

Journey of one day at a time

Posted by Ihavenostrength - 10 Feb 2017 20:04

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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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Posted by Ihavenostrength - 05 May 2017 05:18

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Posted by Singularity - 05 May 2017 08:50

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Posted by GrowStrong - 05 May 2017 11:02

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Re: Journey of one day at a time  
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 05 May 2017 12:37

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Super mashal!

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Re: Journey of one day at a time  
Posted by Shlomo24 - 05 May 2017 12:40

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I have insomnia. I listen to a podcast called "Sleep with me." It's 100% clean and it knocks me out. I've struggled with sleeping since I've been small (I'm 6 feet tall) and I have a solution now.

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Posted by Workingguy - 05 May 2017 13:01

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Skin it is. Walking or pictures. I had the same progression; fascinating.

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Re: Journey of one day at a time

Posted by Shivisi\_Hashem - 05 May 2017 14:13

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Re: Journey of one day at a time

Posted by lhavenostrength - 05 May 2017 14:42

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This is a PM I sent to a tzadik who asked me how the night went. After I wrote it I thought to post it on the forum as well.

Thanks for thinking of me. B"H I made it through the night clean. Even in the morning I was quite tempted. I realized that I'm more addicted to getting aroused than to masturbating. Obviously it leads to masturbating. It's like an arousal addiction. I got up in the morning, went for a mile and a half run, and took a cold shower. Then it hit me. I used to use pride as a motivator, by telling myself have some self respect, how would you feel if someone walked in. I lost that recently. I've been treating myself like a child, by allowing myself? to test the limits. Now I'm thinking act out if you want, for it's only you who will lose, after all it's your life.

Another point. We write the narrative of our lives, and we decide how to view our histories.

So I don't view these past nights as failures. On the contrary, they indicate my strength and ability to resist even when I was extremely aroused. Obviously it was self imposed arousal, and it was stupid. However, nonetheless it taught me of the strength of our ability to resist. If a boxer gets injured in a fight, but wins despite it does that make him less a victor? No, it shows he triumphed even when handicapped. Mind you, I will do everything in my power never to go there again.

I think two things brought me down. 1. Looking at the past ( feeling down about fantasizing the other night). 2. No healthy sense of pride.

For today I will try to live with two maxims. 1. "New day, new life." 2. "Have some pride".

Also, I'm proud of what I've accomplished so far. I don't care if other people don't struggle as much with this. It doesn't make them better than me. Who's to say how they would do in my situation?

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Posted by MayanHamisgaber - 05 May 2017 14:48

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Posted by Ihavenostrength - 05 May 2017 15:38

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Re: Journey of one day at a time

Posted by Chaimel - 05 May 2017 15:49

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You write so well that I find it intimidating to respond.

Thanks so much, I get loads of Chizuk from your posts!

(Also btw thanks for the pm not ignoring it just didn't have a chance to read the article yet)

you've led me to the next step. lyh when I reach 90 clean once again I'd like to iyh bli neder try not to get aroused on purpose.

Your a shining light, thank you!

good shabbos!

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Posted by Shivisi\_Hashem - 07 May 2017 03:44

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Let me tell you something, when a small child falls on the street his parents runs to pick him up, they clean him up, and what do they tell him? Dont cry, nothing happen, everything will be fine, just watch out not fall again.

you are a child from hashem, dont worry, hashem is picking you up, he will clean you, but please watch out not to fall again, we will hold your hands.

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Ouch. Sorry to hear. Sometimes when climbing a mountain it is necessary to go down and cross through a ditch in order to continue the climb. Ask Hashem to help you get up and move on. We will stick with you no matter what (as long as you stay connected) and iyh celebrate each new day with you as you head for recovery.

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