

Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by habaletaher - 16 Dec 2009 09:28

Hello to everyone,

This is my first foray into the world of GYE, and I'm really hoping that it will become a real force in my life, as I've been battling the other forces for too long.

I'm happily married to a beautiful and loving woman, and together we are raising a bunch of wonderful children, yet there is a side of me that no one knows about, a side of me that has been eating away at me for almost as long as I can remember. That side of me is the Mr. Hyde to my Dr. Jekyll, the crazed sicko who gets set loose at night and does horrific shameful things. Being a true ohaiv Ha-shem, who really loves the aibishter and his torah and mitzvos this creates an enormous amount of conflict in my life, leading me to feelings of isolation despite being surrounded by people who love me, and despair despite leading a relatively successful life.

To compound those feelings, I am involved in avodas hakodesh, so while people are looking to me for inspiration, I'm sometimes involved in things that if they had the slightest clue of, they would pillory me in the town square. This makes me feel even more like a fake and a fraud despite the fact that all I really want to do in my life is bring people closer to Avinu Shebashamayim. Many times, I have thought about quitting, recognizing that I'll never really be able to inspire others if there's no gas in my fuel tank, but I'm reminded of the fish's response to Rabbi Akiva, "If in the water, the place of our life, we need to fear, how much more so on dry land, the place of our death!" So I guess I will try to stay close to the water, (besides all the teaching I do, I personally learn for hours every day, sometimes immediately followed by a most inglorious session of shmutz!), and just keep trying to slog through the muck.

I hope you can give me the chizzuk I need to make it out of my living hell.

Habaletaher

PS I can't even say Day 1! Maybe tomorrow!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by Steve - 06 Jan 2010 15:13

Now we've got the HABA back in the OLAM.

Problem is, these smiley icons can't get as big as my smile right now.

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by the.guard - 06 Jan 2010 16:11

[Steve wrote on 06 Jan 2010 15:13:](#)

Now we've got the HABA back in the OLAM.

HABA back in the OLAM = OLAM HABA

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by humanbeing - 06 Jan 2010 20:52

Thanks for your posts...Your story is someting I relate to so well...Your posts and sincerity help me so much.

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by habaletaher - 07 Jan 2010 04:02

OK Everybody, I'm officially a hypocrite.... Just today I gave an impassioned class about the importance of zreezus, and how you actually enjoy things when you do them with zreezus, yet I wait for the last moment for EVERYTHING!!! While I'm busy glory shouting about zreesus, I can see the audience loving it, and I'm thinking, if only... if only I had zrezus....

I have a very important important class to give tomorrow and I'm still far from finishing preparing it, preparing all the sources, the powerpoint etc.. and here I am!! My crazy long long time!!!

But I love you all!! Thanks for supporting me!!

It is better to feel like a hypocrite b/c I'm not filled with zreesus than to feel like a hypocrite because I'm a p**n fiend!!!

21 DAYS AND COUNTING!!!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by imtrying25 - 07 Jan 2010 10:25

You aint no hyprocrite, your just doing your job. :D :D :D :D :D

Keep it up HL.

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by the.guard - 07 Jan 2010 10:27

While I'm busy glory shouting about zreesus, I'm thinking, if only... if only I had zrezus....

What's a hypocrite about that? Sounds like your talk truly did inspire you! :D

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by humanbeing - 07 Jan 2010 17:34

A hypocrite is only If you believe something (i.e. a ridiculous example - Porn is good for you..it releases stress etc. as some brilliant complex and so open minded that the brains have fallen out type of people maY BELIEVE) and you then preach for whatever reason (your getting paid, you want to fit in) that Porn is evil...That's a Hypocrite.

If you believe that Zrizus is a very good thing and you just don't pass every test to you zrizus that comes your way...well that just makes you Human...Or in the words of the Ba'al Hatanya...we are made up of 2 neshomos, an animal Soul and a G-dly Soul, both battling and slogging it out over the control of your one body - specifically for control of you thoughts, speech and actions...Just because your Nefesh habihamos wins sometimes doesn't take away one iota of your essence the Nefesh Elokis within you which is an actual piece of hashem Mamosh!!!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by Steve - 08 Jan 2010 06:17

Haba, let me be the first to wish you a good morning, and also to wish you a good Shabbos.

Have a GREAT DAY, and GOOD LUCK with the classes you're giving!!

PS - You teach them good middos, and just like them, you have to work on yourself, too. The real diff is that you WANT to live up to those madreigos, and you are talking to YOURSELF first while you try to inspire them as well. That's because you are a good, honest person. A hypocrite, on the other hand, couldn't care less - he doesn't even WANT to get there, he's just likes preaching to others to make himself look good. That's because he's a fake.

And you aint no fake, Jake!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by habaletaheer - 08 Jan 2010 10:10

Thanks guys, I'm totally hear the chilluk between a classic hypocrite and myself, although I do believe that for me to be really effective at what I'm preaching, I have to be living it as well as teaching it... but to a certain extent I am living it because I'm working on it.....

DAY 23 - That's how old I was when I was 23!!!

Haba a Good Shabbos!!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by imtrying25 - 08 Jan 2010 12:46

[habaletaheer wrote on 08 Jan 2010 10:10:](#)

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Sorry my dentures fell out for a sec there.....

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by humanbeing - 08 Jan 2010 16:41

K'muvan...Y"H Loves it when we call ourselves Hypocrites...Ahh the powerful Y"H weapon of Mass Destruction...Depression!!!!!!

This will come with time. And haba a good shabba ta ya too!!!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by Steve - 08 Jan 2010 18:27

I wanna say Good Shabbos.

Now i wanna say Gut Voch!!

Over & Outa here...

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by imtrying25 - 09 Jan 2010 17:33

[Steve wrote on 08 Jan 2010 18:27:](#)

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Dude have you lost your ~~bumps~~ i mean your marbles??

Most things youve been saying recently havent been too coherent! Oh and way to short too. has

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by Steve - 10 Jan 2010 06:16

I LOVE IT25.

He follows me all over the forum like a one-man fan club.

Make me feel great.

KUTGW!!! (That's senior citizen for Kan't Undo the Great Wrinkles...)

Oh, wait, who's thread is this... **HABA!!??!!**

Good Voch, Haba.

That's what I CAME HERE for...

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