

Struggles on the way!

Posted by siyatta - 29 Feb 2024 18:05

So I'm trudging down this road to 90 bezras Hashem and I can't believe I've made it this far... surprisingly though this last week has been extremely hard for me. I just always figured that as time goes on, this whole nisayon would get easier and eventually just go away. So I was surprised that I found myself struggling as of late.

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I still need to to review the bitachon shmooze many more times, but here's what I chapped, I used to think that we act out because we have ta'ava and we can't control ourselves. Even

though I know the idea that people tend to act our more when stressed, angry, depressed etc, regardless, the underlying issue is lack of self control.

This conversation got me to realize that the underlying issue is something else. Perhaps the word is 'comfort', we need to feel comfortable and when something is uncomfortable, maybe due to stress, anger, resentment, boredom etc we look to do things that will provide us with comfort. This is possiby in our DNA or maybe because of the way we were raised as babies, our mothers comforted us when we were in distress.

Now here is where we turn to ta'avos as we're hoping that it will provide us with the comfort that we seek. In reality of course, it just creates a very temporary distraction and nothing more. After the fact we're still just as distressed and now with a whole truckload of guilt and feelings of being a failure on top of it. In many cases the new feelings of discomfort can push a person to run away again to ta'avos to find reprieve and hence the addiction cycle begins.

I feel that understanding this is very important. When a person is struggling with urges he needs to look beyond self-control, something is bothering him and if he can look at the issue and realize that acting out isn't going to give him what he needs, and instead tries to find what can truly alleviate his discomfort, he can really fix the issue.

The greatest part of this conversation for me was seeing that ultimately this nisayon can bring a person to shlaimus in bitachon. It doesn't make sense to me that we struggle so much with this terrible nasayon and it's just an isolated area of our avodas Hashem. It must be that by fixing this area, a person is actually shteiging in all areas and becoming the person that he needs to become in this world. If someone can come to true emunah and bitachon as a result of going through this terrible nisayon, then maybe one day he can turn around and say gam zu l'tova, the nisayon was all worth it because it brought him to where he needs to be in life and without it he would have never gotten there.

Thank you for taking the time to read the gantza drasha.

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Re: Struggles on the way!
Posted by chaimoigen - 01 Mar 2024 01:33

[siyatta wrote on 29 Feb 2024 18:05:](#)

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Forgive me, I loved the gantze drosho, but I highlighted the part that to me is a realization that is a complete game changer.

It's important for a person to be honest and ask himself : what does P and M **do for** me? When do I turn to it as a **solution-** as a way to escape or soothe the discomfort of living? When a guy understands how his anxiety, or his being made to feel his low self esteem, or one of many other kinds of weaknesses can lead him to desire shmutz to "fill the hole", he's achieved a huge realization.

This is something that has helped me a lot.

Thank you!!

Hazlacha !

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Posted by BennyH - 01 Mar 2024 16:35

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I don't recall having this conversation with you. I don't see it in my chat history. We never texted either. This is not my writing style. Not the writing and not the content. Perhaps someone got into my account and then deleted the chat. Weird. Is there a Bennyh impersonator out there in the wild?

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In that case V1 is an epic fail. Short the stock!

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