

Star Wars-related comment

Posted by Larry - 13 Aug 2014 21:58

Rabosai,

Please forgive me for the movie reference... but this thought just came to mind... back in the day when I would commonly watch movies, I was definitely into Star Wars. And there's a line in "Return of the Jedi" that stuck out for me... Yoda had asked Luke to use the "Force" to lift his X-wing fighter out of the bog, and Luke's response was, "I'll try." To which Yoda replied, "Do or not do. There is no try." This does sound profound.

However, it just struck me... this is 100% kefira b'ikar... Hashem **wants** us to try... in fact, the Torah and rabbis teach us that He rewards us according to our efforts, *not* according to the results. After all, *only* Hashem actually brings the results of anything into being. In other words, anything we actually accomplish is really from Hashem.

Maybe Yoda actually meant, "When all is said and done, no mortal being will remember that you tried, only what you did or didn't do." Be that as it may, Hashem **does** remember, with perfect clarity, how much/well we tried... and that is something we must constantly keep in mind.

Ok - maybe nobody else cares at all what Yoda said in a movie 30 years ago (or that Yoda could be an apikoros, for that matter), but it struck me that this is something that we could learn a lesson from.

A good, clean day to everyone here.

kol tuv,

Larry

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Re: Star Wars-related comment

Posted by SIB101854 - 13 Aug 2014 22:22

How about this classical line when Darth Vader reacts to a comment about the "Force"-"your lack of respect for the Force is disturbing" (just think of James Earl Jones's reciting that line!)

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Re: Star Wars-related comment

Posted by cordnoy - 13 Aug 2014 22:32

Wayne, a recovering alcoholic bar owner, helps his friend, a washed-up country singer, get sober and back in touch with his son.

he tells him: "One day at a time--get your butt in the truck."

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Re: Star Wars-related comment

Posted by Larry - 13 Aug 2014 22:36

[SIB101854 wrote:](#)

How about this classical line when Darth Vader reacts to a comment about the "Force"-"your lack of respect for the Force is disturbing" (just think of James Earl Jones's reciting that line!) Yes, I remember that one too: "I find your lack of faith *disturbing*, Captain," DV says as he starts to force-choke the other guy. Could you say that this one also has a take-home lesson for us GYE'ers?

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Re: Star Wars-related comment

Posted by afreshstart39 - 14 Aug 2014 19:43

i dont think thats kfire larry!

hashem doesnt want us to try, he wants us to do, whether or not the 'do' will actually work is none of our business,

what master yoda was teaching luke was that saying "i will try" is nothing more than an excuse. it basically means that "i wont put too much effort into it, and that's fine because i didnt really commit to it, i just said i will try"

we dont try, we do, and hashem fills in the rest!

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Re: Star Wars-related comment

Posted by SIB101854 - 15 Aug 2014 01:16

Yoda was a lhavdil a rebbe for luke.

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