

Journey of one day at a time

Posted by lhavenostrength - 10 Feb 2017 20:04

This is day one or perhaps it's day zero. I fell today. It wasn't much fun. I was clean for 32 days. That is about how long I usually go for. I really want to be done with this problem. I just want to be normal. My self esteem is crushed every time I fall. Somehow internal adversity is more painful than an external adversary. For if it's an external adversary, even if he's causing you pain, you don't take the blame for it. Only the pain. With the internal losses you get both. I suppose I'm my own worst enemy. Well I hope that was morbid enough for you, because I'd like to begin my journey.

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Re: Journey of one day at a time

Posted by lhavenostrength - 12 Feb 2017 22:19

Cool. I was actually just reading your thread. I read the first 6 pages and then skipped to page 20 where you wrote about the in-laws coming. Best of luck with that.

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Re: Journey of one day at a time

Posted by MayanHamisgaber - 12 Feb 2017 22:29

Was trying to post this before but was having a problem so will try again

Hello and welcome to the family

Sounds like you are going thru a hard time right now sorry to hear that.

I'll leave the addiction stuff for those "great ones" here that know better than me to help you with that

Just wanted to say what works for me hoping that it will help you or someone else too.

Firstly for many years I too looked at others and was repulsed by the shallowness of the world until my rebbe drilled into me (this was when I opened up to him about my lust for porn and masturbation) that just like I didn't want others to look down at me because of my faults so too I should not look down at them since everyone has "issues" to some extent or another this does not make them a bad person just a normal one with things to deal with just like me!!

This helped me after many years when I finally "got" it for before that I was a very cynical angry person with no or very few friends but since then I am happier and have more friends and still making more every day.

I in no way mean to imply that this is what you do or anything else just saying what works for me when I had and have these hard times.

Also I try to remind myself that if this is what keeps popping up in my life so many times it must be the reason (or at least one of them) that I am in this world and I have made it a purpose in my life to overcome it.

Sorry if this is not practical advice but this is a perspective that has helped me, and still does, thru the more trying times in life I hope that you can take something from this.

You are doing the right thing by coming here and you will get the help you are asking for just try to have patience and an open minded way of reading or hearing what people have to say here and you will go far. We are here for you just let us know what we can do.

KUTGW and KOMT/S or whatever else they say here (oh and ODAAT)

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Thanks first time someone told me that they were reading my thread (other than those that)

If you skipped to the end you missed some doozy posts in the teen pages!!

Just the mother-in-law and B"H I was blessed by not having any hardships when she is concerned but amen.

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Re: Journey of one day at a time
Posted by Ihavenostrength - 12 Feb 2017 22:37

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Posted by MayanHamisgaber - 12 Feb 2017 22:37

oh and I forgot to mention one other "tip" that my rebbe told me

It's okay to beat yourself up for falling or whatever just don't beat yourself down that is just the y"h working to really bring you down so use the failings as a springboard to understand yourself better (what causes the falls why do you feel this way ect....) and get back up and do some monster trucking that will make us proud or most importantly make Hashem proud!

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Re: Journey of one day at a time
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 13 Feb 2017 00:30

[lhavenostrength wrote on 12 Feb 2017 21:31:](#)

Day 3: I'm feeling pretty low right now. I don't want to talk to, or even look at people. It's almost as if I'm sick and don't want to infect anyone. People seem more shallow and cruel to me. It's hard to hear their bickering. Their gossip about others. It's easy to think that if any of these people knew who I am they wouldn't think much of me. This makes their friendship seem worthless, not worth pursuing. I know this is all pretty horrible stuff. I'm just reporting what I feel. I make no claims to their position on the scale of reality or truth.

Another thing I'm struggling with is developing a sense of purpose. I haven't made much progress. I'm not even sure I should be trying to. Many times after a fall, with my mind confused and in disarray, I'd plan an overhaul of my life. Convinced that perhaps a strong focus on something, a sense of mission would be the answer. An obsession to distract. Perhaps I also felt as if these constant failures had to be compensated for in some other area.

Then I turned to thinking that I couldn't think along those lines till I made substantial progress in my addictive behaviors. Maybe I needed to relax with my ambitious goals. They weren't succeeding anyways, they were stressing me out. Perhaps, I need to get healthy first. A healthy person can accomplish things. He's not burdened with shame and guilt.

It's just... I've been trying to be healthy for too long now.

You are being much too tough on yourself. You deserve lots of credit for joining the forum and reaching out for help. Think about each hour that you held back from acting out and the simcha it causes in shomayim. Believe me I know what you feel like. The negativity towards others and the constant thought "if they would only know the truth about me...." Hashem knows the truth about you and is mishtashaya with you for facing this very common struggle. Keep posting even if the going gets rough. I cried a lot in the beginning - and I am not mr emotional - it was torture. We will be there for you. Keep your head high and keep climbing the mountain.

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Posted by Singularity - 13 Feb 2017 07:50

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What do you do currently?

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Re: Journey of one day at a time
Posted by Ihavenostrength - 13 Feb 2017 15:56

I learn in a yeshiva.

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Re: Journey of one day at a time
Posted by Ihavenostrength - 14 Feb 2017 01:47

Day 4: Feeling a bit more settled today. Time heals for sure. It's just that it takes much longer than a couple days for me to regain a semblance of sanity and stability. Still feeling irritable. Trying not to feel too bad for not being very friendly to people. It's difficult to see the good in others when you can't find the good in yourself.

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Re: Journey of one day at a time
Posted by Markz - 14 Feb 2017 01:57

And what about the "Great Trucking Story" beneath the spoiler in my signature?

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Re: Journey of one day at a time
Posted by Ihavenostrength - 14 Feb 2017 02:05

I don't see
any "Great trucking story", do you mean "A nice trucking story"?

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Re: Journey of one day at a time
Posted by Ihavenostrength - 14 Feb 2017 02:09

I clicked on it. It downloaded an e-book entitled "the first day of the rest of my life". I believe I

have read some of it on this website in article form before. Perhaps if I have time I will read more. The text is a bit too small to read on my mobile though.

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You are going through the normal and expected withdrawal symptoms. Exercise is a fantastic reliever so your walk was a good idea and exercise should become a daily ritual (without becoming obsessive about it). Music is great too. Keep up the good work. It pays. Hatzlocha!

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Re: Journey of one day at a time

Posted by Ihavenostrength - 14 Feb 2017 02:30

Hashemhelpme, thanks for your comment. However, I'd like to take exception with your suggestion that it's withdrawal symptoms that I'm experiencing. I think it's more likely a result of being depressed from the fall.

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