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 $00:00:02.150 \longrightarrow 00:00:04.592$  Hi everybody, I'm doctor software on

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 $00:00:04.592 \longrightarrow 00:00:06.220$  the integrative medicine physician

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00:00:06.278 --> 00:00:08.084 here at Smilow I've been asked to

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 $00{:}00{:}08.084 \dashrightarrow 00{:}00{:}10.460$  talk to you about a number of subjects

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 $00{:}00{:}10.460 \dashrightarrow 00{:}00{:}12.470$  in the field of Integrative Medison

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00:00:12.470 --> 00:00:14.794 and how they might relate to Cove,

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 $00{:}00{:}14.800 \longrightarrow 00{:}00{:}17.432$  it or quarantine an one of my favorite

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 $00:00:17.432 \longrightarrow 00:00:20.015$  topics and I think one of the most

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 $00:00:20.015 \longrightarrow 00:00:22.797$  important ones that we deal with this stress.

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 $00:00:22.800 \longrightarrow 00:00:24.786$  So if you're anything like me,

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 $00:00:24.790 \longrightarrow 00:00:26.788$  this process has been pretty stressful.

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00:00:26.790 --> 00:00:28.752 You know, I'm working full time

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 $00:00:28.752 \longrightarrow 00:00:30.460$  with their kids at home.

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 $00:00:30.460 \longrightarrow 00:00:32.190$  My exposure to nature is.

 $00:00:32.190 \longrightarrow 00:00:33.915$  Limited and you're dealing with

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 $00:00:33.915 \longrightarrow 00:00:34.950$  your own issues.

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 $00:00:34.950 \longrightarrow 00:00:37.020$  I'm sure your exposure to nature

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 $00:00:37.020 \longrightarrow 00:00:38.400$  is also been limited.

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 $00:00:38.400 \longrightarrow 00:00:40.470$  Maybe you're dealing with illness or

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00:00:40.470 --> 00:00:42.542 loss of income, or really loneliness.

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 $00:00:42.542 \longrightarrow 00:00:44.870$  I mean, this process is been

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 $00:00:44.870 \longrightarrow 00:00:47.330$  super lonely for many of us.

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00:00:47.330 --> 00:00:48.980 You know, I like this.

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00:00:48.980 --> 00:00:50.620 Think about stress in two

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 $00{:}00{:}50.620 \dashrightarrow 00{:}00{:}51.932$  ways is a cute stress.

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 $00:00:51.940 \longrightarrow 00:00:56.364$  Which are these big moments in our lives?

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00:00:56.370 --> 00:00:58.420 Of pain of hurting English,

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 $00:00:58.420 \longrightarrow 00:01:00.470$  but then there's chronic stress.

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 $00:01:00.470 \longrightarrow 00:01:02.930$  These small moments throughout the day.

 $00:01:02.930 \longrightarrow 00:01:05.850$  Whether somebody cutting you off.

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 $00:01:05.850 \longrightarrow 00:01:08.316$  And the way I like to think about it,

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 $00{:}01{:}08.320 \dashrightarrow 00{:}01{:}10.224$  I like to think about acute stress.

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 $00:01:10.230 \longrightarrow 00:01:12.237$  Is these big rocks that we drop in these

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00:01:12.237 --> 00:01:14.067 rocks are generally very identifiable,

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 $00{:}01{:}14.070 \dashrightarrow 00{:}01{:}15.440$  and sometimes they're a little

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 $00:01:15.440 \longrightarrow 00:01:16.810$  bit easier to deal with.

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 $00:01:16.810 \longrightarrow 00:01:18.448$  'cause we can focus on them.

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 $00{:}01{:}18.450 --> 00{:}01{:}19.820$  If you deal with them.

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 $00:01:19.820 \longrightarrow 00:01:21.190$  But these chronic stressors throughout

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00:01:21.190 --> 00:01:22.864 the day, or like little pebbles,

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 $00:01:22.864 \longrightarrow 00:01:24.872$  you know when you grab a big

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 $00{:}01{:}24.872 \dashrightarrow 00{:}01{:}26.664$  Rock You feel the weight of it.

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 $00:01:26.670 \longrightarrow 00:01:29.646$  You know you feel the burden of it.

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 $00:01:29.650 \longrightarrow 00:01:31.006$  But as you grab these little

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 $00:01:31.006 \longrightarrow 00:01:31.910$  pebbles throughout the day,

 $00{:}01{:}31.910 \dashrightarrow 00{:}01{:}33.248$  you may not feel the weight

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 $00:01:33.248 \longrightarrow 00:01:34.646$  of just a single one, but.

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00:01:34.646 --> 00:01:37.293 They add up and we put them in our sock

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 $00:01:37.293 \longrightarrow 00:01:39.834$  and they slowly slowly build in overtime.

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 $00:01:39.840 \longrightarrow 00:01:42.430$  We feel the weight and we don't

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 $00:01:42.430 \longrightarrow 00:01:44.910$  think about it in the same way.

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 $00:01:44.910 \longrightarrow 00:01:47.166$  So it's really important that you

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 $00:01:47.166 \longrightarrow 00:01:50.349$  learn and find ways to deal with these

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00:01:50.349 --> 00:01:52.359 moments both as their happening,

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 $00:01:52.360 \longrightarrow 00:01:55.040$  but also after their happening.

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00:01:55.040 --> 00:01:55.816 You know,

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 $00{:}01{:}55.816 \dashrightarrow 00{:}01{:}58.144$  stress is so important because it

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 $00{:}01{:}58.144 \dashrightarrow 00{:}02{:}00.620$  impacts our health in so many ways,

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 $00:02:00.620 \longrightarrow 00:02:02.846$  so it impacts our cardiovascular system

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 $00:02:02.846 \longrightarrow 00:02:04.336$  needs. Things like hypertension.

 $00:02:04.336 \longrightarrow 00:02:06.196$  It impacts our immune system.

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 $00{:}02{:}06.200 \dashrightarrow 00{:}02{:}07.936 \ \mathrm{It} \ \mathrm{can} \ \mathrm{really} \ \mathrm{stress},$ 

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 $00:02:07.936 \dashrightarrow 00:02:10.106$  can suppress our immune system.

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 $00:02:10.110 \longrightarrow 00:02:13.320$  Um and it impacts are sleep.

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00:02:13.320 --> 00:02:14.310 But really,

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00:02:14.310 --> 00:02:17.775 over Ologist makes us feel lousy and

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 $00:02:17.775 \longrightarrow 00:02:20.328$  exhausted and tired and burdened.

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 $00:02:20.330 \longrightarrow 00:02:22.346$  So when patients come to see me,

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 $00:02:22.350 \longrightarrow 00:02:24.744$  we talk a lot about coming up

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 $00:02:24.744 \longrightarrow 00:02:26.590$  with a daily practice.

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 $00{:}02{:}26.590 \to 00{:}02{:}29.245$  So coming up with a habit or a pattern

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 $00:02:29.245 \longrightarrow 00:02:31.682$  that you find is distressing is so

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 $00{:}02{:}31.682 \dashrightarrow 00{:}02{:}33.574$  important to kind of counteract

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 $00:02:33.574 \longrightarrow 00:02:35.809$  these micro stressors that we

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 $00:02:35.809 \longrightarrow 00:02:37.597$  feel throughout the day.

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 $00:02:37.600 \longrightarrow 00:02:39.796$  So what is a daily practice?

 $00{:}02{:}39.800 \dashrightarrow 00{:}02{:}41.268$  Well, first of all,

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00:02:41.268 --> 00:02:43.470 it's daily right that makes sense,

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 $00:02:43.470 \longrightarrow 00:02:44.571$  but more importantly,

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 $00:02:44.571 \longrightarrow 00:02:47.140$  it's something that we do with regularity.

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 $00:02:47.140 \longrightarrow 00:02:49.541$  We set aside the same time everyday

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 $00{:}02{:}49.541 \dashrightarrow 00{:}02{:}51.550$  to create moments for ourselves.

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00:02:51.550 --> 00:02:53.746 We're not talking hours here really,

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00:02:53.750 --> 00:02:55.805 just talking minutes just talking

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 $00{:}02{:}55.805 \dashrightarrow 00{:}02{:}57.860$  about giving ourselves just a

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 $00:02:57.925 \longrightarrow 00:02:59.229$  small space of time.

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00:02:59.230 --> 00:03:02.246 To reflect on our data reflect on ourselves,

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 $00:03:02.250 \longrightarrow 00:03:05.218$  so for some people that's journaling for some

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 $00{:}03{:}05.218 \dashrightarrow 00{:}03{:}07.920$  people that might be a guided meditation.

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 $00:03:07.920 \longrightarrow 00:03:11.052$  I can think about going out for a walk

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 $00{:}03{:}11.052 \dashrightarrow 00{:}03{:}14.996$  in nature, or doing yoga or Tai Chi.

 $00:03:15.000 \longrightarrow 00:03:17.340$  But giving ourselves these

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00:03:17.340 --> 00:03:19.095 moments to decompress.

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00:03:19.100 --> 00:03:20.908 It with regularity throughout,

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 $00:03:20.908 \longrightarrow 00:03:22.716$  you know every day.

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 $00:03:22.720 \longrightarrow 00:03:25.060$  So a lot of these things that I mentioned

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00:03:25.060 --> 00:03:27.746 are actually available to you on our website,

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 $00:03:27.750 \longrightarrow 00:03:30.261$  so I encourage you to go to our website

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 $00:03:30.261 \longrightarrow 00:03:33.251$  and check them out and download the videos

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 $00{:}03{:}33.251 \dashrightarrow 00{:}03{:}35.490$  'cause they're free and there there.

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 $00:03:35.490 \longrightarrow 00:03:38.930$  So. A lot of the things I just mentioned

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 $00{:}03{:}38.930 \dashrightarrow 00{:}03{:}40.920$  really deal with stress after they happen.

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 $00:03:40.920 \longrightarrow 00:03:42.132$  How do we decompress?

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00:03:42.132 --> 00:03:44.949 How do we sort of remove our struggles?

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 $00:03:44.950 \longrightarrow 00:03:48.075$  But another important question is how

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 $00{:}03{:}48.075 \dashrightarrow 00{:}03{:}50.567$  do we deal with stress as it comes

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00:03:50.567 --> 00:03:52.570 up when it's right in front of us?

 $00:03:52.570 \longrightarrow 00:03:53.670$  Do we get angry?

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 $00:03:53.670 \longrightarrow 00:03:55.810$  Do we bottle up the feelings inside?

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 $00:03:55.810 \longrightarrow 00:03:58.933$  Do we grab that little Pebble and we put

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 $00:03:58.933 \longrightarrow 00:04:02.267$  in their back and let us weigh it down.

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 $00{:}04{:}02.270 \dashrightarrow 00{:}04{:}04{:}04.511$  And I think the tendency for most of us

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 $00:04:04.511 \longrightarrow 00:04:06.869$  is just sort of kick the can down the

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 $00:04:06.869 \longrightarrow 00:04:09.526$  road and think that will deal with it later.

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 $00:04:09.530 \longrightarrow 00:04:11.348$  But we don't realize that we're

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00:04:11.348 --> 00:04:13.305 actually dealing with it now and

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 $00:04:13.305 \longrightarrow 00:04:15.010$  just unhealthy and unproductive way.

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00:04:15.010 --> 00:04:17.824 So two techniques said I like to

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 $00:04:17.824 \longrightarrow 00:04:20.382$  think of when I'm thinking about

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 $00:04:20.382 \longrightarrow 00:04:24.040$  how to deal with stress as it comes

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 $00:04:24.040 \longrightarrow 00:04:26.560$  up our mindfulness meditation,

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 $00:04:26.560 \longrightarrow 00:04:29.332$  which is a specific type of

 $00:04:29.332 \longrightarrow 00:04:30.718$  meditation and biofeedback.

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 $00{:}04{:}30.720 \dashrightarrow 00{:}04{:}34.400$  So biofeedback is technology based.

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 $00:04:34.400 \longrightarrow 00:04:36.390$  There are different programs online.

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 $00{:}04{:}36.390 \dashrightarrow 00{:}04{:}39.166$  Heart math is one example that you can

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00:04:39.166 --> 00:04:41.603 go out and purchase some technology

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 $00:04:41.603 \longrightarrow 00:04:45.010$  and what it allows you to do is

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 $00:04:45.010 \longrightarrow 00:04:47.494$  learn how to control your Physiology.

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 $00{:}04{:}47.500 \dashrightarrow 00{:}04{:}49.660$  So whether that's your heart rate

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 $00{:}04{:}49.660 \dashrightarrow 00{:}04{:}52.483$  or the amount you sweat and it's

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00:04:52.483 --> 00:04:55.105 worth looking into or some medical

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 $00{:}04{:}55.105 \dashrightarrow 00{:}04{:}57.125$  institutions offer it so it's

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00:04:57.125 --> 00:04:59.005 worth asking your doctor about,

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 $00{:}04{:}59.010 \dashrightarrow 00{:}05{:}01.842$  but the other one that's free an I

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 $00:05:01.842 \longrightarrow 00:05:04.629$  love dearly is mindfulness meditation.

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 $00{:}05{:}04.630 \dashrightarrow 00{:}05{:}06.550$  Now there's a lot that falls under the

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 $00:05:06.550 \longrightarrow 00:05:08.190$  umbrella of mindfulness meditation,

 $00{:}05{:}08.190 \longrightarrow 00{:}05{:}10.286$  so I wanted to be very clear to

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 $00{:}05{:}10.286 \to 00{:}05{:}12.058$  you what I'm talking about.

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00:05:12.060 --> 00:05:14.979 I'm simply talking about the act of

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00:05:14.979 --> 00:05:17.348 sitting and focusing on our breath.

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00:05:17.350 --> 00:05:19.618 Seems like a really simple idea,

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 $00:05:19.620 \longrightarrow 00:05:23.022$  but it does take work and it does take

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 $00:05:23.022 \longrightarrow 00:05:25.290$  commitment. So the idea is simple.

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00:05:25.290 --> 00:05:28.356 It's just finding a chair or a

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 $00:05:28.356 \longrightarrow 00:05:29.670$  comfortable seated position.

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 $00:05:29.670 \longrightarrow 00:05:32.208$  Closing your eyes and just focusing

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00:05:32.208 --> 00:05:33.477 on your breath.

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 $00:05:33.480 \longrightarrow 00:05:35.848$  And some people like to bring that focus

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 $00:05:35.848 \longrightarrow 00:05:38.777$  to the cold air coming into their nostrils,

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 $00:05:38.780 \longrightarrow 00:05:41.090$  and the warm air exiting their nostrils.

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 $00:05:41.090 \longrightarrow 00:05:43.449$  Some people like to focus on the

 $00:05:43.449 \longrightarrow 00:05:45.399$  expansion and contraction of their lungs,

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 $00:05:45.400 \longrightarrow 00:05:46.711$  whatever it is,

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00:05:46.711 --> 00:05:49.333 just simply focus on your breath.

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 $00:05:49.340 \longrightarrow 00:05:50.792$  Anne, what inevitably happens

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 $00:05:50.792 \longrightarrow 00:05:52.607$  after the first 15 seconds?

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 $00:05:52.610 \longrightarrow 00:05:53.696$  Maybe even less.

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 $00:05:53.696 \longrightarrow 00:05:55.506$  If you're anything like me,

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 $00:05:55.510 \longrightarrow 00:05:58.776$  is our mind starts to wander, and that's OK.

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 $00:05:58.776 \longrightarrow 00:05:59.500$  That's normal.

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00:05:59.500 --> 00:06:00.228 You know,

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 $00{:}06{:}00.228 \to 00{:}06{:}02.048$  when people have experienced meditation,

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 $00:06:02.050 \longrightarrow 00:06:03.780$  I think the biggest frustration

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 $00:06:03.780 \longrightarrow 00:06:05.510$  they say is that I

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 $00{:}06{:}05.582 --> 00{:}06{:}06.758$  just can't focus,

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 $00:06:06.760 \longrightarrow 00:06:10.519$  and it's expected that you can't focus.

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 $00:06:10.520 \dashrightarrow 00:06:13.271$  The idea is that you just bring

00:06:13.271 --> 00:06:15.709 your thoughts back to your breath.

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00:06:15.710 --> 00:06:17.534 Try it out for a minute

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 $00:06:17.534 \longrightarrow 00:06:19.280$  or two after this video.

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 $00:06:19.280 \longrightarrow 00:06:21.527$  It's not as easy as it sounds,

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 $00:06:21.530 \longrightarrow 00:06:23.906$  but just by giving yourself a minute or

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 $00:06:23.906 \longrightarrow 00:06:25.933$  two and then slowly building overtime

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 $00:06:25.933 \longrightarrow 00:06:28.620$  to 1015 minutes a day is a really,

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00:06:28.620 --> 00:06:31.819 really nice way of training our mind.

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00:06:31.820 --> 00:06:33.836 And that's what's so special about

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 $00:06:33.836 \longrightarrow 00:06:36.056$  being human being is that we can

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 $00:06:36.056 \longrightarrow 00:06:38.381$  train our mind that we can alter how

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 $00{:}06{:}38.381 \dashrightarrow 00{:}06{:}40.266$  we interact with our environment.

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 $00{:}06{:}40.270 \dashrightarrow 00{:}06{:}42.262$  We can alter how we interact

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 $00:06:42.262 \longrightarrow 00:06:43.850$  with the people around us.

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 $00:06:43.850 \longrightarrow 00:06:45.800$  Just threw some training and mindfulness.

 $00:06:45.800 \longrightarrow 00:06:47.940$  Meditation is a really nice

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 $00:06:47.940 \longrightarrow 00:06:50.080$  way of doing that training.

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 $00:06:50.080 \longrightarrow 00:06:53.168$  So we talked about.

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 $00:06:53.170 \longrightarrow 00:06:55.326$  Dealing with it as it comes up,

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 $00:06:55.330 \longrightarrow 00:06:57.500$  we talked about dealing with it afterwards,

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 $00:06:57.500 \longrightarrow 00:06:59.828$  but we also have to think about the

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 $00{:}06{:}59.828 \dashrightarrow 00{:}07{:}01.689$  little things in our day-to-day life

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 $00:07:01.689 \longrightarrow 00:07:03.990$  that are going to impact our stress.

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 $00:07:03.990 \longrightarrow 00:07:04.870$  So environment.

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 $00:07:04.870 \longrightarrow 00:07:06.630$  For one, you know.

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 $00{:}07{:}06.630 \dashrightarrow 00{:}07{:}08.320$  It's easy when you're quarantined

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 $00:07:08.320 \longrightarrow 00:07:10.415$  to just let the Clutter Build

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 $00:07:10.415 \longrightarrow 00:07:12.100$  and let's the stacks happen,

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 $00:07:12.100 \longrightarrow 00:07:14.900$  but you know a messy room is

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 $00:07:14.900 \longrightarrow 00:07:17.720$  going to lead to a messy mind.

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 $00:07:17.720 \longrightarrow 00:07:20.156$  So try to keep your environment clean.

 $00{:}07{:}20.160 --> 00{:}07{:}23.835$  Try to keep your environment in order.

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00:07:23.840 --> 00:07:25.863 The Simple Act of making your bed

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00:07:25.863 --> 00:07:28.125 every day can really have a profound

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00:07:28.125 --> 00:07:30.492 effect on how you interact with the

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 $00:07:30.492 \longrightarrow 00:07:32.340$  rest of your day little things.

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00:07:32.340 --> 00:07:34.741 You know setting up some incense or

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 $00:07:34.741 \longrightarrow 00:07:36.865$  mist vaporizer with some essential oils

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 $00:07:36.865 \longrightarrow 00:07:39.520$  can have a really calming effect on us.

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 $00:07:39.520 \longrightarrow 00:07:41.851$  The music in the sounds that we

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 $00{:}07{:}41.851 \dashrightarrow 00{:}07{:}44.257$  listen to you can have a really

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00:07:44.257 --> 00:07:46.700 really nice impact on us as well,

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 $00:07:46.700 \longrightarrow 00:07:49.958$  so putting yourself in an environment.

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 $00{:}07{:}49.960 \dashrightarrow 00{:}07{:}52.557$  That's going to temper some of the

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 $00:07:52.557 \longrightarrow 00:07:54.511$  stresses that you feel throughout

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 $00:07:54.511 \longrightarrow 00:07:57.178$  the day is really going to help.

 $00:07:57.180 \longrightarrow 00:07:59.010$  Another subject that I'm hopefully

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00:07:59.010 --> 00:08:01.869 going to talk about in a future video,

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00:08:01.870 --> 00:08:04.238 but one that I want to bring up

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 $00:08:04.238 \longrightarrow 00:08:06.490$  right now is nutrition because I

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 $00:08:06.490 \longrightarrow 00:08:08.872$  think during this time we're all

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 $00:08:08.946 \longrightarrow 00:08:11.571$  relying on foods that we call comfort

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 $00:08:11.571 \longrightarrow 00:08:14.144$  foods and what a misnomer that is,

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 $00:08:14.144 \longrightarrow 00:08:14.866$  because yes,

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 $00{:}08{:}14.870 \dashrightarrow 00{:}08{:}17.397$  they might make us feel good immediately.

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 $00:08:17.400 \longrightarrow 00:08:20.370$  Those carbohydrates in those fatty foods.

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 $00{:}08{:}20.370 --> 00{:}08{:}22.368$  But think about how you feel.

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00:08:22.370 --> 00:08:24.368 15 minutes or half hour later,

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 $00:08:24.370 \longrightarrow 00:08:26.944$  most of us feel miserable and

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 $00:08:26.944 \longrightarrow 00:08:28.660$  exhausted and weighted down.

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 $00:08:28.660 \longrightarrow 00:08:30.580$  So I want you to think about what

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 $00:08:30.580 \longrightarrow 00:08:32.485$  you're putting in your mouth and the

00:08:32.485 --> 00:08:34.160 nutrition that you're giving your body,

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 $00:08:34.160 \longrightarrow 00:08:35.159$  because that's really,

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 $00:08:35.159 \longrightarrow 00:08:37.490$  really going to have an impact on

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 $00:08:37.554 \longrightarrow 00:08:39.456$  how you feel throughout the day.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9319198 00:08:39.460 --> 00:08:39.957 So. NOTE Confidence: 0.9319198

00:08:39.957 --> 00:08:42.939 The last and most important thing

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 $00:08:42.939 \longrightarrow 00:08:46.564$  is just being kind to yourself and

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 $00:08:46.564 \longrightarrow 00:08:50.100$  being kind to the people around you.

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 $00:08:50.100 \longrightarrow 00:08:52.205$  Making a concerted effort to

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 $00:08:52.205 \longrightarrow 00:08:53.889$  be gentle with yourself,

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 $00:08:53.890 \longrightarrow 00:08:57.040$  be gentle with every body who's going

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 $00:08:57.040 \longrightarrow 00:09:00.100$  through the same frustrations as you are.

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 $00{:}09{:}00.100 \dashrightarrow 00{:}09{:}02.460$  Is so important and it's going to change

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 $00:09:02.460 \longrightarrow 00:09:04.709$  how you feel about yourself and how

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 $00:09:04.709 \longrightarrow 00:09:07.049$  you feel about the world around you.

 $00:09:07.050 \longrightarrow 00:09:10.120$  So thank you so much for taking the time to

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 $00:09:10.198 \longrightarrow 00:09:13.060$  talk to me today and listen to me today.

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 $00:09:13.060 \longrightarrow 00:09:15.517$  If you ever need anything or Department

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 $00:09:15.517 \longrightarrow 00:09:17.214$  of Integrative Medicine is available

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 $00{:}09{:}17.214 \dashrightarrow 00{:}09{:}19.244$  to you and just please always feel

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 $00:09:19.244 \longrightarrow 00:09:21.268$  free to reach out. OK, take care.