GROUNDING



LEAVES ON A STREAM

- Sit and close eyes.
- Imagine you are sitting next to a stream with leaves floating gently downstream.
- Imagine your thoughts landing on the leaves and floating away on them.
- All thoughts, even those about this exercise, land and float away on leaves.
- If you get distracted, begin again.



URGE SURFING

- Identify physical and emotional sensation of urge.
- Focus on sensation.
- Notice your breathing.
- Refocus on sensation of urge
- Stay curious and present.
- Let it pass.



GRATITUDE





- Make it a habit.
- Set a timer.
- Keep it close.
- Remain judgment-free.
- Turn here in need.
- Write about day's experiences, thoughts & feelings, gratitude, old struggles, wishes, questions, etc.
- Write out unsent letters, scripture reflections, prayers.



SLEEP HYGIENE

- Get exercise during day.
- Minimize exercise, caffeine before bed.
- Use bed only for sleep.
- Turn down lights before bed.
- Minimize lights and noise when sleeping.
- Remove technology from bedroom.
- Go to bed and get up at consistent times.
- Don't worry if can't fall asleep.
- Can't sleep get up and do something.



WORRY BOX

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- 1. Write down worry.
- 2. Put it in the box.
- 3. Focus on present moment.
- 4. Worry at set time.
- 5. Return worries to box.
- 6. Put box back on shelf.



LOOKING FROM THE BALCONY

- 1. Get perspective.
- 2. Observe self.
- 3. No judgement.
- 4. Identify patterns and dynamics.
- 5. Choose different responses.



THOUGHT LOG

What happened? What am I feeling? \mathbf{V} What am I telling myself? $\mathbf{1}$ What are other interpretations? \mathbf{V} What is the evidence?



IMAGINAL RELAXATION

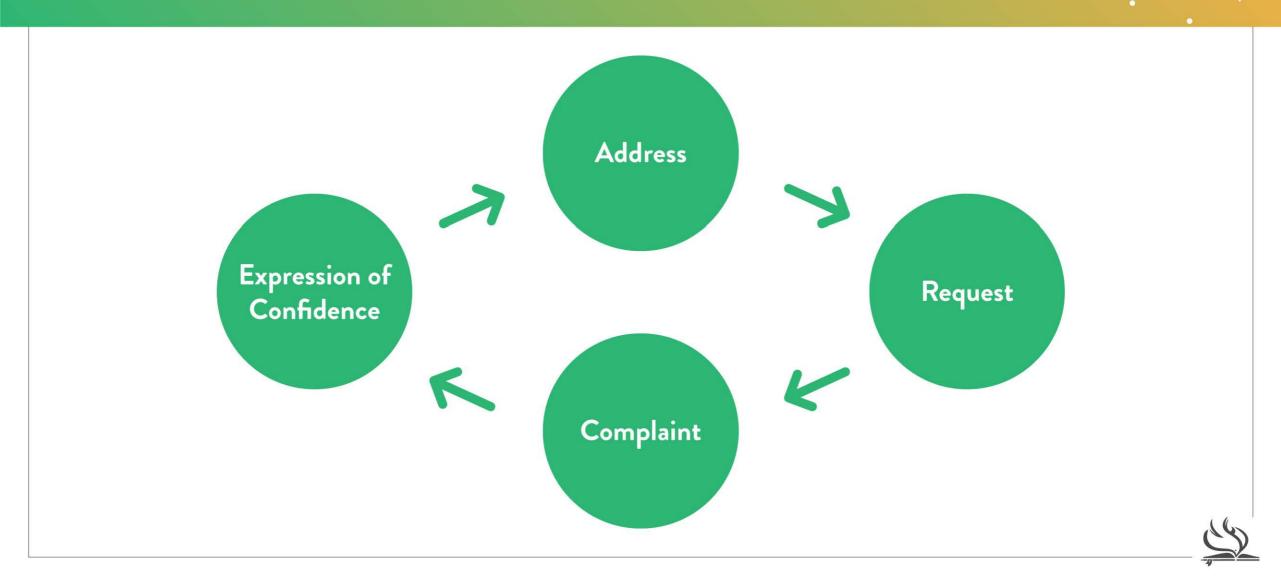
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- Pick safe, relaxing place.
- Close eyes.
- Imagine self there.
- Focus on senses.
- Breathe & relax.
- Say code word.



LAMENT

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PSALM 13

¹ How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
² How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?



PSALM 13

 ³ Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
 ⁴ and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall.



PSALM 13

⁵ But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.
⁶ I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me.





- Look up.
- Walk in nature.
- Enjoy human creativity.
- Read incredible stories.
- Meditate on character of God.
- Worship God.
- Record awe moments.

