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Posted by ILAHCFM - 03 Nov 2022 13:10

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Thank you for your extraordinary courage in writing this. Also, your raw honesty. I can relate to many of the things you said and my heart goes out to you; actually my heart kind of feels like it wants to wrap itself around you to shield you from the hurt and protect you and give you comfort

from the crushing pain. I have been there psychologically. Not making it about me, just wanting you to know that on some level I get it. I promise you I will be here for you with no judgement of any kind, just support and love. You are a courageous guy who is suffering but I believe you will make it to a better place in this life. Hatzlacha, buddy ???. Keep us posted. People here really care.

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Re: I need porn to survive when i'm suicidal...
Posted by YeshivaGuy - 03 Nov 2022 14:54

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I know the feelings, I know....

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Re: I need porn to survive when i'm suicidal...
Posted by Human being - 03 Nov 2022 20:29

Your so brave for sharing your story publicly, well always be here (nonjudgmentally) to hear your pain and hold space for you.

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I was sure that God hates me and I didn't believe in nothing.

I quitted porn after suffering so badly from it, it ruined my business, almost my marriage and I cant pay that price again.

Dont give up.

Hashem loves you unconditionally.

Quit for your own good, for your own wellbeing. Life is much sweeter without it.

Good luck

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I want to respond quickly here to let you know that I feel your pain so very deeply. I am planning on writing to you privately with more and we can have a conversation...but please please know you are not alone and there are people who can understand what you are feeling. And, like @human being always says, I am a #nojudgmentzone

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Re: I need porn to survive when i'm suicidal...
Posted by ILAHCFM - 14 Nov 2022 14:49

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Posted by Teshuvahguy - 14 Nov 2022 15:06

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I am so happy to hear that. I have been on meds for depression and anxiety disorders for many, many years and they have really been lifesavers for me as well. Your life has incredible value because YOU have incalculable value. Never, ever lose sight of that. When I was your age I was in much the same state you are in and, honestly, many of the things you shared in your post are very similar to my feelings when I was your age. I was angry (really angry). I was devastatingly hurt, I was the youngest person in a house that was toxic and tainted by mental illness that I did not recognize, because I was just a kid. I was just lost (not saying you are, just sharing that). When I read your posts I feel very close to you and anything I can do to be of help, even if that just means being a safe place to vent and unload, I will do.

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Re: I need porn to survive when i'm suicidal...
Posted by Human being - 14 Nov 2022 20:05

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Posted by Teshuvahguy - 14 Nov 2022 20:33

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My friend @human being, one heart knows another. You are such a beautiful man. You know my thoughts on that!!

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Re: I need porn to survive when i'm suicidal...
Posted by ytw - 15 Nov 2022 23:02

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