



"The Mountain Climber "

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Oct 7th 2023, a day that will go down in history as the darkest day for the Jewish nation since World War 2. When a group of terrorists brutally and horrifically attacked and slaughtered close to 1400 men, women, children and infants. Then took over 200 people hostages.

We are all in shock and beyond words as we try to find a reason or explanation for these inhumane atrocities. The most powerful tool we have in troubled times, is prayer. So, when you have a moment, please say a prayer that the good Lord restores peace on earth and bring home all our hostages alive and safe.

It brings to mind a thought that I heard from a great sage he said, "remember in life, not everything are you going to understand and not everything do you have to understand, and that's okay, because certain thing are beyond human comprehension; you just have to trust in G-d, our loving father".

It brings to mind a great parable story of "The Mountain Climber"

They tell a story of a mountain climber, who was desperate to conquer the Aconcagua (a very high mountain in Argentina), initiated his climb after years of preparation. But he wanted all the glory to himself, therefore he went up the mountain alone. He started climbing in the morning, and it was becoming later, and later in the day. He did not prepare himself for the possibility of camping on the mountain, but nonetheless decided to keep on going. Soon it got dark... Night fell with heaviness at a very high altitude. Visibility was zero. Everything was dark and pitch black. There was no moon, and the stars were covered by clouds. As he was climbing a ridge at about several hundred feet from the top, he slipped and fell. Falling rapidly, he could only see blotches of darkness that passed. He felt a terrible sensation of being sucked in by gravity.

He kept falling....and in those anguishing moments good and bad memories passed through his mind. He thought certainly he would die. But then he felt a jolt that almost tore him in half. Yes!! Like any good mountain climber, he had staked himself with a long rope tied to his waist. In those moments of stillness, suspended in the air he had no other choice but to shout, "*HELP ME G-D*", "*HELP ME!*" "*G-D PLEASE DON'T LET ME DIE!*"

All of a sudden, he heard a deep voice from heaven... "*Son, what do you want me to do?*" "*SAVE ME G-D*", "*PLEASE!*"

"Do you REALLY think that I can save you?"

"OF COURSE, YOU ARE MY G-D"

"If you really trust me" said G-d, "then cut the rope that is holding you up."

There was another moment of silence and stillness. The man just held tighter to the rope.

Next day the rescue team found a frozen mountain climber hanging strongly to a rope...

TWO FEET OFF THE GROUND!!! End of story....

So here is the question, how about you, what would you do? How much are you trusting in that rope? Why don't you let it go?

This is what we have to remember - God has great and marvelous things in store for all of us. Sometimes, we just have to CUT THE ROPE AND SIMPLY TRUST IN G-D, BECAUSE NOT ALL CAN WE UNDERSTAND!

A special thanks and shout out, to each and every one of you for the many, many, calls and e-mails checking up on me, my family and children in the Holy Land. I appreciate you, I am thankful for you, and I am blessed to share your friendship! Please keep praying, together we will survive and make it to the finish line!

Please forgive me, I usually close my articles with a little humor from the "Moshe Files", But due to the heavy heart and emotional state that we find ourselves in, I will take a pass and make it up to you in the next article. Thanks for understanding.

On behalf of ALL the Chaplains, may G-d bless you, keep you safe, and always keep you in His loving care. Amen

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