Hold Your Horses!

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Rebbe Nachman of Breslov taught...

Too often we want to improve ourselves and our relationships so quickly that we make ourselves frustrated and confused.

(The Empty Chair, p. 14*)

What does this mean to me?

In the evening prayers, we ask G-d to "remove the Enemy from before us and from behind us." There are those that say that the Enemy before us is the inner adversary that goads us into rushing to do something wrong, while the one behind us is the negativity that afflicts us after the fact, when only the aftertaste of guilt remains. But there is another kind of Enemy that pushes us on, and it's very well disguised...because it seems to be mobilizing us toward growth, only way too fast to be real or lasting.

When I seek to come closer to G-d and improve myself, I need to stay balanced and remain patient, so that my forward motion doesn't become another case of "crash and burn."

A prayer:

G-d, I want
to be so many things,
to do so much,
to achieve so endlessly—
but can anyone
be everything,
do everything,
have everything?

You alone understand the fragile balance of my soul.

You've invested in me

the potential

to make of that balance a perfect creation.

Now help me fashion myself

into just such a creation,

"in accordance with Your Will."

(The Gentle Weapon, p. 93**)

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