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Behar, Sicha 3 (First Sicha of the week)

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This Sicha discusses a person who R"L sold himself to a goy or even to a support system for Avoda Zara.

- 1) *His free fall started by his forgetting about his Father in heaven and the reciprocal love a son should have for his father. In Chassidic terminology; his souls חכמה is dormant and asleep.*
- 2) *The Torah Guarantees that it is only a matter of time until he is redeemed, as the essence of every Yid is connected, despite what is happening with his revealed faculties.*
- 3) *He cannot redeem himself, just as a Prisoner cannot free himself. His fellow yidden, קרוביו, must help free him at the outset, with the ultimate objective that he attains spiritual freedom מצד עצמו. Here are stories for all three points.*

Halevai!

1) There was a Bachur of Anash that was struggling in his Avodas Hashem. On Simchas Torah, the young man's father asked the Rebbe to please think about him and remember him for a Bracha. The Rebbe responded, "Hlevai, your son would think about me as often as I think about him!"

See also this story told by Rabbi Shmuel Rodal OB"M, loosely related to the theme of this Sicha:

https://www.chabad.org/therebbe/livingtorah/player_cdo/aid/4127358/jewish/Waiting-for-an-answer.htm

You are not lost, you just need to recalculate!

2) Nshei Chabad sent a press release of one of their programs with the description “to help bring back our lost youth!” The Rebbe 'X'ed the word 'lost' and changed it to 'confused'.

See also the Rebbe’s interpretation of the famous story of Miriam Bas Bilga (Siyum of tractate Sukka)

https://www.chabad.org/therebbe/livingtorah/player_cdo/aid/942194/jewish/Wolf-Wolf.htm

Don’t leave, it is not what Hashem wants!

3) *[YN: This answer was much publicized in recent years due to the amazing Ahavas Yisroel the Rebbe showed this פזורה ש, with a personal birthday invitation! I have taken the liberty to highlight the continuation of the answer, as in its entirety it brings home this point of the Sicha]*

During the winter of 5733 (1973), an individual who had fallen to following Christianity r”l, found his way to 770.

The Rebbe spent time answering his questions and on Parshas Parah, Chof Adar Sheni, the Rebbe spoke a special Sicha relating the story of the Mezritcher Maggid who stopped a disciple from converting by saying a Torah on the posuk “Nefesh ki sechta.” As the Rebbe told the story, the Rebbe began weeping.

A few days earlier, he had informed the Rebbe that he would be leaving 770 and continuing with his way of life, R”L, and thanked the Rebbe the time and help given to him.

The Rebbe responded, Igros Vol. 28 (free translation): “This is not the right thing to do and certainly not what Hashem wants. Remain here, at least until after Tishrei, so that we can spend all three Yomim Tovim together, as well as my birthday. You should utilize

this time to study Torah intently, with Chayus, until you can enliven others as well ועד
שיוכל להחיות גם אחרים

Hashem will give you hatzlacha because this is His will. I will mention you at the Tzion.”

In a letter dated Yud Nissan 5715 (to be printed in an upcoming Igros Kodesh) the Rebbe writes to a person, who was learning Torah on his own, about the importance of participating in a Chassidic Farbrengen. These gatherings lift and warm the person and illuminate the darkness of our surroundings. In fact, there is no other way to accomplish this other than with the help of friends, by a Farbrengen. Subsequently, we implement this collective inspiration into our individual lives.
