# PRACTICING EMOTIONAL AGILITY IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY





"Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is our power to chose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom."

- Viktor Frankl

## 1 BECOME AWARE OF YOUR OWN EMOTIONAL AGILITY SKILL

- Watch "The Gift and Power of Emotional Courage".
- Answer these reflection questions:
  - 1. What is emotional agility?
  - 2. When have you been emotionally agile?
  - 3. How can you be emotionally agile today?



#### **2** PERSPECTIVE TAKING: MY EMOTIONS ARE DATA POINTS

- Emotions are not "good" or "bad"; nor are emotions "me". Add perspective to emotions by:
  - 1. Naming the emotion you are experiencing using the sentence starter: "I am noticing that I feel...".
  - 2. Accepting that emotions have a purpose. What is the purpose of this emotion?

#### 3 OPTIMIZING ENERGY RESOURCES

- Practice habits of optimal mental wellbeing:
  - 1. Optimize sleep for > 8 hrs of high-quality rest.
  - 2. Be physically active.
  - 3. Practice rhythmic breathing for relaxation and/or mindfulness 10 20 minutes daily.
  - 4. Reduce exposure to screens and social media.

### **WALK YOUR WHY**

- Complete your own "Who Am I Through COVID-19" chart.
- You can be Fearful, Learning, and Growth.
  Emotional agility offers you freedom to be YOU.

#### TWEAK YOUR GOALS

- This is the perfect time to re-establish your goals.
  - 1. What do I want to accomplish in the next month?
  - 2. Decide what I need to develop.
  - 3. Make a plan for steady improvement.
  - 4. Commit yourself completely.
  - 5. Monitor your progress.



