Anxiety, Panic and Stress



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Normalizing Anxiety



- We all experience anxiety and fear
- Recent increase in anxiety due to effects of the pandemic
- Prolonged stress can increase anxiety
- You are not alone

Definition of Anxiety

- Physical symptoms
- Thoughts/Fearful
- Examples of clients with anxious symptoms
- DSM IV criteria for Generalized Anxiety Disorder

Definition of Panic and Panic Attacks

- Acute onset, distressing symptoms
- Both physical and mental
- Define derealization and depersonalization

Aaron Beck and His Thoughts about Anxiety and Panic

- Cognitions
- Physiological experiences
- Affective experience: anxiety, worry, dread, cycle of anxiety and panic

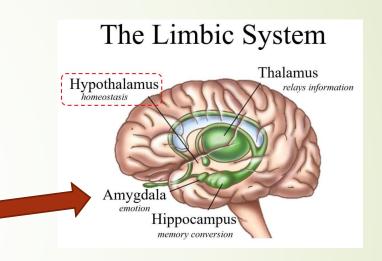
Stress

- What stress can do to us
- Psalm 139:14 Fearfully and wonderfully made
- Visualizing the autonomic nervous system
- Parasympathetic
- Sympathetic

Book Rewire your Brain and Relationship to Anxiety

- Two important brain structures connected with anxiety
- Cortex
- Amygdala

The "little" protector story





Anxiety is Not Always a Bad Thing



- What is anxiety telling us about ourselves
- Is it stemming from another emotion?
- Unresolved issues

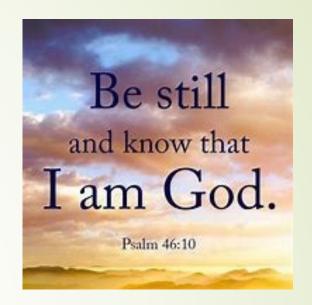
Book, Calming the Anxious Brain

- Attitudes and Beliefs Related to Physical Health
- Three elements: the three C's
- Commitment, Control and Challenge

Mindfulness

- What is it?
- How do we do it?
- Developing mindfulness

Meditation



- Sitting or laying
- Breath work
- Time alone and in stillness or solitude
- Be still...and know that I am God

Walking yourself out of anxiety

- Benefits of walking
- Physical and Mental
- Time for yourself



Exercise

- Stress Buster
- Brain Oxygenator
- Happy Hormones/Endorphins

Escape Methods

- Use Netflix and Other Formats Wisely but Happily
- Read a Book
- Relax and Distract

Getting Into Nature

- Using your senses makes sense
- Peace and harmony
- Enjoy your time feeling grounded in the earth

Be Creative

- Journal
- Write a poem
- Take an art class
- Play games

Eat Nutritiously



- Fruits and vegetables
- Take time to choose your foods
- Food becoming the neurotransmitters in our brain and body

Good Sleep Habits

- Reduce noise and light
- Count your sheep example
- Positive uplifting thoughts before bed

Relax a Little and Enjoy the Moments of Life



Life is more than anxiety and stress!

Questions?

Thank you!

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