

90 x 1 = 90 - Battling the present

Posted by Mango010 - 06 May 2020 02:25

[Here's my story.](#)

Today was my first day. Went well B"H. Moving on to day 2. I'm going to try to just focus on the present and to battle the moment.

Keep cheering me on!

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Re: 90 x 1 = 90 - Battling the present

Posted by Singularity - 15 May 2020 03:47

Very nice, like it says in the big book, somewhere, nothing helped the urge to drink more than working with another alcoholic. Let's bring our dark secrets into the light.

And what does it say in the gemora sukkah? Tzadikim will rejoice because they'll see their struggles as a massive mountain they conquered. Reshaim will groan because they see their struggles as a tiny little line, easily overcome, in reference to your rubber ball analogy.

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Posted by yosef10 - 15 May 2020 22:38

Theses are all beautiful points. Some of the deepest relationships o have with people are that I open up to. The more you put in the more yOu get out.

But within this inyan , I see it as more difficult to open up than other struggles someone may have.... Because once sexuality is involved there's a huge stigma around it (in society and from ourselves). Also, since this thing is by nature in private it can get difficult to "bring it to the light".

If there's someone I would feel comfortable talking about it with, but I'm not sure how they would

react. For example I'm very close with my mom, and I have spoke to her skittle bit about my struggles, but that was 2 years ago and since then it's just an award topic.

Theres so much that happened since then that I would like to talk about, but to speak about these issues with the opposite gender may not be the outlet.

What do you guys thlnk?

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Re: 90 x 1 = 90 - Battling the present
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 17 May 2020 16:55

Maybe speak to someone from GYE.....

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Re: 90 x 1 = 90 - Battling the present
Posted by Mango010 - 18 May 2020 00:46

Days 11, 12, and 13 are in the books!

Friday was extremely difficult. I kept reminding myself of all the GYE guys rooting for me. I also caught myself saying "hey just give in and enjoy yourself - you'll get to 90 next time" but then I realized that the next push for 90 won't be ANY easier. These really difficult days WILL happen during the next 90 day run, and if I can't push past one *now*, when will I?

Yosef, with regards to your question I find that once I start a conversation in these *inyanim* it naturally can get deeper and deeper. Just start with more generic and lighter topics and perhaps you can slowly steer the conversation to what's bothering *you* in specific. I actually speak to my mother alot in these areas. It depends on your relationship and how comfortable you feel. If you feel it's worth a shot, go for it!

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Posted by Mango010 - 19 May 2020 01:01

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I have found that without castrating myself, I will always have a sexual part of me. It's a natural part of me. It need not be excised. I simply try to do the best I can to live in accordance with my values and morals each day. I also try to remember that I haven't yet achieved perfection in any of my character traits or actions, and that expecting to achieve complete mastery over (arguably) the most powerful drive in man is foolish.

KUTGW! Great work and great posting :)

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Posted by yosef10 - 19 May 2020 02:40

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Read a bit of your old story and I had/ have similar questions. Even though I'm not in the

parsha, I asked for some advice on a different forum on what admitting to a potential shidduch would really look liked.

<https://guardyoureyes.com/forum/1-Break-Free/349943-She-deserves-the-Emes-but-then-what>

Not sure where your still holding on that shayla.

and of course... MAZAL TOV ON THE 2 WEEKS!!!!

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Re: 90 x 1 = 90 - Battling the present
Posted by BHYY - 19 May 2020 04:52

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Woohoo! Look at you! Ignore the guilt, that's the YH panicking because he can't get you to fall. Keep it up!!!

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Re: 90 x 1 = 90 - Battling the present
Posted by optimisim - 19 May 2020 04:57

wowow. 2 weeks. keep it up. god bless you!

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Re: 90 x 1 = 90 - Battling the present
Posted by Mango010 - 20 May 2020 01:22

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Nah. See below:

"If you would only recognize that life is hard, things would be so much easier for you."

-Louis Brandeis

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I do relate to this.

I would say trust your intuition about what the correct and practical thing to do is, and then have confidence in your decision. If after a while you see that perhaps you should reconsider your position, you can do so then.

Hope that helps somewhat.

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Re: 90 x 1 = 90 - Battling the present
Posted by BHYY - 20 May 2020 04:07

First of all, you are doing fantastic! Keep up the great work!

As far as your concern about healthy outlets like going to the park, I think the benefits far outweigh the negatives. Fresh air and exercise will make you feel better, not to mention when you exercise your brain releases dopamine which makes you feel happy (in a healthy amount, not flooding your brain like porn does).

I also think we have to realize that we don't live in a bubble and we need to train ourselves to look the other way when there is something triggering outside. I'm not saying to walk down Time Square but put in some earbuds and some good music and enjoy the fresh air. You'll find yourself even getting lost in yourself - almost an escape from reality, one that you can feel super proud of after!

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