

Don't give up! The effort that feels 'not worth it' might be (might be) the exact thing that makes it special to achieve for her sake. Have you had open and non-judgmental conversations about your feelings?

Again, I don't know your personal situation, and you don't have to tell anyone either, so please ignore any unsolicited advice that does not pertain to you.

Hatzlacha

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Welcome back Brother JB,

You are definitely in the right place.

Do you mind sharing your plan and some of the resources you find useful?

Thank you and continued hatzlacha.

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Wow. A 15-year-long gap is a huge burden to be working on. Kudos to you for keeping hope after all that.

If you are comfortable, perhaps you would consider reaching out to HHM (michelgelner@gmail.com). He has a lot of experience and has helped a great many people. He might have some insights for your personal challenge.

Kol Tov

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Re: Ready to recommit

Posted by justinbieber - 10 Sep 2024 15:09

Thank you for the warm welcome back. It seems like a lot has changed on GYE since the last time I used it, so I'll have to do some exploring. I found that in the past the Taphsic method has

helped me and this time around I plan on leaning on the community more by participating in the forums. Any advice is appreciated though!

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Posted by redfaced - 10 Sep 2024 15:59

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All of us use HHM as a rebbi for these things. Give it a shot - he's good people.

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Posted by proudyungerman - 10 Sep 2024 18:21

Welcome back JustinB!

Although I don't know what the forums were like when you last stopped in (or GYE for the matter), now you will find much warmth and acceptance here.

People here care and want to help.

Check out the F2F program, read around on the forums, and when you're ready, a conversation with some of the mentors here can be life-changing.

(Personally, I spoke to HHM pretty soon after I joined and my life hasn't been the same. He is reachable at michelgelter@gmail.com)

Looking forward to hearing from you!

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Posted by livingagain - 15 Sep 2024 13:45

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a mentor really helped me. I've been clean for a while. There's reading material and videos that can give you advice on how to stop p&m

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Ouch I really feel for you. Your situation sounds so difficult and endless. So much suffering! I really hope you will soon see light at the end of this long tunnel.

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Lol you definitely aren't the first person to think it. Just many have changed their minds, realizing that it was. That being said I am in no way suggesting that's the case. I would just say in my little experience that if you blame your struggles with porn on your wife, (even if it is her fault,) you wont stop using porn. You will spend all your energy dealing with the "real" problem. Namely how to deal with your difficult wife.

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Re: Ready to recommit

Posted by proudyungerman - 19 Sep 2024 17:08

How are doing, buddy?

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