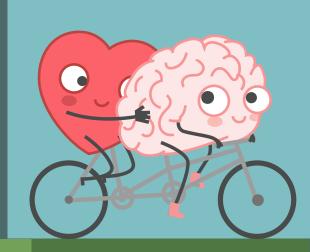
a road map to

PRACTICING SELF-COMPASSION

managing unpleasant circumstances & emotions



NOTICE

Life is inherently uncertain & can often bring discomfort.

Recognize when you're suffering.



VALIDATE & ALLOW

It's reasonable to feel angry, afraid, disappointed, or experience any other difficult circumstance.



NORMALIZE

Life can be stressful & challenging—it's part of being human.

Remind yourself:

everyone
experiences
moments like these.



SELF-COMPASSION

Bring to mind the consideration you'd naturally offer to someone you deeply care about. Picture offering yourself those same wishes.



KINDNESS & FRIENDLINESS

Practicing non-judgmental language towards self is not toxic positivity or excusing behavior. It IS however encouraging, motivating & supportive.

Note to yourself: I wouldn't ever criticize a close friend in this way.



CURIOUS & OPEN

Can we relate more openly to our experience? Instead of personally identifying with being a failure, or being broken, we can counteract with strength & resilience. We are designed for growth & development. Let's stop should-ing on ourselves. Counter with:

There is no perfect.



PHYSICAL TOUCH

Tend to threat & isolation with physiological safety. This allows for flexibility & possibility. Give yourself physical comfort & warmth by laying your hands on your heart or belly.







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