Today's Date: _____

| TRIALS ¹ | Your Responses |
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| Triggering Event(s): | One-sentence description of what triggered the problem you had today*. |
| What happened that triggered a Self-Defeating Behavior (see "S" below)*? | Think carefully about what was happening before this trigger: Was anything making you vulnerable? (Not Sleeping Well?, Overscheduled?, Substance Use? Tired? Stressed Out; In Pain?; Social Conflict or Loneliness; Etc). If so, describe: |
| R eaction: | Sensations in your body (Increased heart rate, Emptiness in stomach, Clenched fists): |
| Painful or pleasurable SIFT that triggered an impulse (see "I" | mages or Memories ("Pictures" in your head related to the past and/or future): |
| below). Not all SIFT may apply, but circle the one | <u>F</u> eelings (Sad, Anxious, Hurt, Frustrated, Excited): |
| that was strongest; the SIFT that created the strongest pull towards "I". | Thoughts / Judgments ("How could she"; "I'm horrible!"; "Not again"; "This is great!") |
| Impulse(s): What was your | Avoidance: (How did you want to "push away" pain?) |
| immediate, "need- jerk" impulse(s)? Even if you didn't do it, what did you | <u>Craving</u> : (How did you want to "grasp" at pleasure?) |
| want to do? Look at "S" for hints. | Fusion: (How did you get "lost" or "stuck" in pain?) |
| (Acting In or Out? then possibly Fusion; Escaping? | |
| then possibly Avoidance) | Circle one or more emotional need(s) you were trying to fill with the impulse (if needed, see chapter 3): <i>Safety Belonging Independence Competency</i> |

*Hint: It may help to start with "S" and "L" below (even if the S is relatively small) and then go back to T.

| Automatic Control Strategies: Early "life lessons" you learned about what should be done in response to "T", "R" and/or "I" (see above). These are usually "ifthen" statements with the word "should." | How did you avoid / judge yourself, others or the situation? For example, "If(T, R, or I) then I / others should(e.g.,try not to think about it",tell myself it's no big deal";recount my many faults";be punished") "If" "If" "If" "If" "If" [Optional] At one time, such "Ifthen" statements may have helped. How did these control strategies help when you were younger? How do they get in the way now? (Think of your POWs) |
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| Self-Lie(s): How did you rationalize what you did next (see "S" below)? | Yes/ No Yes/ No Yes/ No Did you realize it was a Self-Lie at the time? Circle yes or no. (If the same No keeps getting circled, see chapter 4 for review.) Remember self-lies usually: (a) justify our Impulses; or (b) "fix" the conflict between "I" and "A." |
| Self-Defeating Behavior(s): What did you actually do or say? How might such behaviors get in | Escaping (Changing the subject; Leaving prematurely; Numbing out; Minimizing): <u>Clinging</u> (Replaying your desire; "Coasting" along or passively allow things to happen; Giving in to the desire without really thinking about it first): |
| the way of your POWs (<u>P</u> rinciples, long-term <u>O</u> utcomes, and/or <u>W</u> hat works)? | Acting Out (Overreacting or 'swatting flies with cannon balls'; Overcompensating or working harder; Trying to control everything or everyone): Acting In (Passively withdrawing in shame; Shutting down; Rehearsing pain in an unhelpful, repetitive way): |

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