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When Healing Comes From Torah

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A few months back I received a WhatsApp message of a story of the Rebbe I personally heard on several occasions from the Rebbe's *mazkir*, Rabbi Leibel Groner.

Once, a Chossid wrote a letter to the Rebbe asking for a *bracha* on behalf of his wife who was diagnosed with a serious medical issue that was very concerning to the doctor and the family. Shortly afterwards, Rabbi Groner called him with the Rebbe's response: A *bracha* for a complete recovery and instructions to consult with a specific doctor.

"But we actually visited that doctor about my wife's condition and the doctor was very pessimistic," the man said.

"Why is that even relevant?" Rabbi Groner responded. "You wrote a letter to the Rebbe because you believe the

Rebbe has the ability to give your wife a *bracha* for good health. If the Rebbe instructs you to consult with this doctor then you must surely go see him again!"

They followed the Rebbe's instructions and during their second consultation, the same doctor that had previously concluded there was no hope, changed his prognosis and prescribed medication that would heal her.

When Rabbi Groner notified the Rebbe of the good news he included the details that when he initially delivered the Rebbe's message they claimed that this doctor had already given up hope, and he explained to them that they need to consult with the doctor again, now that the Rebbe had sent them.



THE PNEI MENACHEM OF GER DAVENS MAARIV WITH THE REBBE'S MINYAN FOLLOWING A TWO HOUR YECHIDUS. 4 IYAR 5743*.

The Rebbe said “You did the right thing.”

Typically Rabbi Groner would never initiate conversation with the Rebbe or change the subject, but in the moment he felt the urge to say something and asked the Rebbe if he could share a *vort* in the name of the Sefas Emes.

On the *possuk* in Parshas Mishpatim¹ “ורפא ירפא” — the Gemara² states: מכאן שניתנה רשות לרופא לרפאות — from here we learn that permission was granted to the doctor to heal.

The Sefas Emes explained: When the “permission” or “mandate” comes “מכאן — from Torah” — then the doctor has the ability to heal. When a *tzaddik* directs the patient to consult with the doctor, then the doctor is able to heal.

Rabbi Groner repeated this *vort* implying that this is exactly what just happened: Initially the doctor was unable to come up with a medical treatment for the patient but after the Rebbe sent them back to the doctor, he was able to do so.

Upon hearing this, the Rebbe smiled and nodded his head.

When I received this message on WhatsApp, I forwarded it to many of my friends, with the sole purpose of sharing this beautiful episode.

The next morning a friend of mine from Boro Park who is a Gerrer Chossid called me. “Eli, you don’t know what you just did to me!”

“What did I do to you?” I asked in surprise.

“My wife has been feeling terrible lately and yesterday we visited a specialist. His prognosis was grim and we returned home very broken. As I tossed and turned in bed late last night I felt the need to go to the Ohel to ask the Rebbe for a *bracha*. I went to the *mikveh* and came to the Ohel and poured out my heart to the Rebbe.

“This morning when I checked my WhatsApp messages I saw the story you shared about the Rebbe and the *vort* of the Sefas Emes. The Sefas Emes was the Gerrer Rebbe, and as a Gerrer Chossid I felt the fact that this story reached me now was a clear message from the Rebbe that all would be well. I immediately told my wife that the Rebbe sent my friend Eli Slavin to give us encouragement during this troubling time.”

My hands started shaking as my friend told me all this and I wished his wife a *refuah shleima*.

A few days later he called me back. “Eli, listen to this. We just came back from our second appointment with the specialist and he concluded that it was a misdiagnosis. He gave my wife a clean bill of health!” **T**

1. 21:19

2. Brachos 60a, Bava Kama 85a.

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