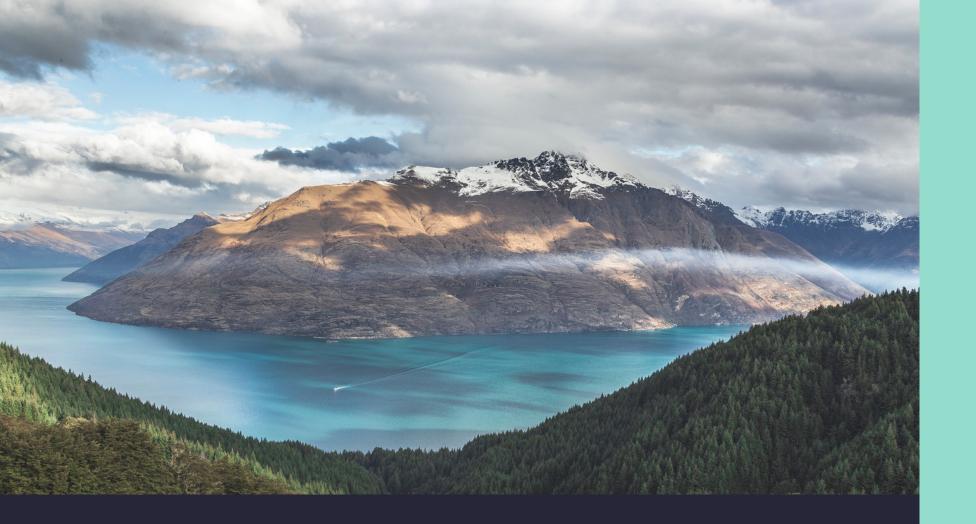
# Self-Care

MYTHS, STRATEGIES, AND THE MIND

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In this presentation we will explore the myths of Self-Care, implementing strategies that truly work, and how our mind and our thinking are the greatest Self-Care attributes we possess.

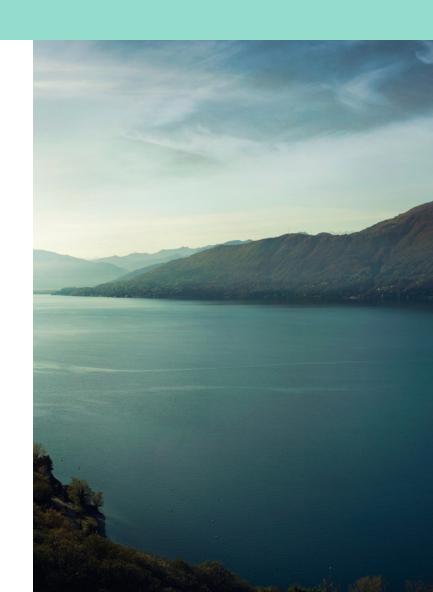
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noun: self-care; noun: selfcare the practice of taking action to preserve or improve one's own health.

the practice of taking an active role in protecting one's own well-being and happiness, in particular during periods of stress.

# **Myths**

- Time
- Money
- Child Care
- Self-Worth
- Anything that soothes
- Same for everyone



"I believe that self-care is really found in the small moments of life - when you choose to take a deep breath because you notice you're feeling stressed, or when you give yourself three minutes before bed to sit quietly and reflect on your day."

ANNA GUEST-JELLEY

### **Basic Needs**

- Sleep
- Nutrition
- Safety
- Physical Health

# **Emotional Needs**

- Intimate Relationships
- Friendships
- Feelings of Accomplishment

# **Spiritual Needs**

- Faith
- Connection to something outside of ourselves
- Purpose in Life
- Values/Beliefs

# Which of your Needs needs care?

# The Power of our Thoughts

Thoughts-Feelings-Actions Cycle



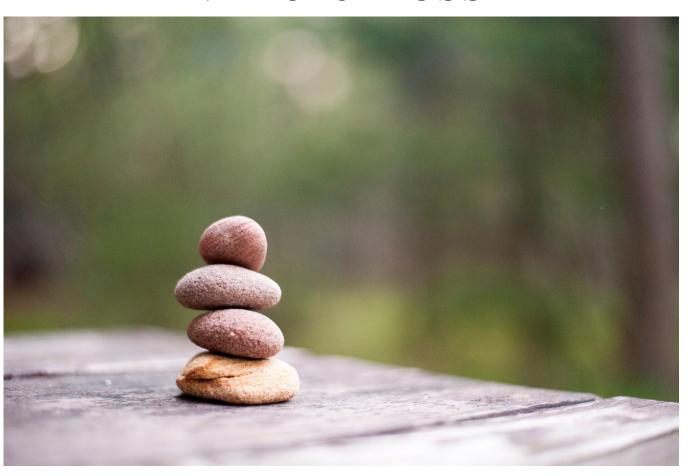
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# Negative Thinking



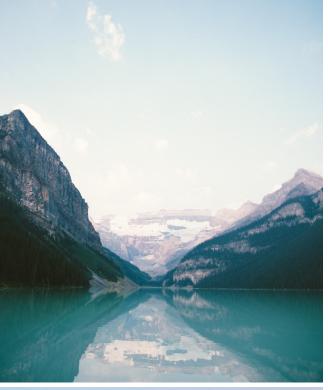
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### Mindfulness





GOD, GRANT ME THE SERENITY TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE, COURAGE TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN, AND WISDOM TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.

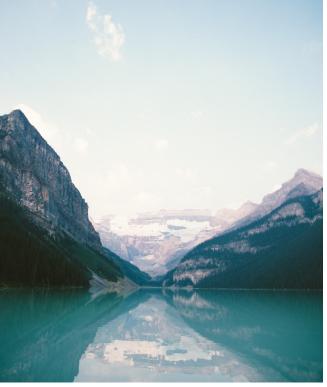




### **Strategies**

- Health
- Nutrition
- Sleep
- Organize
- Senses
- Physical Activity
- Meditation
- Muscle Relaxation

- Volunteering
- Reading
- Podcasts
- Massage
- Hobbies
- Scheduling





### **Credits**

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# Thank You!



