

I will make it b'e"h

Posted by MayanHamisgaber - 19 Dec 2016 23:17

Just started my 90 days journey (hopefully indefinitely) a little nervous as for years i have had very long stretches with feeling nothing and then WHAM massive fall which would then spiral out of control until someone found out. But now i have gye and everyone here who are so

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Posted by Workingguy - 03 Feb 2017 16:12

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Re: I will make it b"h

Posted by cordnoy - 03 Feb 2017 16:50

[bb0212 wrote on 03 Feb 2017 15:02:](#)

[MayanHamisgaber wrote on 03 Feb 2017 12:14:](#)

Day 47

Feeling a lot of stress here and if i'm honest i'll say that i am hurt by one close to me

Just bec. one feels that calling at night might be bothering someone does that mean it should be at the expense of me and now my day has been topsy turvy

Trying not to show how upset i am but i think i am failing miserably

Good morning MH,

Please bear with my response, I hope it helps. One of my rabbeim one told me this incredible vort. He quoted from

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that a person is never given a test they can't pass. And even though many people quote the rebbi of ?? ???? ???? , the Ishbitzer as saying regarding the story ???? ????? ?? ???, (where the leader of a ??? sinned with a woman,) that sometimes we're given tests that we can't pass, my rebbi feels that it's misquote. While that may be true, that's not a decision that we could make. We have to do whatever we can do, davening as much as possible etc. We can never sell ourselves short!

When I heard that, the following idea came to me. Many times, we face a test from Hashem. It can be incredibly difficult and we may feel that we can't pass it. Heck, *it might be true, we may truly be unable to pass the test that we see*. But that doesn't mean that it's the test that God wants us to pass.

For example, let's say I'm a kleptomaniac (however it's spelled) and I have a very strong urge to steal red sports cars. I'm alone in the desert. This guy drives up in a red Ferrari, steps out of the car, gets bitten by a snake and dies. Forget it, that car is gonna be mine, nobody else is around, it's the easiest steal in the history of the world. So I can safely assume that our Abba doesn't expect me to pass the test. One problem with my theory is that I am thinking of the wrong test. In my story, Hashem actually wanted me to hold strong & not steal the car for 5 minutes. Even though He expects me to steal the car, he expects me to **try**. If I steal the car after 30 seconds, I failed the test. I failed because I didn't put in 100% & I didn't put in 100% because I knew that it would be impossible for me to control that urge, so there's nothing I could do.

The main thing to know, is that we don't know, so we gotta do 100% of what we can do.

We don't know what the test is. We're unable to judge & say that we can't pass the test if we don't know what it is.

Similarly, we can't say that we're failing if we don't know what our Father expects of us, we just must do what we can do!

Keep strong and don't give in to the negative thoughts! Every test you pass will only make you stronger!

Il don't know much. What I said on a call today was: we don't know what a passin' grade is.

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Re: I will make it b"h

Posted by bb0212 - 03 Feb 2017 16:55

Love it!

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Posted by Hashem Help Me - 03 Feb 2017 17:55

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I guess I don't know what a test is- but Rav Dessler makes it quite clear in his famous piece about nekudas habechirah that there are many tests that are way outside our free will point- that there are things that we won't get much reward for because it's almost outside our free will to sin on that area, and that there are sins we won't get punished for because they're outside our free will. Rav Dessler says your ikar nisayon in this world is your point of free will, and that your

mission is to keep on moving the needle.

Reb Yisrael Salanter himself says this (I don't remember which letter) where he explains the following- what if it used to be hard for me to learn, and now I've made it that I love to do it so much that I can't stop? Do I get less reward now? And vice versa- what if i am addicted to a sin, but once upon a time it was relatively easy to resist- can we say that I won't be punished because I can't really help it? He explains that in each case, we'll be judged where our original struggle was, so if it was easy for us once upon a time then we won't get a pass later just because it's harder now.

If you would like to see an expanded writing on this topic of us not having free will EVEN in many matters of yiras shamayim, go search on seforim blog for the review of the Sefer Berogez Rachem Tizkor, which was an exposition of R Tzadok's philosophy on sin and teshuva written by Rabbi Dovid Bashevkin, whom I believe is the director of education for NCSY and a R Tzadok aficianado.

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To add- not sure if we're differentiating between a test and our everyday challenges, but is quite clear that there are many times we are faced with an opportunity to sin that is outside our bechira. R Dessler points it out, but many others do as well.

If my computer charger wasn't missing and I wasn't all "filtered up" I would post some sources.

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Re: I will make it b"h

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 05 Feb 2017 04:04

Even when something is beyond our nekudas habechira (and maybe we will not be punished for it) tefillah to Hashem can be used to remove the nisayon. See the Yismach Yisroel parshas Bo in the name of Rav Yechiel of Aleksander.

I think it is a massive Kiddush Hashem the amount of research and thought everyone is putting in to help make others on the one hand come to terms and be at peace with their challenges and on the other hand encourage those same others to stand up to those challenges as best they can. This place is kodesh kodoshim!

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I know, and that's what I meant when I said I'm not sure how you're defining tests. My point is that many of the things we face are outside of our abilities. Those are probably not the tests. But then we can say that while HaShem may not give you a test you can't pass, he may give you a situation you can't succeed in.

But practically speaking, we have to believe beforehand that we can pass the test or situation because we don't know, afterwards we have to do teshuva regardless, and we always have to think it's Hashem's will that whatever happened was meant to be that way.

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