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- 1. Self-Care
- 2. Boundaries
- 3. Resilience
- 4. Gratitude







1. Self-Care

- Fill Your Vessel
- Be Present
- Give Yourself a Break
- Manage Burnout



Fill Your Vessel

- Take care of yourself first
- Prioritize the basics



Be Present

• Aim to be present in everything you do



Give Yourself a Break

- Ask for help
- Create a break between work mind and home mind
- Take daily breaks



Manage Burnout

- Increase energy
- De-personalize appropriately
- Create sense of accomplishment



Self-Care Tools and Strategies

PAIR and SHARE EXERCISE:

- What can you do to increase your self-care?
- What "life hacks" do you use that enhance self-care?



2. Building Boundaries

- Communicate
- Create Space for Uninterrupted, Deep Work
- Decrease Stress Hormones



Communicate

- Share your needs, and how to bring your best self to work
- Get help when needed
- Advocate for yourself



Create Space for Uninterrupted Work

- Create both core hours and collaboration hours for work
- Use ruthless prioritization based on impact (focus on essentialism)



Decrease Stress Hormones

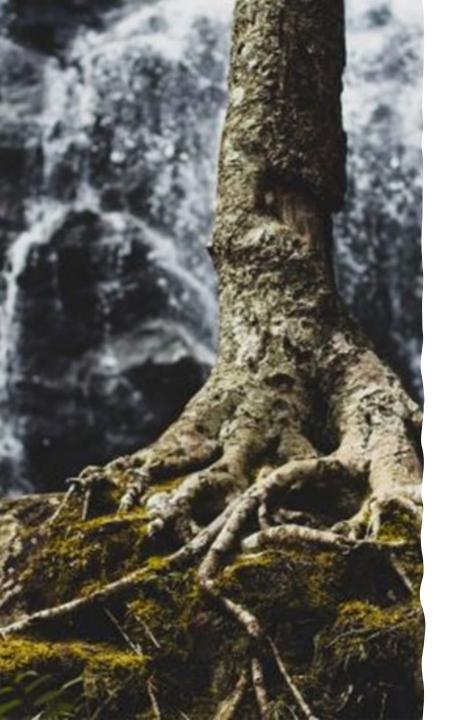
- Identify and optimize energy flow for focus and creativity
- Work around home needs as work-life harmony leads to increased wellbeing and productivity



Building Boundaries Tools and Strategies

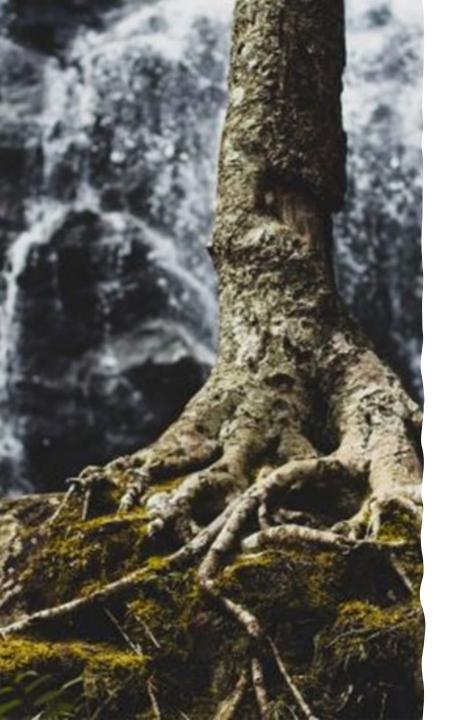
PAIR and SHARE EXERCISE:

- What can you do to build boundaries?
- What "life hacks" do you use that enhance building healthy boundaries?



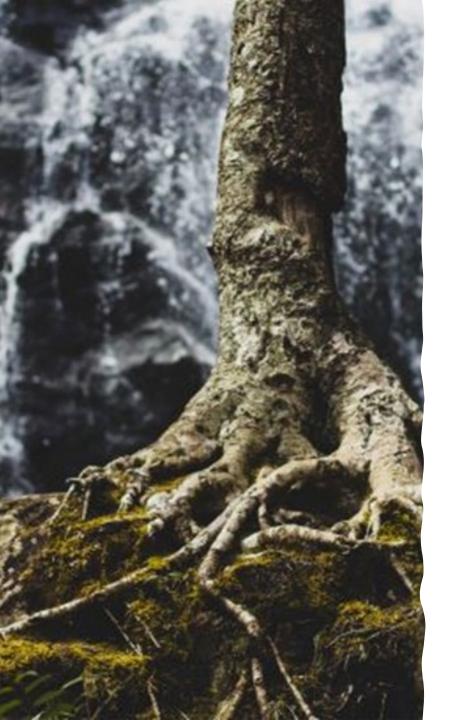
3. Building Resilience

- Practice Optimism
- Don't Personalize It
- Remember Comebacks
- Support Others



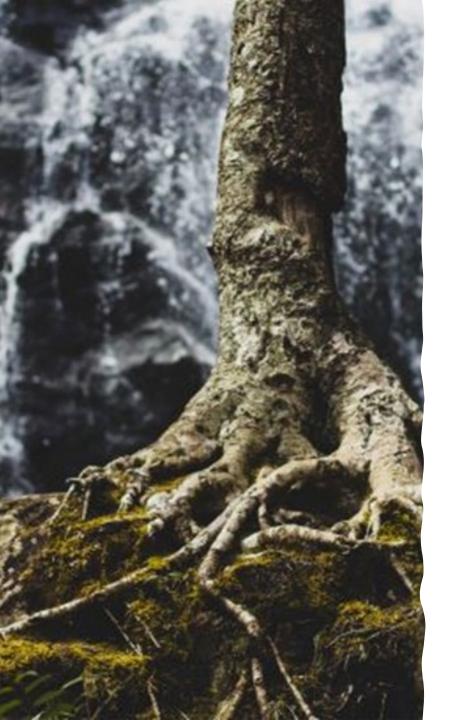
Practice Optimism

- Reframe
- See set-backs, not failures



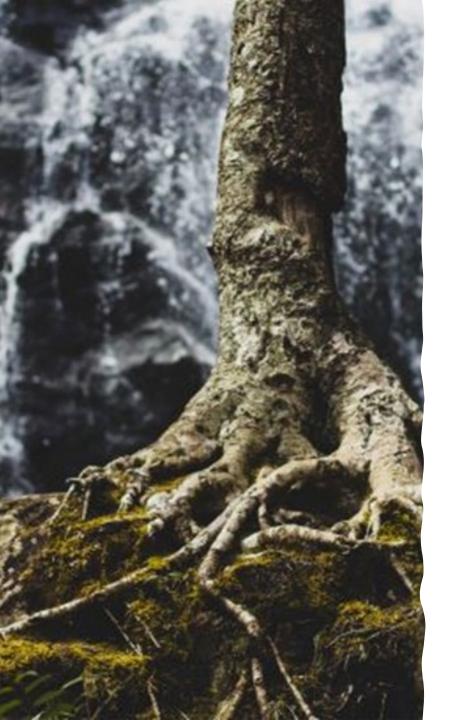
Don't Personalize It

• Tell yourself it's not personal, pervasive, or permanent



Remember Comebacks

- Look back and know, you've gone through worse in the past
- Know you can deal with it
- Adversity creates bounce-back opportunities



Building Resilience Tools and Strategies

PAIR and SHARE EXERCISE:

- What can you do to build resilience?
- What "life hacks" do you use that enhance building resilience?



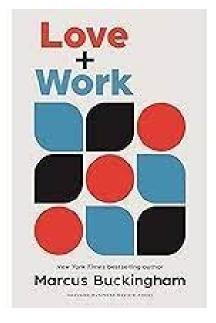
4. Gratitude

- Establish a mindset of gratitude
- "Spend a week in love with your job" and find the "red threads" (Marcus Buckingham)



Gratitude Mindset

• Establish a gratitude mindset







"Love Your Job"

- "Spend a week in love with your job"
- Find the "red threads"

(Based on Love + Work by Marcus Buckingham)



Gratitude Mindset Tools and Strategies

PAIR and SHARE EXERCISE:

- What can you do to grow your gratitude mindset?
- What "life hacks" do you use that enhance your gratitude mindset?

Pulling It All Together -

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How do we strategize work-life integration?

Work

Work with Your body

Play

• Play to your Strengths

Calendar

• Calendar for Success

Banish

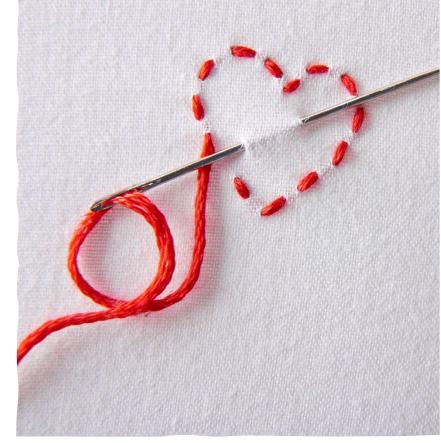
Banish Multitasking

Strategize

Strategize MITs, Focus
Sprints and Batching

More Work-Life Integration Strategies

- 1. Establish a gratitude mindset each day
- 2. Prioritize a *be present* activity each day
- 3. Schedule short-term daily or longer (vacation days) breaks
- 4. Practice/explore Essentialism to manage workload
- 5. Create intentional space for uninterrupted work to find *flow*
- 6. Explore/Identify your strengths
- 7. Initiate (Most Important Things (MTIs)
- Take control of emails by batching
- 9. Find your "Red Threads" of work and incorporate them into your Life Tapestry (Marcus Buckingham)
- 10. Take advantage of your campus work-life programs and resources





Resources



<u>How to Structure Your Day to Feel Less</u> <u>Stressed</u> GGSC

Work Burnout: How to Spot the Symptoms NYT

This Year, Try Spring Cleaning your Brain NYT

<u>Spend A Week In Love with Your Job</u> 5-min Marcus Buckingham

The Three Steps of Essentialism, How to Achieve More by Doing Less according to author Greg McKeown Forbes

<u>Life Between Clocks, daily temporal patterns of human chronotypes</u> NIH, National Library of Medicine

A Grateful Day with Brother David Steindl-Rast, Video from gratefulness.org



Thank You!

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