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Posted by strugglingwithbetrayal - 16 Feb 2025 14:59

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Re: I'm trying, I really am

Posted by proudyungerman - 16 Feb 2025 15:08

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Oy, my dear brother! Your pain comes clear through your post!

But know this, you have come to the right place.

You have just joined the warmest family in the world!

Here you will find true care, concern, and warmth.

Here you will learn that you CAN break free!

There are many tools here to help you in this fight.

There is the F2F Program, the [Vaad Program](#) (click [here](#) for an explanation of what the vaad is), and the book [The Battle of the Generation](#) - many have found this very helpful in reframin' the struggle.

There is also an extremely powerful tool of accountability, friends, and mentors, as has been mentioned, that has helped hundreds - myself included.

HHM - Hashem Help Me - is the mentor-in-chief around here. He's reachable at [michelgelner@gmail.com](mailto:michelgelner@gmail.com).

Some of the other great guys here are Eerie - [1gimpelovitz@gmail.com](mailto:1gimpelovitz@gmail.com), Muttel - [muttel15@gmail.com](mailto:muttel15@gmail.com), Reb Akiva - [mevakesh247@gmail.com](mailto:mevakesh247@gmail.com) iwantlife - [iwantlifegye@proton.me](mailto:iwantlifegye@proton.me) minhamayim - [minhamayim1@gmail.com](mailto:minhamayim1@gmail.com)

Keep postin', you'll see, the oilam is here for you.

Lookin' forward to seeing great things from you!

And don't forget, as always, KOMT!!

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Re: I'm trying, I really am

Posted by strugglingwithbetrayal - 16 Feb 2025 15:44

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Thanks. I can't tell you how much I need the chizuk. I have so much gratitude to HK"BH for my son. Whenever he is around and awake, nothing else matters. But he's not always there for me, obviously. And, obviously, that's not his fault. I can be the awesome dad he needs while he's helping his father cope in his own way, but I need something more concrete and consistent.

I'm a ba'al teshuva, so I'm not very up on the lingo. What is "KOMT"?

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Posted by redfaced - 16 Feb 2025 15:46

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Sure you have it in you. Some of the real special people here would be happy to talk you though finding the tools.

You can do it.

Many people here have done it before you.

Reach out. Connect. Post.

Hatzlocha

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Re: I'm trying, I really am

Posted by lamaazavtuni - 17 Feb 2025 04:35

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Keep on monster trucking!!! Komt!!!

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Re: I'm trying, I really am

Posted by authenticaved - 17 Feb 2025 05:42

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Hi strugglingwithbetrayal, I really appreciated your post, and can relate to the feelings you describe. When I started here in the summer and started talking to guys one thing I realized was that I never truly believed I could break free. I always thought i would need it and return to it because life always has its "lows" and like you said, the yetzer hara always swoops in at just

the right time, bringing me back to my crutch, my familiar coping mechanism to help with all of life's many challenges.

With that said, I know now that belief is not true. and for me, uprooting that false belief was an essential part of my ticket to freedom. And I'm not a malach, and you don't need to be either. You absolutely 100% can be a normal human being with tremendous struggles like I was (still a normal human being, no longer have tremendous struggles in this area bH) and you CAN get to a place where p&m is NOT the crutch you turn to when things get rough

or you're feeling down.

And yes, even if, like me, you didn't grow up "in the system".

And yes, even if, like me, you were exposed from a young age, and fell consistently for 10+ years, building a long-standing habit, with very few notable clean periods despite all my genuine trying.

For me, the tools and connection I found here enabled me to flip 180 degrees, and after shattering all my previously held beliefs about myself and my "limits", I'll never look back. and throughout this time, though life has continued to have its ups and downs, its highs and sometimes its deep lows, yet the change has proven to be a real one. Nothing short of a fundamental paradigm shift.

I'd be happy to speak more about this, or anything else, in pms or you can text me (pm for my number)

Stick around, reach out, connect with some of the chevra, you can absolutely break free. And you came to the right place to do it, my friend. For real this time.

Wishing you lots of ??? and hatzlacha on your journey and looking forward to seeing you take it further than you ever imagined.

Warmly,

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Re: I'm trying, I really am  
Posted by Captain - 17 Feb 2025 13:19

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Hey! Welcome! Sounds like your guilt and perspective on the struggle is getting in the way of you succeeding. Please check out The Battle of the Generation [guardyoureyes.com/ebooks/item/the-battle-of-the-generation](https://guardyoureyes.com/ebooks/item/the-battle-of-the-generation). It will help you gain a new perspective on the struggle, which will help you in your journey. (If the link doesn't work, use the one in my signature.)

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Re: I'm trying, I really am  
Posted by strugglingwithbetrayal - 17 Feb 2025 17:32

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My marriage is also broken as a result of this. So I need double the chizuk.

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Re: I'm trying, I really am  
Posted by balancedunicorn66 - 17 Feb 2025 18:07

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and also, how was your marriage before that?

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Posted by thompson - 17 Feb 2025 18:08

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[Insert head exploding emoji]

Let's say this is true; now what? It can add a layer of perspective to life's struggles. You can see

him scheming before getting hit by the full impact. For example, as soon as your wife starts expressing disapproval, you can realize he's trying to set you up and take measures to stay grounded. (Of course, this is not to say that you should dismiss what your wife says, but that you needn't get sucked into the abyss by it.)

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Re: I'm trying, I really am  
Posted by altehmirrerr - 17 Feb 2025 18:55

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either way

welcome brother!!! there are amazing people out there to connect to!

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Re: I'm trying, I really am  
Posted by jewizard21 - 17 Feb 2025 19:03

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It's "Keep On Monster Trucking" and I like to add ODAAT "One Day At A Time"

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Re: I'm trying, I really am  
Posted by strugglingwithbetrayal - 17 Feb 2025 19:39

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Perhaps. But I can't assign blame to an outside force. I make the decision to fall because it's a choice. The wrong one, but it's a choice nonetheless. I feel it would be better to prove to him that I'm not a target by not making the choice in the first place.

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Amein!

She completely supports me being here and is happy I'm working toward bettering myself, whatever the result. Our marriage was always rocky, though, because I have my own issues with her. I don't like airing dirty laundry, though.

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Re: I'm trying, I really am

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That's 7 days, unofficially (because I count the day before I was introduced to this site) that I've been clean. It's right around now that I either start to stress out from lack of stimulus, or start to rely on my old crutches (gaming works pretty well if it's not stigmatized). This is going to be really difficult...

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