The Narrow Bridge גשר צר מאוד INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

Short Quotes from Various Tzaddikim - Week 61

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"According to the effort is the reward." (Pirkei Avos 5:23)

Effortless success is not a status of greatness; trying to succeed is where greatness is born.

RABBI MOSHE KORMORNICK

It would be worthwhile for a soul to descend to Earth and live seventy or eighty years for the sole purpose of doing a favor for another - a spiritual favor, or even a material favor.

BAAL SHEM TOV, REB YISRAEL BEN ELIEZER (1698-1760)

A Jew must have faith that, indeed, he has faith. Even if one feels that his emunah seems clouded in doubt, he should realize that in truth, only its radiance has become obscured.

[Like the sun on a cloudy day, we may not see or feel its presence, but it is in fact burning strong and bright.]

REB MORDECHAI OF LECHOVITZ (1742-1810)

On Purim you see many people dressed in different costumes; one is a clown, one is an animal, and one you don't even know what he's wearing. Do you get angry or upset with them? No, because you know it's just a costume.

In life, we meet many people. One is impatient, one is angry, one is apathetic... This is not who they really are.

This is just a "costume." Deep in their heart, they are all warm Jews, full of purity and beauty.

We just need to interact with them with kindness and tenderness and take off their "costumes" to reveal the pure soul inside each one.

LUBAVITCHER REBBE, REB MENACHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON (1902-1994)

When we rejoice on Purim, on this festival which is actually the festival about antisemitism, we are saying something very important:

"We will not be intimidated. We will not be traumatized. We will not be defined by our enemies. We will live with the threats and even laugh at them because what we can laugh at, we cannot be held captive by."

And that is really what the joy of Purim is about. Even as we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, it's about surviving, and beyond that, thriving.

RABBI JONATHAN SACKS (1948-2020)