A Simple Low Carb Life

Troubleshooting Stalled Weight Loss

MODULE 8-Video 1

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Ok... I have begun the diet, lost a bunch of weight in the first month, and now my weight loss has stalled.

What happened?

Hey, this happens to EVERYONE!

Before it gets out of hand and your weight starts to go up or worse yet, you get discouraged...

Let's go through a simple check list to see what went wrong.

Are you counting your carbohydrate intake ACCURATELY?

If your answer is: *I think so*, You are not counting carbs accurately at all.

A lot of people think "I've got this" and stop measuring portions or counting carbs early on in their weight loss.

It is absolutely vital for your success to:

- KNOW YOUR PORTION SIZES.
- KNOW HOW MANY NET CARBS ARE IN EACH PORTION.
- "THIS LOOKS LIKE A HALF CUP..." IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS...

When you are looking at a nutritional label, a serving size will be shown at the top of the label, along with the nutritional label.

- Beware of the serving size. It is common for something that you think is ONE serving, to actually be 2 or more servings. This is a common "bait and switch" technique to market a product as healthy when it actually is not.
- · Note the net carbs per serving. Remember that NET CARBS calculation?
- Total carbohydrates dietary fiber (1/2 of any sugar alcohols if any)=
 NET CARBS
- Make sure that YOUR measurement of the serving size on the label is correct.

Are you **tracking** your carbohydrate intake?

What do you mean by tracking?

Are you DOCUMENTING your carb intake in some way EVERY DAY?

Ways to track:

www.myfitnesspal.com www.loseit.com www.atkins.com

- Old fashioned pocket notebook
- Excel sheet on your computer
- Any other tracking app you like

Why do I have to track?

Isn't that too time consuming and frankly obsessive?

Reasons to track:

- To know that you are in ketosis you need to know that your carbohydrate level is low enough. You are either in ketosis or not; like being pregnant or not there is no "maybe" option.
- Until you are a seasoned veteran of low carb eating and are familiar with all of the "sneaky" carbs in foods, you need to COUNT THE CARBS.
- If you are losing weight and not tracking, you are likely following the guidelines. If your weight is stalled, you are likely NOT and eating too many carbs.
- If you are eating too many carbs, you will not be in the fat burning state and the diet becomes a carbohydrate based one which is a calorie counting game. Which means hunger, cravings, weight gain, and blood sugar instability.

Why stay in ketosis anyway?

To review:

- Your body will be an efficient fat-burner and use up your long-stored fat stores.
- Your pancreas will stop overworking and secrete a steady state of insulin.
- Steady state of insulin = fat storage usage
- > You will be free of significant hunger or cravings.
- > Your brain power will improve.
- You will feel more energetic.
- > You will have more stamina than a "carb-burner".

Ok...so you have the carb amount under control but your weight is still stalled...

What next?

Woo Hoo!!! You have completed MODULE 8- Video 1.

How are things going so far?

Let us know if you get stuck. We are here to help.

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Let's move on to Video 2.