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My kind of poetry!

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Doesn't look like a limerick to you? Try this:

A dozen, a gross, and a score
Plus three times the square root
of four
Divided by seven
Plus five times eleven
Is nine squared and not a bit
more.

$$(186 \div 7) + 55$$
  
= 81



### Mattityahu (Matthew) 26:33

הַשִּׁיב לוֹ בֵּיפָא וְאָמֵר: "אָם הַכּל יִבְּשְׁלוּ בִּגְלָלְדְּ, אֲנִי לְעוֹלֶם לֹא אֶבְּשׁל!"

"I will never lose faith in you," Kefa answered, "even if everyone else does."

### Mattityahu (Matthew) 26:34

אָמֵר לוֹ יֵשׁוּעֵ: "אָמֵן אוֹמֵר אֲנִי לְךְּ כִּי בַּלַיְלָה הַגָּה, בְּטֶרֶם יִקְרָא הַתַּרְנְגוֹל, שְׁלוֹשׁ פְּעָמִים תִּתְבַּחֵשׁ לִי."

Yeshua said to him, "Yes! I tell you that tonight before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!"

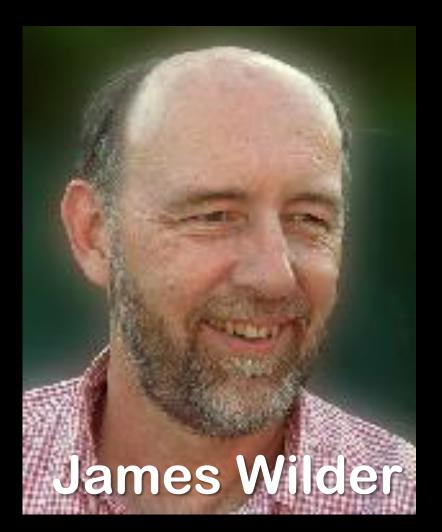
Mattityahu (Matthew) 26:35 אָמֵר בִּיפָא: ''גַּם אִם עָלֵי לָמוּת אִתְּדָּ לֹא אָתְכַּחֵשׁ לְדָּ!''. וְכֵן אָמְרוּ כָּל הַתַּלְמִידִים.

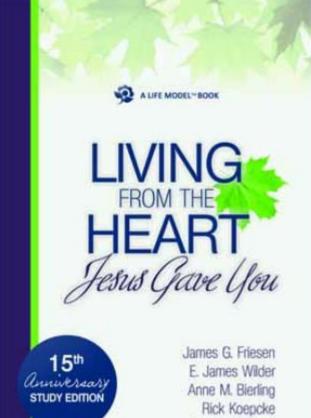
"Even if I must die with you," Kefa replied, "I will never disown you!" And all the talmidim said the same thing.

### Further in the same chapter

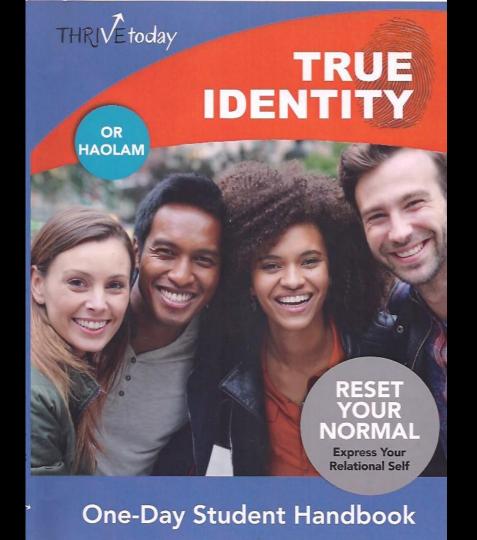
Mtt 26:55 Then the talmidim all deserted him and ran away.

- This was a panicked leaving.
- Why did they panic? Do we ever panic, despair, fall to depression, discouragement?
- We need to examine what keeps us really centered in the faith, what keeps us from panic, etc.
- At Or HaOlam 3/19, Thrive Today event.





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## https://thriveto day.org/

Re-centering: resetting the brain's NORMAL

### THRIVEtoday

Life is about relationships; your relationship with God and your relationships with people.

But many relationships don't work because people lack relational skills.

We train people in the skills that make relationships work.









Thriving Families



Thriving Relationships

First premise, New normal.

Ever drive behind a vehicle not centered in lane?

Re-centering: restarting the brain's NORMAL

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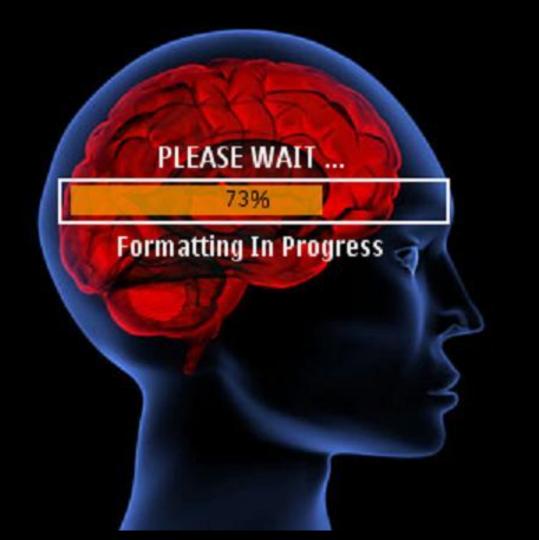
## A new view of Repentance תשובה T'shuvah

### **Brain reset:**



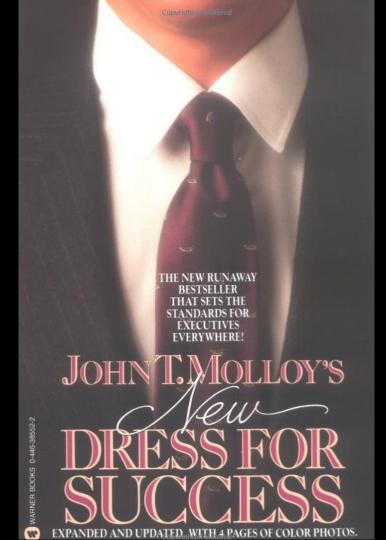
### As a man thinkith, so he is.





## Philippians 4 Paradigm

Phil. 4. 4-5 Rejoice in union with the Lord always! I will say it again: rejoice! Let everyone see how reasonable and gentle you are. The Lord is near!



Dress for Success is a 1975 book by John T. Molloy about the effect of clothing on a person's success in business and personal life. It was a bestseller and was followed in 1977 by The Women's Dress for Success Book. Together, the books popularized the concept of "power dressing"

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# How do we become able to project that image?

Phil. 4. 6-9 Don't worry about anything; on the contrary, make your requests known to God by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving. Then God's shalom, passing all understandding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with the Messiah Yeshua.

Phil. 4. 6-9 In conclusion, brothers, focus your thoughts on what is true, noble, righteous, pure, lovable or admirable, on some virtue or on something praiseworthy. Keep doing what you have learned and received from me, what you have heard and seen me doing; then the God who gives shalom will be with

### Focus on vs 6

- Don't worry about anything; on the contrary, make your requests known to God by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving.
- Negative normal aspect
- Positive normal aspect



Reset, then train your brain
T'shuvah תשובה

# Phil 4.6 New normal: negative aspect

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Mēden merimnate  Mηδὲν \quad μεριμνᾶτε \quad , \\ Nothing \quad be anxious about
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Phil. 4. 6 Not anything; μηδείς médeis no one, none, nothing Phil. 4. 6 Don't worry
μεριμνᾶτε merimnate
over-anxious; distracted, worried

Phil 4.6 MSG Don't fret or worry.

al tid-agu אַל תִּדְאָגוּ
to worry, to be concerned תִּדְאַגוּ

l'shum davar לְשׁוּם דָּבַר nothing, (not) anything Is there ANYTHING you are stressing about??

Lk 7.10-13 The next day Yeshua, accompanied by his talmidim and a large crowd, went to a town called Na'im. As he approached the town gate, a 1 dead man was being carried out for burial. His mother was a widow, this had been her only son, and a sizeable crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, he felt compassion for her and said to her, "Don't cry."

- SW version
- Don't stress out
- Over ANYTHING!
- Sounds heartless:
- Money woes: survive, outlive, shamed
- <u>People problems</u>: offended, failure, rejection, abandonment
- Health: pain, disability, weakness

Negative side of the new normal. "Sticky statement"

Don't stress out over ANYTHING!

How is that possible?
How can I just turn off stress?

### Positive side of the new normal.

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# prayer and petitions

proseuchē	kai	tē	deēsei	meta
προσευχῆ	καὶ	τῆ	δεήσει ,	μετὰ
prayer	and	_	supplication	with

## δέησις deésis supplication:

- praying for a specific, felt need
- •heart-felt petition, arising out of deep personal need (sense of lack, want).
- a felt need that is personal and urgent

~ Ro.8.26 The Spirit himself pleads on our behalf with groanings too deep for words;

~ 1 Tim 2.1 Therefore, first of all I urge that requests, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made on behalf of all people.

# With thanksgiving. ?!?

eucharistias εὐχαριστίας thanksgiving

εὐχαριστία eucharistia thankfulness, gratitude; giving of thanks, thanksgiving Bi-tifeelah, uv-tkhanunim, uvhodayah prayer; wish, entreaty, בְּתְפָלָה

בּתִפְלָה וּבְתַחֵנוּנִים וּבְהוֹדְיָה

supplication

supplicatory אַבְתַּחֲנוּנִים prayer; plea, entreaty, cry for help

# וּבְהוֹדְיָה thanksgiving, prayer of thanks, praise,

Positive side of the new normal: prayer and petition, with thanksgiving.

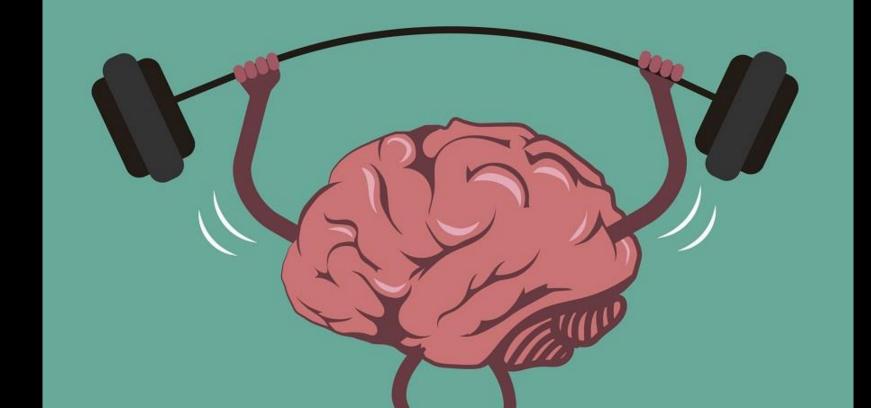
Takes time. Lament, then praise. For Who G-d is, for how Yeshua is working, for what it unseen.

T'hillim /Psalm 43 Vindicate me, O God, and champion my cause against an ungodly nation. From a deceitful and unjust man, deliver me! For You are my God, my stronghold. Why have You spurned me? Why do I go about gloomy under pressure by the enemy?

T'hillim /Psalm 43 Send forth Your light and Your truth—let them guide me. Let them bring me to Your holy mountain and to Your dwelling places. Then I will come to the altar of God, to the God of my exceeding joy, and praise You upon the harp —O God, my God.

T'hillim /Psalm 43 Why are You downcast, O my soul? Why are you murmuring within me? Hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, the salvation of my countenance.

- "Sticky statement"
- Don't stress out over ANYTHING! [rather do] prayer and petition, with thanksgiving.
- **New normal**
- Brain training by dwelling on chosen emotion



Reset, then train your brain to the new normal: prayer with praise

### **New Normal:**

Mtt 4.17 Yeshua began proclaiming, "Turn from your sins to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near!" Means?

•From gross sin: soldiers and tax collectors, prostitutes

- From slothfulness and negligence of the Torah mitzvot
- •Better: prep for the present Kingdom of the Spirit: humility, meekness, purity, hunger, mercy, peacemaking, longsuffering
- Heaven = the atmosphere we breathe

Col.3.15-17 Let the shalom of Messiah rule in your hearts—to this shalom you were surely called in one body. Also be thankful. Let the word of Messiah dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another

Col.3.15-17 with all wisdom in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Yeshua, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Do some brain training, Impart some brain training!! Breathe the heavenly air of "I refuse stress, rather live in intense prayer WITH thanksgiving"

Yn 15.4-5 Stay united with me, as I will with you — for just as the branch can't put forth fruit by itself apart from the vine, so you can't bear fruit apart from me. "I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who stay united with me, and I with them, are the ones who bear much fruit; because apart from me you can't do a thing.

What about when I get out of this mindset, not prayerful, intercessory, not joyful? Mad, grouchy, frustrated, irritated, insulted, offended,

scared...

#### **Exercises and 19 Brain skills**

# https://thrivetoday.org/tag/19skills/

- I don't feel like I want to stay in joy and shalom.
- Armed intruder
- Dirty dishes left out

#### **Share Joy**



Facial expressions and voice tones amplify, "We're glad to be together!"



#### **Soothe Myself**

Simple Quiet



Quieting (shalom) after both joyful and upsetting emotions is the strongest predictor of life-long mental health.



#### **Create Appreciation**

#### Skill 4



Healthy minds are full of appreciation.

Appreciation creates belonging and changes stress to contentment.



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# What about PEOPLE issues?

Relational Circuits [RC] are foundational to joy. Our eyes light up when we see people and there is a release of serotonin.

If relational circuits are shut down

1. We want to make the problem, person, or feeling go away.

- 2. We don't want to listen to what others feel or say.
- 3. Our minds are locked onto something upsetting.
- 4. I don't want to be connected to...
- 5. I more aggressively fix or judge

#### **Form Family Bonds**

**Bonds for Three** 



Family bonds let us share the joy built by the people we love.



# Steps to restore RC

- 1. Startle or yawn exercise.
- 2. Lament with G-d. Ps 42.
- 3. Express appreciation to G-d for His Atonement, faithfulness and presence!
- 4. Begin dialogue.



Train your brain T'shuvah תשובה

- "Sticky statement"
- 1.Don't stress out over ANYTHING! [rather do]
- 2.prayer and petition,
- 3. with thanksgiving.

New normal: Brain training by dwelling on chosen emotion

# Living in this is subtle but powerful!!



The movie...tells the true story of former Planned Parenthood executive Abby Johnson, who quit the organization to become a prominent pro-life advocate.

40 Days for Life people praying outside the Planned Parenthood clinic.





After never having actually witnessed one, she's suddenly called in to assist in the ultrasound-guided abortion of a 13-week-old fetus, and what she sees on the monitor looks to her like a baby reacting to what's being done to it.

At the end of the movie, a title informs us that the activist organization she joined, 40 Days for Life, has gotten 500 workers to drop out of what it describes as "the abortion industry."

Also, dozens of clinics closed, many women see pray-ers, circle clinic and go home. Unseen effects!!

## Concerning the power of gratefulness...

There is one word that can save a marriage, say Jerusalem's **Orthodox Jewish community** leaders, who offer sound advice on keeping those healthy, longterm relationships so crucial to a happy family and long life.

One of the main problems in every lasting marriage is that we start to take each other for granted, and this can lead to unwanted consequences in any relationship, be it family, friends or marriage.

Can you remember your first year of marriage, when your partner would get up early to surprise you with a full breakfast, just the way you like? How thoughtful it was, and you couldn't stop marveling at your amazing husband or wife. But, when he made you a cup of tea last night, you hardly noticed.

It is all too easy in our lifelong relationships to start taking each other for granted. Not only is this unpleasant, it spoils the atmosphere between you, misrepresents your true feelings about one another, and can have fateful implications for your marriage.

In an article published in an Orthodox Jewish journal, the rabbis reported that gratitude is the key to a healthy and successful marriage.

"The sense of appreciation and belief that your partner appreciates you directly influences how you feel about your marriage, how committed you are to it, and your belief that it will continue," said the author of the study, Ted G. Futris, an Associate Professor and **Extension Family Life Specialist at** the University of Georgia.

Rabbis and researchers alike argue that the simple act of saying "thank you" to your partner regularly, as simple and trivial as that may sound, can be a strong protection against divorce. [Even if a bit irritated]



Reset to new normal, then train your brain

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