

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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Re: Journey of one day at a time

Posted by TzedekChaim - 18 May 2017 23:32

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Sorry to hear that you fell. Feel free to hop back in the truck. Your seats still warm.

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Re: Journey of one day at a time

Posted by Ihavestrength - 19 May 2017 13:43

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I do not deny reality, even when it is dire. To settle however, I will not. The car, the house, the clothes. These, I can do without. But a life without liberty, happiness, and love, oh, that, is no life at all.

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We reach for our bottle of hope and drink our sorrows away.

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Re: Journey of one day at a time  
Posted by eslaasos - 19 May 2017 14:30

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You are definitely not the only one.

What often comes to mind is something my father told me many years ago. Our job in this world is not to be ruled by our emotions.

For me, emotions = bad direction.

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Posted by cordnoy - 19 May 2017 14:45

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Posted by cordnoy - 19 May 2017 15:28

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Re: Journey of one day at a time  
Posted by Ihavestrength - 19 May 2017 22:05

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Re: Journey of one day at a time  
Posted by Ihavestrength - 12 Jun 2017 20:36

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I think it's? day 19: A sexual drive is natural. Using drugs or overeating is also naturally pleasureable. Using sex or drugs to self medicate and deal with tension stress etc. is not healthy though.

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Re: Journey of one day at a time  
Posted by Trouble - 20 Jun 2017 17:07

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Work and act for yourself; don't hope it will change.

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Re: Journey of one day at a time  
Posted by Ihavestrength - 27 Jun 2017 15:32

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Hi everyone! Don't know if anyone missed me, but I can truthfully say I missed you guys. Since I fell after 85 days (in mid may I believe) I stopped posting. Partly because I was sick of giving

this problem of mine (mz"l and looking at inappropriate pictures if I can find em) so much attention, and then because I had restricted my phone so fully I couldn't even go on GYE.

This past month and a half or so has been pretty weak. I had a streak of three weeks, then 9 days, than a week, then three days etc. Basically falling but never really succeeding long term.

I realized that what helped me the most was the daily posting on my thread coupled with checking off clean days on the calendar.

I've learnt from this last fall I need the support, the feeling that I'm not doing this alone. It's a very difficult challenge.

I also learnt that I'm not perfect. I have this weakness and that's ok. Up until now I always felt that I could really beat this thing, that I had the strength. Every time I would start again I would think, no way I'm going to fall this time around. Now, I have the humility to realize that I simply don't know if I can beat this. I may fall tomorrow. I have a weakness. I will try my best, but I have the humility to realize I'm not G-d and all powerful. I'm human, and to be human is to be flawed. If G-d in his grace deigns to help me overcome this flaw once and for all I'm fairly certain it will be replaced with another.

I used to think my right to exist hinged on me beating this. That I wasn't worthy of love if I engaged in these behaviors. I would have trouble looking into someone's eyes.

Now I realize that I was saying that I'm not worthy of love if I'm not perfect. This realization also gave me alot more compassion for other people (when they act annoying etc).

Everyone is imperfect, we are all just doing the best we can.

This my friends, is my day 1.

With G-d's help I'll post daily. Gotta stick with what works.

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Re: Journey of one day at a time

Posted by MayanHamisgaber - 27 Jun 2017 15:46

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Welcome back

Sorry to hear about the hard times

A beautiful share such honesty and humility thank you

Have you joined SA meetings yet the real live support may be even better than what we can offer you here

But whatever the case please keep us posted

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Re: Journey of one day at a time

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 27 Jun 2017 16:41

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Welcome back. The off-road detour is over. Back on the Truckin' highway!

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Re: Journey of one day at a time

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 28 Jun 2017 02:37

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lhav, this was an incredible post. Honest and brave. One point to consider. Your 85 clean days are yours forever. No matter what happens they cannot be taken away. The Chofetz Chaim writes that if one is nizhar from speaking a specific lashon hora for 100 days and then unfortunately caves in, he still receives the schar for one who is "bolem piv" for that extraordinary amount of time. Give yourself a hug and celebrate an incredible accomplishment. Before GYE would you have ever believed you could make it 85 days?! Do you see whats going on around us? So many people being nichshal in these areas, and at the same time, brave people like yourself (and the rest of us here) not giving up. lyh with one day at a time you will surpass 85 and then start helping others too (which in reality you are already doing by posting). As you write, the group chizuk is invaluable, so stay connected. Maybe next time you feel like acting out, pick up the phone and call for help. Wishing you the best.

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Re: Journey of one day at a time  
Posted by Shivisi\_Hashem - 28 Jun 2017 02:58

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Hi lhavestrength,

i feel your pain, i had my fall yesterday, its terrible and degrading, embarrassing and ashamed, but keep your head up, for being clean for 85 days, its painfull to fall just 5 days before 90, but 90 is just a number, we are focusing only for today, not more then one day at a time, so keep on marching, hashem still loves you, you are still his child, and the main thing is, stay positive, that will keep you going, positive and happy, dont look back, thats part of the recovery process, to fall, yes, to fall, because after every fall we get stronger, please check out my post from my fall at [guardyoureyes.com/forum/4-On-the-Way-to-90-Days/310838-My-Book-of-Business?limit=15&start=165#316212](http://guardyoureyes.com/forum/4-On-the-Way-to-90-Days/310838-My-Book-of-Business?limit=15&start=165#316212) i hope it will keep you uplifted.

i hope to see you again clean at 85 days, from today till rosh hashanah is 85 days, lets com clean to the yom hadin, are you in with me? Please say yes....

thank you

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