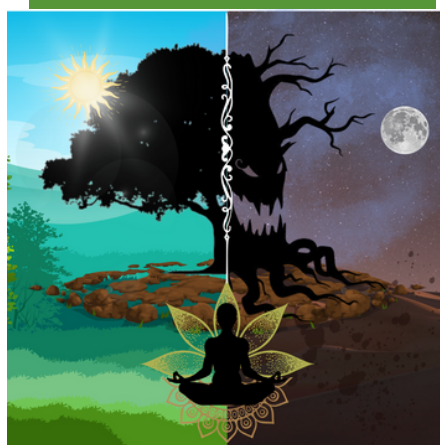


➤➤➤ UNLOCK YOUR HEALING JOURNEY ◀◀◀

3 STRATEGIES FOR POWERFUL TRANSFORMATION

Introduction



Welcome to "Unlock Your Healing Journey," a complimentary PDF guide designed to empower you on your path to healing and transformation. In this guide, we'll explore three key strategies for navigating past trauma in the present moment, personal growth through self-awareness and mindfulness, and befriending your Hero and Villain because they work for YOU.

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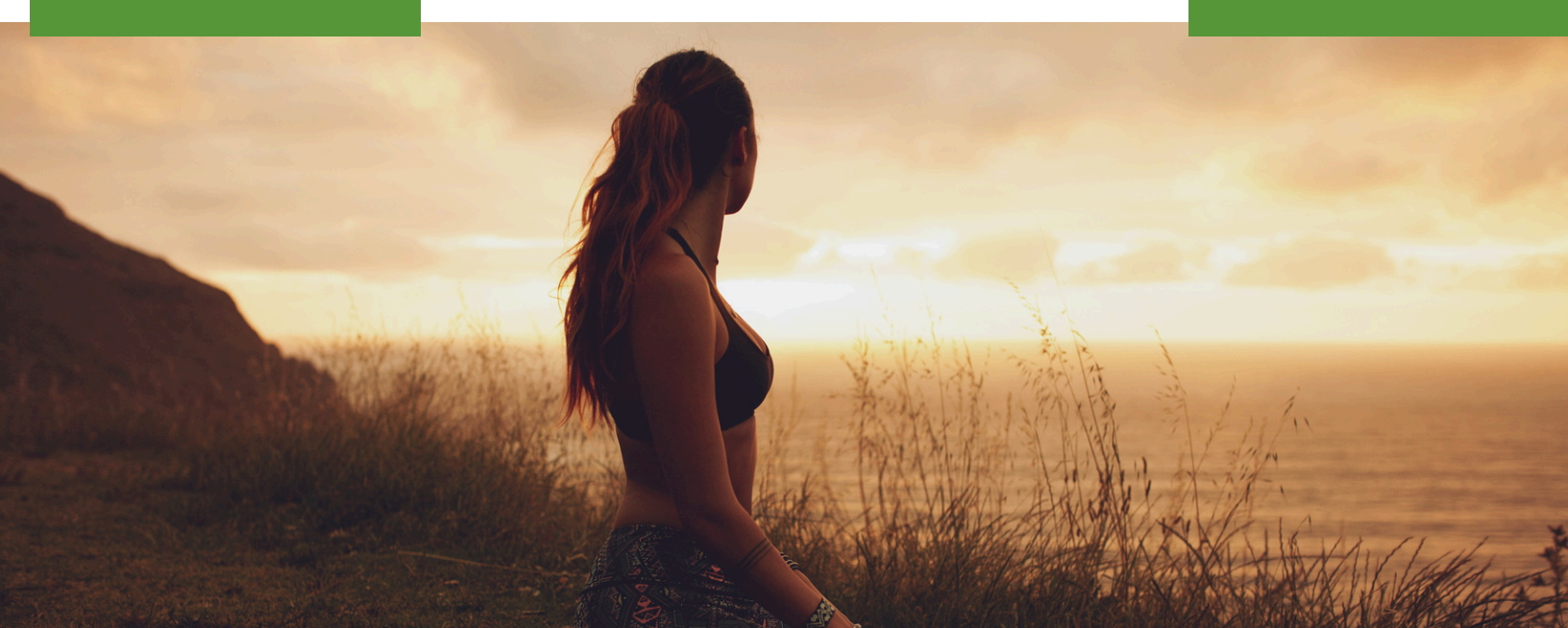


STRATEGY 1:



SELF-AWARENESS AND REFLECTION

Why You Need Mindful Practices



GUIDING LIGHTS

Self-awareness and reflection are foundational pillars on the path to healing and personal growth. They serve as guiding lights, illuminating the dark corners of our minds and shedding light on the underlying patterns and beliefs that shape our experiences. Through self-awareness, we gain clarity regarding our thoughts, emotions, and behaviors, allowing us to recognize the ways in which past traumas may be influencing our present reality.

The multifaceted nature of self-awareness and reflection can be broken down into the various techniques and practices that can facilitate this process. From mindfulness meditation to journaling exercises, there are countless ways to cultivate self-awareness and deepen our understanding of ourselves. By engaging in these practices regularly, we can uncover hidden truths, unearth buried emotions, and gain valuable insights into our inner world.

DAILY PRACTICES

THE AWARE SELF: I AM WHO I AM. WHO AM I? <<<

- ARE YOU AWARE OF WHY YOU DO THE THINGS YOU DO?
- WHAT DRIVES YOU TO GET OUT OF BED IN THE MORNING?
- WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A LIFE EVENT BRINGS YOU TO YOUR KNEES?

These are just a few of the things we can ask ourselves about our awareness of self. We need to understand who we are if we hope to move through the world with grace and ease. We need to align with everything that brings us out of alignment so we can detect those pesky behaviors that hold us back and keep us stuck. >>>

HOW DO YOU COPE?

WHAT KINDS OF THINGS DO WE SAY TO OURSELVES ON A DAILY BASIS?

Are you shredding your precious inner self with negative self-talk that knocks you down even before you can stand fully upright again? We're all going to fail at something, sometimes several times a day. These failures can be viewed as temporary rather than permanent. Our self-talk can help us remember just how temporary this situation is and flip the script, so we rewrite our mindset from stress to peace.

Try taking a moment to become aware of what you say between your own ears. You might even benefit from writing it down, as we'll discuss in the next section. You can reorient yourself with a presence micro-ritual like narrating your movements. "I am cutting up a pepper so I can make this stir fry. I can see how the knife is moving in my hand. I feel the pressure in my elbow. I am at peace during this moment. I am preparing a meal and that is a blessing." These small acknowledgments bring us one step closer to calm and one step farther from stress.



BY TAKING A MOMENT TO SHUT ALL THAT OUT...

...and intentionally focus on "pepper cutting" for example, we give ourselves a mental break, so that we don't HAVE a mental break.

REFLECTION: YOU'RE A MIRROR, POLISH IT FROM TIME TO TIME.



The world is very good at telling us all of the things we should be. Sometimes we get caught up in this mental trap and forget to focus on all the things that we actually ARE. Reflection is the art of taking a step back. In a different way than we just mentioned, we must consider all of the ways that we have not only won but also failed. We have to be honest about where we are and who we are. We can't deny the ugly bits and only shine a light on the lovely things... we'll get nowhere fast, and we'll be more miserable because we aren't being honest. Reflect then on the day, in the evening, when you have a moment to slow down (even if it is only for 5 minutes!) give yourself a dedicated time to shut the world off and go inside yourself. This might seem stupid, silly, or useless until you start doing it regularly. This is another place where journaling can be beneficial because you will have a record of your self-talk and how it changes over time.

ASK BETTER QUESTIONS

1. What did you do today that felt good?
2. What did you do today that felt bad?
3. Did you have a connecting moment with a loved one?
4. Did you accomplish a goal?
5. Did you procrastinate by (mindlessly scrolling social media) or something else that distracted you from your aims?

These are a few reflective questions we can ask ourselves about how we are progressing in life and give us guideposts for how we can move in the direction we want, rather than being swept away by circumstances we feel are out of our control. It is a simple practice, but we are not always willing to be honest about the ways we are sabotaging our own progress so be sure to include the distasteful behavior your indulging in while you are reflecting.



UNCOVERING THE GRIT: JOURNALING FOR HEALING



I know that journaling is a big pain in the rump for some people, and who has time for that anyway right? We think we don't have enough time to get everything done in a day, and yet, we mindlessly scroll our social media like our lives depend on it. Maybe not our lives, but the dopamine boost we get is definitely dependent on us staying stuck in front of a screen rather than taking steps forward to rewrite our negative habitual practices.

**EVER HEARD
OF SOC?**

▶▶▶ WRITING GETS TO THE ROOT!

I journal so that I can assess my behaviors, identify patterns, and discover the deep truths that I wouldn't willingly reveal to myself or anyone else. Ever heard of SOC? Stream of Consciousness writing is a foundational practice that we discuss in the book "Stop Abusing Yourself with Your Past". We cover this in the first week because it is an incredibly powerful tool for revealing the deeper, darker parts of ourselves that we would rather bury than dig up and look at. Other Journaling exercises that are impactful include but are not limited to: Art Journaling, Abstract Journaling, Soul Journaling, stream-of-consciousness writing, daily gratitude prompts, Highlighting Positive Daily Practices, Listing Negative self-talk and the counterarguments, and even Collaging. Journaling is a personal practice that can take almost any shape the individual needs to gain the most out of the practice.





STRATEGY 2:



EMPOWERMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

By Nurturing Agency & Responsibility



Empowerment and accountability are not just abstract concepts - they are actionable strategies that can profoundly impact our lives.

EMPOWERMENT

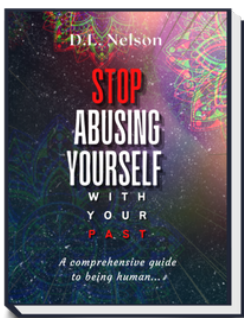


Empowerment is about recognizing our inherent worth & agency & using that awareness to make conscious choices that align with our values and goals.

Accountability, on the other hand, is about taking responsibility for our actions and the associated consequences, and actively seeking to learn and grow from our experiences.



ACCOUNTABILITY



In this section, we'll delve deeper into the transformative power of empowerment and accountability, exploring how these qualities can help us break free from limiting beliefs and behaviors, and create positive change in our lives. We'll share examples to illustrate the impact of these practices by showing how individuals can overcome adversity and achieve success by embracing these qualities.

➤➤➤ **EMPOWERMENT: THE BUZZWORD NO ONE REALLY EXPLAINS**

Our world is fraught with challenging things we have to pay attention to. Everyone wants to become the empowered “Warrior” and use their sword to cut through the toxicity, abuse, and trauma that they keep experiencing so that life feels safer and more normal...However, let me share some deep personal insight on this. Fierce independence is a trauma response.



Yes, you heard that correctly, I cannot be any more blunt than that. While we are wielding our swords of empowerment, we often unintentionally cut those we love most and it can be used as the weapon it is to keep people and experiences out of our lives that might just bring greater joy, peace, and connection... the things we are craving to find.

➤➤➤ **DROP THE SWORD.**



Instead, think of empowerment as the agency you have to make better choices, attract healthier people into your life, and create powerful boundaries that protect you in a real way rather than waving your sword at every unsuspecting individual that comes into your life. Not everyone is out to get you, but past experiences can put you on edge, thinking that this is the case!

➤➤➤ **... MORE QUESTIONS:**

1. Did I set a boundary that supported me?
2. What am I REALLY feeling right now?
3. What it is connected to?
4. Can I do anything about it?
5. If I CAN do something about it, what small steps can I take today that will not feel overwhelming so I can get to a better feeling place.

By asking these kinds of questions we can get to the root of why we feel powerless in life and what we can do about it. We have to figure out where our power lives and how we can wield it without becoming a wrathful monster. Boundaries are vital! Your peace of mind matters, and you have the agency to make choices that will most benefit you, even if it is not benefiting anyone else around you. Stand strong in this knowledge and utilize it well. You do deserve to live the life you want, and you do not have to succumb to anyone else's “want/need” that isn't serving your best interest at heart.

ACCOUNTABILITY: <<<

I DID THIS, AND I BLAME NO ONE ELSE.

We often don't talk about accountability enough because it is far easier to blame a source outside of ourselves for the cause of our suffering.

I can almost guarantee you that in every experience, you had some hand in shaping. That can be a hard pill to swallow for those of us who have been subjected to severe abuse and overwhelming trauma. How could I have possibly allowed such things to "happen to me"?



IT IS NOT ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING TO YOU



Rather that you are a magnet for everything you already are. Anywhere in life where you are dissatisfied and at dis-ease, is a place that is screaming for healing. This is how our traumas show up to be heard and seen and we often blame others rather than listening to that voice that is trying desperately to get our attention so we can "flip the script" and learn a better way to be.



➤➤➤ **ACCOUNTABILITY UTILIZES THESE KEY ACTIONS:** ⬅️⬅️⬅️

#1

Know when & how you are wrong. We so often want to be right about everything that we rob ourselves of our own happiness. Admitting where and how you are wrong can unlock the barriers where your trauma lives. Accountability is the opposite, it wants to take credit for the things that can be healed.



Recognize that you will not be happy all of the time and you wouldn't want to be. When you aren't happy, you have to ask WHY. This will take some practice because we aren't accustomed to asking ourselves hard questions. We're use to shaming ourselves into obedience.

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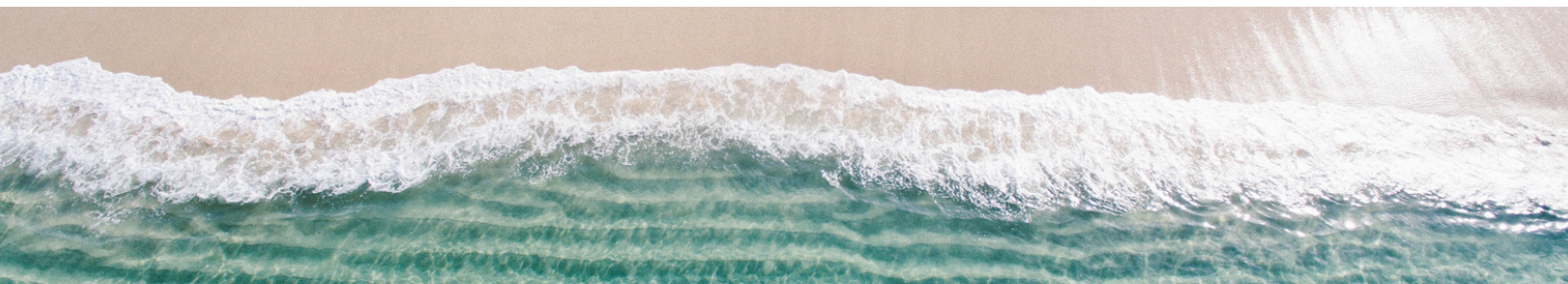
#3

Acknowledge that every situation, pitfall, and challenging encounter is an opportunity to learn! It doesn't matter what you find yourself dealing with, everything can be used as a method for growth... with some directed self-reflection.



Authenticity is a great filter. The fact is, some people just won't like us the way that we are. That's okay. The more of you that comes through, the more you will regain the agency and trust in yourself to make better choices, set clearer boundaries, and attain the goals that you are aiming for. Your path is perfectly tailored to your experiences, and there's a great deal of power in that.

#4





STRATEGY 3:



YOUR HERO AND VILLAIN ARE YOUR FRIENDS

Within each of us lies an inner hero and villain

- two archetypes that play a pivotal role in shaping our lives and experiences.



The hero represents our courage, strength, and noble qualities, AND Judgements

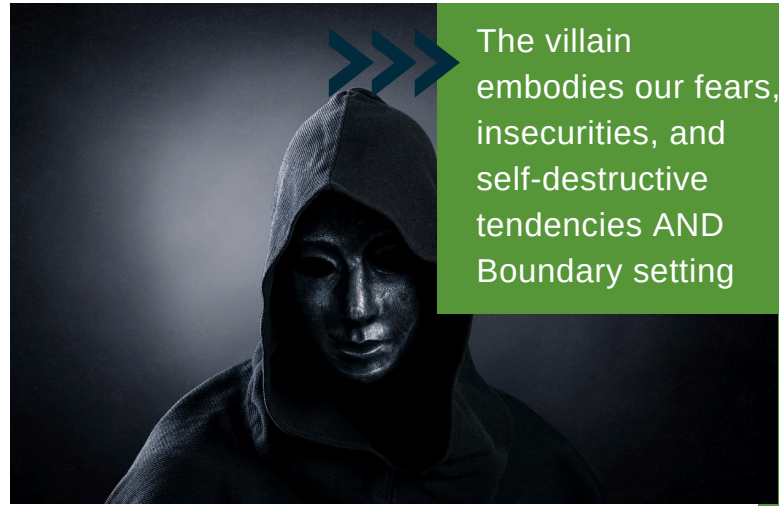


The hero within us inspires us to rise above adversity, face our challenges head-on, and pursue our dreams with unwavering determination. It encourages us to tap into our inner strength and resilience, knowing that we have the power to overcome any obstacle that stands in our way.

Here's the thing – both the hero and villain serve a purpose in our lives. The hero challenges us to step outside our comfort zone, take risks, and pursue our passions, while the villain reminds us of our limitations and vulnerabilities, urging us to confront our fears and insecurities while setting up those powerful boundaries that protect us, yes your villain does that for you.



The villain embodies our fears, insecurities, and self-destructive tendencies AND Boundary setting



On the other hand, the villain within us represents our inner critic, the voice of doubt and self-sabotage that seeks to hold us back and keep us small. It feeds on our fears and insecurities, whispering lies and distortions that undermine our confidence and self-worth.

Each one has its place and when we get them confused all hell breaks loose. We don't think of the Hero as having negative traits nor would we think our villain could become a savior. I am here to tell you that when they get the wires crossed and the roles are reversed it sets us up for a lot of pain and misery. Let's explore what that looks like shall we?

THE ANTI-HERO: <<<

YOUR ANTI-HERO WANTS TO SAVE EVERYONE BUT YOU...

It's not there for that. This white knight when used badly, will judge everyone around you while you are saving their lives at the expense of your own. This is bad. This is dangerous because while you are parading around fixing everyone else's problems, yours are just festering in a pit that keeps getting deeper and deeper and it will one day overflow. You will end up feeling exhausted, spent, and stressed to the gills because you spent so much of your energy focusing on all of the external things that keep you as far away from your own issues as

possible. It's scary. Don't do this. Your hero should be patrolling your Mind garden, making sure that no gremlins are creeping around trying to convince you that you "suck" and that "everyone hates you" etc. Your hero is the quiet, kind voice that stands up for you, inside your head, where no one can touch you. Your hero wants to hear your story, and help you rewrite it. This is the function of this pivotal character. It doesn't belong to anyone else, and you are not meant use this force to do anything in the world at large, it will just cause greater conflict.





THE CONTROVERSIAL VILLAIN:

YOUR VILLAIN IS A MEAN CUSS...

He needs to be. This character is designed to keep everything in check and everyone in line. When you internalize this, rather than making sure it is out there creating boundaries with the outside world, the inner world turns to dust, a desert that is devoid of life. The villain internalized can do more damage than a tsunami on a beach. Its role is not to move through your mind and tell you all of the horrible things it sees there... Its role is to interact with the world that has horrible things to say to you and to STOP that from happening! We pull this villain close to us and think it's our

friend when we keep it tucked away in the garden of our mind, but all it's doing there is trampling all of the plants we've worked really hard to plant, and it has no sense of forgiveness to how it's hurting you. Let the villain out into the world. It has to be able to confront the problems head-on so that you are safe. It can tell people to shut the heck up, it can block those trolls on social media, it can and wants to insist that people treat you with respect, kindness, and love. This villain really is your friend, but you have to keep it in the right place, out in the world where he belongs. This character is not meant to remain between your ears, he will only cause harm there.



So, embrace your inner hero and villain. Embrace the duality of your nature and the richness of your experience. For it is in embracing all aspects of ourselves that we truly find healing, transformation, and wholeness.



MY STORY: <<<

LIFE IS A JOURNEY, AND WE NEED EACH OTHER TO MAKE IT EXCEPTIONAL. OUR STORIES MATTER!

I was suicidal in 2020, and that isn't the important part. It only matters that I pulled out of it and HOW I did it. Firstly, I had support, and this goes miles when you are barely out of despair. One person, with the capacity to hear your story without judgment can change everything! For me, it was my sister. She was just a phone call away and always there for me, an emoji of a hug alone (since we live in different places) did wonders for my mental health. During that time, with her help, I developed these strategies that I have shared with you and the many many more that I put in the book. These literally saved my life. I'll never go back to self-doubt again. I will never let anyone make me feel unworthy or unlovable. I will not tolerate disrespect in ANY form, and I will stand firm on a foundation of trust I now have with myself because I am honest about who and what I am. I want this for you too friend, that's why I compiled it all into a single comprehensive course book that anyone can use.

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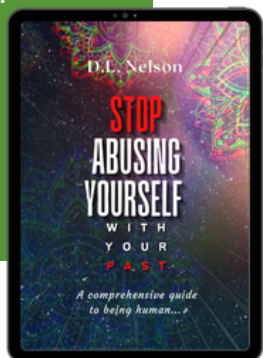
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~Blessings,

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RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE AND I AM HERE TO HELP.



IN CONCLUSION:

Congratulations on taking the first step towards unlocking your healing journey. By practicing the exercises in this guide, you're laying the foundation for profound growth. Remember, healing is a journey, not a destination, and you have the strength and resilience to overcome any obstacle that stands in your way. If this piqued your interest, Please visit our website or click the link for big savings on the eBook!