

Endless Possibilities

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Rebbe Nachman of Breslov taught...

"No matter how far you've strayed, returning to G-d is always possible.

Agree therefore that there is absolutely no place for despair."

(The Empty Chair*, p. 111)

What does this mean to me?

"Never despair!" was Rebbe Nachman's clarion call to our generation. Looking ahead to a time when the Jewish world would suffer from spiritual malaise and what seem to be insurmountable obstacles to fulfilling our spiritual potential and destiny, he offered "the remedy before the illness." Despair is a human failing, and its underlying assumption is that since the solution is mine to devise and carry out, when I am stuck deep in a hole there is just no hope. Rebbe Nachman taught that, quite the contrary—the solution and its implementation is produced hand in hand with G-d, and even if I am in the hole, G-d is never limited. With Him, everything is possible.

A prayer:

*"G-d, You've given me
the physical, emotional
and spiritual will
to overcome so many obstacles
that have risen before me.
How many times have I faced
what I perceived to be
impossible, hopeless situations
and withstood them—
and discovered creative solutions
through which to surmount
and master them.
You've strengthened me
again and again.
I know that You
will never fail me."*

(The Gentle Weapon, p. 91*)

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