Mindfulness in Our Everyday Lives

What Is Mindfulness?

- Being in the present moment
- Observing our internal and external environment without judgment
- Responding to life in the moment, rather than reacting

What Is It Not?

- Mindfulness is NOT ignoring responsibilities
- It is NOT being apathetic to life
- It is NOT being someone we are not

BRING YOUR MIND BACK!

1. Find your word!
2. Connect and breathe with your word
3. Breathe your word into your body
4. Exhale the things that stand in the way
5. Open your eyes and take in your surroundings

How Can Mindfulness Help You?

- 15 min behind on a meeting
- 2 hours ahead on a deadline
- More clarity to see the choices you have
- Decrease stress (cortisol, adrenaline)
- Deepen your connection to your life

There is not enough time to rush

Mindfulness Practices

Belly Breathing

- Soften the body
- Work with your breath to send messages of safety to your body
- Notice the changes in your body

Alternate Nostril Breathing

- Exhale completely and then use your right thumb to close your right nostril
- Inhale through your left nostril and then close the left nostril with your finger
- Open the right nostril a crack through this nostril

Body Visualization

- Feel what is supporting your body
- Let bottom half of your body grow heavy towards the earth
- Bring breath into your grounding
- Let gravity ground you

Tune into the 5 Senses

1. things you see
2. things you hear
3. things you see
4. things you hear
5. things you feel
6. things you smell
7. things you taste

Notice Your Internal State

Where are you holding tension?
Are you having rigid thought patterns?

Accessibility of Mindfulness

- Take something you connect with and make it a practice
- Try not to create more resistance

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