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The Sicha explains why Rashi, describing Yitzchak's worry about his longevity, quotes the name of the author Reb Yehoshua Ben Korcha. The Gemara in Megilah brings that Reb YBK lived a long life because "In all my days I never gazed at the likeness of a Rasha." Unlike Yitzchak who needed to look and gaze at Eisav.

See this well known essay of the Rebbe about the negative effect of gazing at impurity and the flip side, the positive energy from gazing at a Tzadik
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Did he see the Rebbe? האט ער געזען דער רבי'ן

1) Reb Yoel Kahn related that this occurred before Yud Shevat, 5711, prior to the Rebbe officially accepting the Nesius.

Reb Yoel had a cousin, a young man in Israel, who was struggling with his Yiddishkeit. His father asked him to ask for a Bracha from the Rebbe.

At that time, you did not need an appointment to go in so R' Yoel knocked on the door, entered and asked for a Bracha for this cousin. The Rebbe looked up at him and asked, "How old is he?" He was taken aback because he shared what he thought was the relevant information, his cousins name, his mother's name, and his situation. He was trying to on the spot, and remember his exact age, when the Rebbe asks again, "How old is he?"

After a few moments, the Rebbe says, האט ער געזען דער רבי? "Did he see the Rebbe?" (Meaning, is he old enough to have seen the previous Rebbe, during his visit of Eretz Yisroel in 5689 (1929). Reb Yoel answered, "Yes, he did see the Rebbe in 5689." The Rebbe then said emphatically, אויב אזוי וועט אלץ זיין בסדר, "If so, everything will be alright!"

Note: There is a different version to this story. I presented here the story the way it was shared to me by two talmidim of Reb Yoel.

Gevurah for me Chesed for thee

Here are two short stories regarding the lesson in the last paragraph of the Sichah.. While one might be in a Gevurah mode in his own Avodah, he still must exhibit great Chesed when relating with other people.

2) From A Chasidisher Derher, Sivan, 5777:

Rabbi Shalom Ber Levine of Agudas Chassidei Chabad Library heard the continuation of the story from the Rebbetzin: "The train arrived in Vichy as the sun set and Shavuot came in. The Rebbe hired a wagon driver to transport the suitcases of kesovim and other important documents; I couldn't walk so I sat with the luggage, but the Rebbe walked along to the destination. It was a time that there was no question that one was allowed to do anything he needed to save his life, but the Rebbe still insisted on walking..."

3) My father Reb Yitzchak Nemes, A"H, shared that he heard for Harav Chodakov, that the Rebbe once walked in to the Freidiker Rebbe's study on Chol Hamoeid, as the FR was writing a letter (B'shinu) to an individual. The Freidiker Rebbe remarked "Not writing on Chol Hamoeid, in this situation, is a hidur, why should my practicing a hidur cause a hardship to the person in need my response?"