

UNLOCK YOUR INCREDIBLE SELF

How to Step Up Your Game and Increase Your Output

Get More of What You Want and Deserve in Life

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A Note Before You Begin

This book is not a theory. It is a transcript of transformation.

Every story in these pages happened in a real room, with real people. Sanjay, Mara, Phil, Gordon, Pam — these are not characters. They are people who showed up, with all their fear and cynicism and burnout and hope, and decided to do the work.

The material you are about to read is drawn directly from live seminars and coaching sessions in the AccessWorld Ultimate Success Series — a curriculum built on one foundational premise: your nervous system is not your enemy. It is your operating system. And operating systems can be upgraded.

Most self-help books ask you to think your way to a better life. This one is different. By the end of these chapters, you will understand why thinking alone has never worked — and what to do instead.

Each chapter includes three things:

- A story. Real, specific, sometimes uncomfortable — because that is where the learning lives.
- A principle. The mechanism underneath the story.
- An action. Something you can do today, not in theory.

Read slowly. Read with your body, not just your mind. Notice where you tighten, where you exhale, where something lands. That physical response is your nervous system telling you it recognizes the truth.

You have been waiting for permission to unlock your incredible self.

This book is your permission.

CHAPTER ONE

The Fourth Addiction

You already know what to do. That's not the problem.

The problem is that knowing doesn't change anything. And if you've been in self-help for more than six months, you've felt that disconnect in your bones — the quiet humiliation of reading another book, nodding along, and then waking up tomorrow doing the exact same thing you did yesterday.

Here's what no one told you: you might be addicted to the mood that keeps you stuck.

I was running a small seminar — just a handful of people in the room. Pam was there, quiet, carrying that familiar weight of depression and anxiety. Phil was new, watchful, wondering if this was going to be another thing he tried that didn't work. And there was Gordon, sixty-six years old, from Jacksonville, Florida — before joining the group he confessed that he didn't believe he could change. Small group. Intimate. Uncertain.

I started by setting expectations, because I'm not here to sell you a magic wand. This is not a "stand in your power by midday tomorrow" kind of program. This is a long haul. Consistent focus over a longer path beats instant transformation every single time. I've seen too many people ride the hope-crash cycle — they try one thing, it doesn't work in a week, and they conclude they are broken.

You're not broken. You just haven't been told the truth about how your nervous system actually works.

So let's start with the truth about addiction.

The Four Layers

We tend to think addiction means substances. Alcohol. Cocaine. Opioids. The stuff that rewires your brain chemically and takes your life apart piece by piece. And that's real. That's one type.

But there are three more.

The second type is behavioral addiction. Gambling. Shopping. Sex. Porn. Behaviors that light up the same reward circuits as substances, even though you're not putting anything into your body.

The third type is impulse control disorders. People who walk into a store, have money in their wallet, and still have to take something. People who start fires. The compulsion comes from somewhere deep, and they don't always know why.

And then there's the fourth type. The one that's pertinent to each of us.

Mood addiction.

The Mood You Wake Up To

If something is good for you — going to the gym, eating well, staying sober — we don't call it an addiction. We call it a habit. A commitment. Someone says, "Oh, she's addicted to success," and we smile because it's a compliment.

But here's what we don't talk about: you can get addicted to feeling depressed.

You can get addicted to anxiety. To dread. To hopelessness. To that low-grade static that follows you from bed to coffee to car to desk to bed again.

Not because you want to feel that way. Because your nervous system has learned the pattern. Because that mood has become familiar — and familiar, to a brain that prioritizes survival over happiness, feels safer than unknown.

I'm not talking about clinical depression as a chemical imbalance. I'm talking about the mood you wake up with most mornings. The one you don't remember choosing. The one that feels like it happens to you.

What if it doesn't just happen to you?

What if somewhere along the way, your brain learned that this mood serves a purpose? Keeps you safe from disappointment? Lowers expectations so no one can ask too much of you? Gives you an identity — the one who struggles, the one who's tried everything, the one who knows better but can't seem to do better?

That's the addiction no one diagnoses. And it's the hardest one to name, because it feels like you.

The Incongruence You Can Feel in Your Chest

I come from a religious background. We used a certain word for when someone said one thing and did another. We called it hypocrisy.

In coaching, we call it incongruence. Same mechanism, less shame.

Incongruence happens when your thoughts, your words, your intentions, and your actions aren't lined up. You say you value family, but you don't think about them. You say you want to make more money, but you spend your evenings playing computer games.

And here's what most people miss: incongruence isn't just a moral failure or a motivation problem. It's a nervous system problem. Your body feels the split. It registers the gap between what you're saying and what you're doing. And that gap becomes tension. Low-grade. Constant. The kind you stop noticing until someone points it out and suddenly you realize you've been holding your breath for years.

The truth of what you value isn't what you say you value. It's what you invest time, effort, and energy in.

Check your calendar. Check your bank statement. Check where your attention goes when no one is watching. That's what you value. Everything else is just a story you tell yourself.

Mind, Heart, and Hands

We have three levels of learning.

The first is cognitive. That's your intellectual brain. That's you reading this sentence and understanding what the words mean. You're good at that. You've been good at that for a long time.

The second is emotional. Your limbic system. The part of you that doesn't process language — it processes feeling. It remembers what safety felt like at age four. It knows what rejection tastes like even if you can't put words to it.

The third is nervous system learning. I call it the hands. It's the level of habit, posture, breath, automatic response. It's what your body does when you stop thinking.

Most self-help stops at level one. It gives you a new concept, a better framework, a smarter way to think about your problem. And then it sends you back into the world wondering why nothing changed.

Because level one doesn't override level two or three. You can't think your way out of a mood addiction any more than you can think your way out of a heroin addiction.

You need mind, heart, and hands working together. Congruently. And that takes time.

The seminar I was running — this program — is designed for all three. Not just the intellectual concepts. The emotional encounters. The physical practices. The nervous system reprogramming that happens when you finally stop learning about change and start becoming it.

What You Can Do in the Next 24 Hours

- 1.** Pick one small area of incongruence. Something you say you value but don't actually invest time in. Tomorrow morning, do that thing before you let yourself fall into your usual mood.
- 2.** Notice what happens in your body when you do. Not what you think. What you feel. That's level two and three learning. That's the work.
- 3.** Write this question down and read it before bed: "What mood am I addicted to — and what is it protecting me from?" Don't answer it. Just let it sit.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1.** *Put your hand on the part of your body where you feel the mood you wake up with most mornings. Don't name the mood. Just feel the location. Where is it?*
 - 2.** *Think of something you say you value. Now check your calendar from the last seven days. How many hours did you actually invest in that thing? What's the gap?*
 - 3.** *Tomorrow morning, before you check your phone, do one small thing that aligns with who you want to be — even if you don't feel like it. Then sit for thirty seconds and feel what just happened in your body. That's your data. Don't interpret it. Just feel it.*
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CHAPTER TWO

Motion Creates Emotion

You already know that exercise helps with depression. That's not the news.

The news is that any motion — even a two-second fist pump and a shouted "Yes!" — can interrupt a mood addiction faster than any thought you'll ever have.

And that's a problem if you've been trying to think your way out.

I had Gordon in the room for this one. Sixty-six years old, from Jacksonville, Florida. He didn't believe he would ever be able to change. "I'm too old to learn anything new," he'd told himself for years. Mara was there from Melbourne, twelve months in the group, still wrestling with motivation. Phil was fresh from a Meetup the night before where he was — his words — "just stunned." And Jay, a psychology student, which always makes me smile, because I'm about to teach him something his textbooks skipped.

The room was warm but cautious. Everyone asking the same unstated question: Is this finally the real thing?

The Pharmaceutical Factory Inside Your Skull

Your brain is a pharmaceutical factory. It produces about a hundred different chemicals and dispenses them into your system. When a doctor tells you that depression is a chemical imbalance, they're not wrong. You are low on the feel-good chemicals. You are flooded with stress-related ones.

But here's the question Dr. Wayne Dyer asked, and I've never forgotten it: Who creates the chemicals?

If you blame your brain, your brain is just doing its job. It's following orders. The real question is: what thinking — what level of thinking — were you at when you placed that order?

You can't solve a chemical problem with more thinking from the same mind that created the imbalance. That's like trying to dry a floor with the same bucket of water you spilled.

The Lion That Never Left

Let me tell you a story that explains why thinking isn't enough.

A young man went on safari in Africa. Against all warnings, he left the enclosure. He saw a lion in the distance. The lion saw him. The man froze — then the fight-flight response kicked in. Blood rushed to his major muscles. Heart pounded. He was sure he was about to die.

A guard had followed him. The guard raised a rifle. The lion ran off.

The man was safe. But that night, he replayed the scene over and over. What if the guard hadn't been there? He'd be lion food.

Weeks passed. He went home. Got married. Had kids. Life moved on.

Then one day he took his family to the zoo. They saw giraffes, elephants, chimpanzees. Then they walked toward the lion enclosure. He saw the lion — and suddenly his heart was racing, sweat pouring, panic rising. He had to sit down. He knew he was safe. The lion was behind a fence, then a moat, then another fence. Intellectually, he was fine. But his body hijacked his brain.

Later, he was reading a bedtime story to his child. He turned the page — a picture of a lion. Same thing. Fetal position on the bed. Child asking, "Dad, are you okay?"

That's post-traumatic stress. That's your nervous system overriding your intellect. And you cannot think your way out of it. You can't reason with a nervous system that learned a pattern before you had words for it.

Now let me ask you something uncomfortable. You've had your own lion. Maybe it was a divorce. A rejection. A parent who told you you'd never amount to anything. A boss who humiliated you. A child who stopped returning your calls.

And you've been carrying that lion around for years. You know you're safe now. The situation is over. But your body doesn't know. Your body thinks it's still out there on the savanna, heart pounding, waiting to be eaten.

That's why you can read all the books, understand all the concepts, and still wake up at 3am with the same dread. You're trying to fix a nervous system problem with a cognitive solution. It doesn't work.

The Four-Year-Old Who Knew Something You Don't

My friend Darren has a son named Ash. Ash was about three or four years old. One hot summer day, Darren brought him to my house. We were swimming in my inground pool.

Ash couldn't swim yet. So he'd jump out of the pool, run around to the edge, and jump in — and Darren would catch him. Over and over. Ash was having the time of his life.

At one point, Darren got distracted. He was talking to me, looking away. Ash stood at the edge of the pool, waiting. And I watched this little boy.

His arms were going crazy. He was flapping them, shaking them, moving his whole body. He was so excited he couldn't contain it. He wasn't thinking about being excited. He was excited. And his body was expressing it.

That's motion creating emotion. Not the other way around.

Ash didn't wait to feel excited before he moved. He moved, and the excitement flooded him.

Now think about what depression looks like. Where are your eyes? Looking down. What are your shoulders doing? Hunched. Chest closed. Breathing shallow.

Depression is energy without motion. Excitement is energy in motion. That's what "emotion" means — energy in motion. It's not a metaphor. It's physiology.

The Practice That Changed Everything

After my children chose to live with their mother — after that rejection sent me into a spiral that lasted over a year — I decided to stop waiting to feel better.

I started a morning routine. Two hours every day. And part of that routine was something I call emotional stretching.

Every morning, I would raise my arms, clench my fists, and shout "Yes!" Then again. Two times. That's it. That was the exercise.

Then when I got to work, before I walked into the office, I'd find a little room — a bathroom, a storage closet — and I'd do it again. "Yes!" Then again.

During the day, if I felt flat, I'd excuse myself, go somewhere private, and do it. I was probably doing this twenty times a day at the beginning.

And here's what happened. I wasn't waiting to feel excited. I was practicing excitement. And my brain — that pharmaceutical factory — started getting the message. It started producing the chemicals that matched the motion.

I didn't think my way out of depression. I moved my way out.

I wrote a poem about this years ago, walking through the city. It still captures everything I know:

Stand up tall, head held high, walk with confidence. Raise your chest, shoulders back — it's no coincidence. When you move, when you walk, when you act this way, You will find that you'll have a bright and happy day. Drop your head, lower your gaze, sit in idleness. Shoulders down, body slouched, face expressionless. When you move, when you walk, when you act this way, You will find that you'll have a sad and solemn day. But jump with joy. Power move. Yes. Leap with energy. Get excited. Be playful. Stand with supremacy. You see, when you move, when you act, when you walk this way, You will find that you will have a transformational day.

I spent five years doing that morning routine. Two hours every day. Not because I was disciplined. Because I was desperate.

And somewhere in that fifth year, I went out into the woods. I screamed. I yelled. And the pain left. It never came back.

That's not magic. That's repetition with a new pattern. I'm not special. I just stopped waiting to feel better and started moving. You can too.

What You Can Do in the Next 24 Hours

- 1.** Set a timer for every hour today. When it goes off, wherever you are, do one "Yes!" — arms up, fist pump, say it out loud. If you can't say it out loud, mouth it. Find some motion.
- 2.** Notice: did your mood shift? Even a little? That's not magic. That's your pharmaceutical factory getting a new order. And you're the one placing it.
- 3.** Tonight, decide on a morning routine. It doesn't have to be two hours. It can be five minutes. But do it before you check your phone.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1.** *Right now — without thinking — where are your shoulders? Are they up toward your ears or down and back? Don't change them yet. Just notice. That's your baseline.*
 - 2.** *Think of the last time you felt genuinely excited for no external reason. Can you remember? If not, that's data. Your nervous system has forgotten how to generate excitement internally. That's what we're retraining.*
 - 3.** *Tomorrow morning, before you check your phone, do one "Yes!" — arms up, say it out loud. Then wait ten seconds. What do you feel in your chest? Not what you think. What you feel.*
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CHAPTER THREE

The Happiest Cop in the Building

What if the thing that makes you different at work — your lightness, your laughter, your refusal to be miserable — gets you accused of impersonating a real employee?

That happened to me. And it was one of the best compliments I ever received.

We'd just come back from a break. The room was still buzzing from the excitement exercises. Gordon was grinning — sixty-six years old and doing fist pumps like a teenager. Phil was taking notes while eating, terrified he'd miss something. Mara was connecting dots she hadn't seen before. And I was about to tell them why being the happiest person in a miserable workplace is both a superpower and a warning sign.

"You're Impersonating a Police Officer"

I was a police sergeant. I had the happiest team in the building. Every morning before work, I did my excitement exercises. My team caught the energy. We laughed all day. We got our work done — sometimes faster than the miserable teams — but we did it with joy.

Not everyone liked it. Another sergeant said, within earshot: "They'll promote anybody." Then he went further. "He's impersonating a police officer. He's not a real cop."

My team told me. At first, I was angry. Then I thought about it.

He was right. Because most of the cops I worked with were depressed. They went to work, slogged through the day, came home, did it again. That was their life. I refused to live that way.

So I embraced the insult. I said, "Yeah, I'm impersonating a police officer. If being a real cop means being depressed like you, I don't want that. If it means making jokes about other people to build your own ego, I don't want that. I want to come to work and enjoy myself."

And we did. My team had so much fun that the lawyers in the courthouse couldn't get our attention because we were laughing too loud. I had to install doorbells — actual electric doorbells — so the noise would cut through our laughter and we'd remember to do our jobs.

That's not failure. That's success measured in a different currency.

The Prisoner Who Thought We Were Laughing at Him

One day we were working in a prison block. Prisoners in their cells. My team and I were telling silly jokes, laughing hard.

Unbeknownst to us, a prisoner had walked over to the toilet in his cell. He pulled out his member to relieve himself. Just as he did, we burst out laughing.

He froze. He looked around. He became conscious that there might be a camera somewhere. He thought we were laughing at him.

We weren't. We had no idea he was there. We were just enjoying our jobs. But that's what misery does — it makes everything about you. When you're happy, other people's paranoia is not your problem.

When the Bosses Noticed We Were Having Too Much Fun

For a while, it was perfect. Then management restructured. You know how it goes — if a team is having fun, leadership assumes they have too much staff, too little work. So they loaded us up. More responsibility. Fewer people.

My neck and shoulders tightened. I felt the stress creeping back. And I learned a survival tactic: I started pretending to be unhappy when the hierarchy was around. I'd act miserable, just like everyone else. Then, as soon as they left, I'd go back to laughing.

That's not hypocrisy. That's strategic nervous system management. You don't owe your authentic joy to an environment that punishes it.

But here's the deeper lesson: you can't stay in a job that requires you to hide your happiness forever. Eventually, the pretending wears on you.

Patty, Nicole, and the First Client Who Changed Everything

Let me give you three quick examples of what happens when you stop surviving and start thriving.

Patty worked in aviation. After COVID, she was retrenched. She had no idea what to do. I asked her, "What do you love?" She said, "I love looking at dream houses." I said, "Become a real estate agent. Help people find their dream home." She did. She's not just working for money anymore — she's working for meaning.

Nicole wanted me to fix her marriage. I worked with her and her husband. The marriage still dissolved — some differences couldn't be resolved. You might call that failure. I call it empowerment. Nicole is now a relationship coach herself. She's happy, bubbly, living a new life. The marriage ended. She didn't.

My very first client was an Indian man who spoke English as a second language. He said he wanted to be a better communicator. For four sessions, I taught him communication techniques — monologue, dialogue, projection, substance. Working his mind like a personal trainer works a muscle. Nothing changed.

On the fifth session, I was desperate. I thought, "I've only been working with his mind." So I said, "Where is this in your body? Let's move." I got him jumping. Excited. Moving his arms.

At the end of that session, he looked at me and said, "I got it." I said, "What?" He said, "I need to be free to speak my own mind."

That was it. He wasn't a bad communicator. He had a belief problem — that his voice didn't matter. Once his nervous system felt the freedom, the words followed. That fifth session made me believe I could do this work.

What You Can Do in the Next 24 Hours

- 1.** Notice your body at work today. Where do you hold tension? Neck? Shoulders? Jaw? That's your nervous system talking.
- 2.** Find one small act of authentic joy in your workplace today. Tell a silly joke. Laugh out loud. Do a quiet fist pump in the bathroom. Don't wait for permission.
- 3.** Ask yourself: Am I staying in this role because I have to, or because I'm afraid to leave? The answer might not change your situation today. But naming the fear is the first step toward freedom.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1.** *Think of a time you hid your happiness at work to fit in. What did that cost you? Not financially — emotionally. Where did you feel that cost in your body?*
 - 2.** *If your job disappeared tomorrow, what would you do that you actually love? Don't say "I don't know." Take a guess. That guess is data.*
 - 3.** *Tomorrow, when you feel your jaw tighten or your shoulders rise, take three slow breaths and move one small body part — your foot, your finger, your eyebrows. Notice: did the tension shift? That's nervous system reprogramming in action.*
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CHAPTER FOUR

Mind, Heart, and Hands

Four sessions. That's how long I failed with my very first client.

I taught him everything I knew about communication. Monologue. Dialogue. Projection. Substance. I was working his mind like a personal trainer works a muscle. And nothing changed. He still couldn't speak up at work. He still felt small in his relationship. He still believed his voice didn't matter.

On the fifth session, I was desperate. I felt like a fraud. I thought, "I'm not a very good coach. I've only been working with his mind."

So I stopped talking. I got him jumping. Moving his arms. Shouting. And at the end of that session, he looked at me and said, "I got it. I need to be free to speak my own mind."

That moment taught me something I've built my entire career around: it's not the process. It's the person. And the person is not just a mind. The person is a nervous system.

Gordon: From "I Want My Money Back" to "This Is Changing My Life"

Gordon was sixty-six when he found me. From Jacksonville, Florida. Anxious. Skeptical. He did not believe he would ever be able to change.

"I am always worrying," he told me. "I'm trying to relive, re-change the past. And I have anxiety where I worry about the future."

He'd seen the programs. Heard the pitches. Expected deception. When he bought into my course, his first thought was: I want my money back. If there's a problem, I want that refund.

But I offer a thirty-day guarantee. No risk. No uncertainty. And that lowered the barrier just enough for him to try.

Then the one-on-one coaching began. And something shifted. Not because I gave him magic words. Because we did practical work — exercises he could apply immediately. The future-visualization exercise hit him hard. "I really enjoy the exercise," he said. "It's very practical. Something I can apply now. Let's do something about it now rather than just talking about it."

He was motivated by negative energy — by the people who said "too bad for you." He used their doubt as fuel. And now he's recommending the program to new people like Phil. He's got his pen and paper ready. He's engaged. He's learning at sixty-six what he

thought was impossible: you can teach an old dog new tricks if you're willing to work the whole dog — mind, heart, and hands.

Phil: The Cynic Who Couldn't Stop Taking Notes

Phil was seventy-five. From Adelaide. Depression, anxiety, obsessive-compulsive behavior — his companions for years. He'd tried everything. Every trick in the book. Medication he didn't think worked but was too afraid to stop. He'd become cynical, looking for red flags in every pitch.

He came to my free Meetup the night before. And he was stunned. "Everything he said, I thought, 'Wow, this is amazing. I want more of this.'"

He expected a hard sell. A pyramid scheme. Instead, he found honesty and integrity. Phil reminds me that trust is not given. It's earned through small, consistent demonstrations of integrity. And even the most cynical heart can soften when it finally feels safe.

The Healing Process

Over years of doing this work, I've distilled what I call the healing process. It's not complicated, but it requires you to stop looking for the quick fix and start doing the deep work.

Step one: Recognize the problem.

You can't heal what you won't name. The mood addiction. The incongruence. The lion you're still carrying.

Step two: Stop picking the wound.

Every time you retell the story of your trauma without a new ending, you reopen the cut. You have to stop rehearsing the pain.

Step three: Reframe.

This is where you change the meaning. The insult becomes a compliment. The divorce becomes a launchpad. The failure becomes data.

Step four: Forgive.

Not because they deserve it. Because you deserve to stop carrying it. Forgiveness is a nervous system release, not a moral endorsement.

Step five: Gratitude.

Not toxic positivity. Real, grounded gratitude for what the pain taught you. For how it forged you. For the fact that you're still here, still reading, still willing.

Trajectory Over Intensity

Gordon wanted his money back before he started. Phil thought I was another salesman. My first client made me feel like a fraud. And I've had moments — five years of morning routines, screaming in the woods — where I wondered if anything was really changing.

But here's what I know for certain: time doesn't heal. Time passes. What heals is repetition with a new pattern.

You don't need to be perfect. You don't need to be fixed. You need to be on a trajectory that moves you upward and onward. Once the trajectory is right, the behaviors and attitudes follow. But you have to commit — mind, heart, body, spirit, everything.

What You Can Do in the Next 24 Hours

- 1.** Do one excitement exercise — "Yes!" with arms raised — before you check your phone tomorrow. Not because you feel like it. Because you committed to it.
- 2.** Identify one belief you've held for more than five years that might be ready for an update. You don't have to change it yet. Just name it.
- 3.** Find one person you've been carrying resentment toward. You don't have to call them. Just say, in your own mind, "I'm working on letting this go." That's the beginning of a reframe.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1.** *Think of the last time you tried to "think" your way out of a feeling. What happened? How long did the relief last?*
 - 2.** *If you rated your current trajectory on a scale of 1 to 10 — not where you are, but the direction you're heading — what number would you give it? What would move it up by one point?*
 - 3.** *Who is one person whose doubt you could use as fuel, the way Gordon used his? Write their name down. Then write one sentence about what you're going to prove — not to them, but to yourself.*
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CHAPTER FIVE

The Cap We Put on Our Own Joy

You have probably caught yourself doing it. Something good happens. A promotion. A new connection. A morning where you actually feel okay. And some part of you whispers: don't get too excited. What if it doesn't work out? Better to stay level. Better to stay safe.

I call it the happiness cap. And we learn it early. Gravity taught us what goes up must come down, and somewhere along the way we applied that law to our own nervous systems. We decided that joy is dangerous because pain waits on the other side. So we stay flat. We stay half-alive. We call it being realistic.

But what if gravity doesn't apply here?

The Farmer and the Politician

There was a politician, new to the political arena of a certain community. Not everyone knew this person well. In order to make his stand and put weight to his proposals, he decided to go and visit some community members.

One man came highly recommended. It was said that this man knew everybody. Everyone knew and loved this farmer. He was level-headed, intelligent, friendly, upbeat — just that sort of person that everybody wants to be friends with. The politician went to visit him and explained all of his policies.

The farmer said: that's great, what you're doing here is wonderful. But how can I help? The politician said: I want you to be part of it. And the farmer said: well, do you want me to be involved, or do you want me to be committed?

The politician said: what's the difference?

The farmer took him to the farm. He took him around the chicken coop. He took him over to the pigsty. He took him back to the house and pointed at the two buildings.

You see that chicken coop over there and that pigsty there? Both of those are involved in breakfast. If your breakfast is bacon and eggs, the chicken's involved. But the pig — that pig's committed.

You feel the difference in your body when you hear it. Involved means showing up when it's convenient. Committed means there is no exit strategy. Committed means this costs you something. Committed means you are the meal, not the bystander.

Joshua tells this story not to shame anyone but to name the threshold most people refuse to cross. We want change. We do not want to be changed. We want the result

without the surrender. And so we stay at the edge of the pool, fully dressed, calculating the temperature, never jumping in.

The 12-Month Rule

Commit for twelve to eighteen months minimum. Not a week. Not a thirty-day challenge. A year.

I say this because I've watched people dabble for decades. They read the book. They attend the seminar. They feel the surge. Then the wheels fall off, gravity pulls, and they slide back into the familiar past.

The familiar past is not just a memory. It is a nervous system pattern. Your body knows how to be depressed. Your body knows how to be anxious. It has practiced those states thousands of times. A weekend seminar cannot out-practice a decade of rehearsal. Only a new rehearsal, sustained, can.

This is why the ultimate success series exists — not as another product to consume, but as a container for that rehearsal. Emotional mastery. Life skills. Relationships. Health. NSR woven through all of it. The courses are not the transformation. Showing up for the courses, doing the work after the courses, getting coaching when you stall — that is the transformation.

Success Resources Called to Check If My Energy Had Dropped

Early 2015, I attended a training with Success Resources. By late 2015, they called to follow up — because nearly everyone else's energy had dropped off after the initial excitement.

The woman on the phone said: "Josh, you came to the training in early 2015, it's now the end of 2015. Has your energy dropped off?"

I said: No. I'm more excited today than I was before.

She said: That's rare. Nobody says that. Everybody has energy that drops off. Everybody does.

And I said: I took the information and I ran with it. I implemented it. And I did that for five years.

The industry expects decay. The culture expects decay. But decay is not inevitable if you keep practicing. The nervous system can sustain elevation if it is continually rehearsed. Don't measure your growth by how inspired you feel after an event. Measure it by whether you are more excited a year later than you were on day one.

Responsibility Is the Door

The thing that stops change is blame. Blame your parents. Blame the government. Blame your body. Blame yourself, even — which is just blame wearing a different mask.

But here's what I say to my clients: I am responsible. If I have a mental health issue, I am responsible. If I have a physical problem, I am responsible. If something is not working in my relationship, I am responsible.

This is not moralism. It is mechanics. Responsibility is the only position from which you can steer. If the problem is outside you, you are a passenger. If the problem is inside you — even partially — you can grab the wheel. You can become the driver.

The Silver Lining Inside the Storm

There is a difference between peace of mind and peace of conscience. Peace of mind is fragile. Governments disrupt it. Family disrupts it. Tragedy disrupts it. There will be storms.

But peace of conscience — that lives inside you. It is personal. It is individual. It is the place you can control even when the world is uncontrollable.

The training is not about eliminating storms. It is about finding the silver lining while the storm is still raging. It is about being happy for no good reason. Not delusional. Not naive. But internally governed. Emotionally stretched. Able to go up and up without the corresponding crash because you have practiced staying there.

What goes up must come down — that's gravity. When it comes to your emotions, I want to give you a different philosophy: if you consistently practice emotional stretching, you can go up and up and up and up forever.

What You Can Do in the Next 24 Hours

- 1.** In the area of your life where you've been "involved" but not "committed" — name it. Write it down. Then decide: are you the chicken or the pig?
- 2.** Take full responsibility for one problem you've been outsourcing. Not self-blame. Ownership. Say out loud: "I am responsible for this. And I have the power to change it." Notice what happens in your body.
- 3.** Set a twelve-month commitment in writing. Not a goal. A commitment. Sign it.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1.** *Where in your body do you feel the "cap" when something good happens? Is it a tightening in your chest? A holding in your throat? Notice it now.*
- 2.** *What is one area of your life where you have been "involved" but not "committed"? What would it cost you to cross the line?*

3. *What would change in your next 24 hours if you took full responsibility — not blame, but ownership — for one problem you have been outsourcing?*

CHAPTER SIX

You Cannot Think Your Way Out of a Nervous System Problem

You have read the books. You have watched the videos. You have explained your childhood to three different therapists with three different theoretical orientations. You understand, intellectually, why you are the way you are. And yet — nothing shifts.

This is not a failure of will. This is a category error. You have been trying to solve a body problem with your mind.

What Depression Actually Is

I don't mince words. Clinical depression — the diagnosis, the two-week threshold, the disruption of daily functioning — is real. But it is also, from a coaching perspective, a mood addiction. Not something you suffer with. Something you have created. Something you are, unconsciously, rehearsing.

I spoke with Pam that morning. Pam said: "But Josh, my mind is conscious. I am consciously aware of my depression."

I replied: Yes, you are aware of the conscious part. You are not aware of the unconscious part. And 90% of the drivers of your emotions, your behavior, your life are unconscious. They are patterns running below the surface. Stories. Strategies. States of mind.

This is not blame. This is anatomy. The unconscious mind does not know the difference between physical and emotional pain. To the unconscious, it is one and the same. And it runs on pattern, not on insight.

Depression is a mood addiction associated with persistent, unconscious rumination. You don't suffer with depression. You have a mood addiction. Anxiety is a mood addiction associated with persistent unconscious catastrophizing. You are telling yourself the worst stories — giving yourself the worst images — 90% of the time below the level of thought you can access with a journal or a conversation.

The clinical definitions tie you in mental knots. They send you down rabbit warrens of research, book after book, intellectual understanding that never reaches the body. The coaching definition is a door. It says: look within. Ask what your mind is doing to hijack your happiness. And then do the nervous system work that actually changes the pattern.

The Woman with Shin Splints

A woman at work was limping. She had run the day before and her shin splints were back, as they came every now and then.

I asked her: Do you want to get rid of those shin splints?

She said: Yes please.

I did a technique called psychosomatic neuromodulation — a spinning technique I teach in the health course. After doing that session with her, it took about five minutes. She started walking around. There was no more pain. No more shin splints. She couldn't believe it. It was like a miracle.

I didn't heal her tissue. I gave her nervous system a new way of processing the information from her legs. I caused her nervous system to process the information differently. And as a result of that, we eliminated the pain from her body.

Your unconscious mind doesn't know the difference and doesn't care whether it's physical or emotional. To the unconscious mind, it's one and the same. This means we can use these techniques to get rid of physical and emotional pain. Not by understanding the pain. By giving the nervous system a new instruction.

The Man Who Flew from Melbourne

A man flew from Melbourne to Brisbane. He said: "Josh, I want to meet with you in person." He paid for the flight. He paid me \$1,000. We spent the day together — about four or five hours working with his unconscious mind.

We reprogrammed his nervous system. I installed new information directly into his unconscious. We did all of that. Then he jumped on a plane and went home.

The funny thing was, he got on the wrong plane. He went to the wrong airport. They solved that problem. He finally got home.

Several days later, I rang him for feedback. I like to follow up. He said: "You're not going to believe this. The next day after the seminar, I rolled out of bed and started doing pushups. I never do that."

He said: "I pushed myself to my limit. Until I couldn't do any more. And that was the first activity of my day. And I wasn't even aware of it. My brain kind of kicked in when I was halfway through and I thought, 'What am I doing? Why am I doing this?'"

And he just kept going. Because we had programmed into his subconscious mind new thoughts, new beliefs, new attitudes, and new behaviors around health and fitness. His unconscious mind created the links while he slept. It created the synaptic connections necessary to bring about this change. He no longer needed to think about it. His nervous system was in charge.

When you get it into your body, the body can actually take over. Upgrade the operating system. Give it good instruction. You want to eliminate any negative instruction you've given to your body and replace it with something that serves you.

What You Can Do in the Next 24 Hours

- 1.** Stop researching your condition. Choose one somatic practice — the excitement exercise, NSR, or a morning routine — and do it daily for 30 days without analyzing whether it is working. Let the body lead.
- 2.** Identify one physical symptom that comes and goes in your body without clear medical cause. Consider: what emotional information might this sensation be carrying?
- 3.** What would your morning look like if your body — not your mind — made the first decision upon waking? Try it tomorrow.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1.** *What is one problem you have been trying to solve intellectually? Where in your body does the "understanding" live, and where does the "stuckness" live? Are they in the same place?*
 - 2.** *If your unconscious mind treats physical and emotional pain identically, what physical sensation have you been ignoring that might actually be emotional information?*
 - 3.** *What would your morning look like if your body — not your mind — made the first decision upon waking?*
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CHAPTER SEVEN

The Destiny Pathway

The room was warm and buzzing. I'd just come back from a break — a bit of chaos with the technology, a disappearing presentation, a screen that kept going black like it was trying to teach me a lesson in patience.

Then I cracked a joke, and the whole room exhaled. Laughter. Relief. Connection. And just like that, we were in flow.

That's the nervous system. It doesn't need perfection. It needs movement. And that's where this chapter begins.

Your Body Is Not Waiting for Permission

Every emotion has a physiology. Every single one.

When you're depressed, your eyes drop, your shoulders collapse, your breathing goes shallow. You don't think your way into that posture — your body follows an old instruction.

When you're excited, you jump, you lift your arms, your chest opens, your breath expands.

Here's the part that changes lives: you don't need an external event to trigger excitement. You can choose the physiology first.

Your brain — that pharmaceutical factory inside your skull — produces chemicals that match the movement. Not the other way around.

The State Pathway: Physiology → feelings → emotions → thoughts. Start with the body. Always. If you want to unlock your incredible self, you don't wait for the feeling. You create the movement.

The Four Pathways to Power

These are the four frameworks that shape everything I teach:

- State Pathway — Physiology → feelings → emotions → thoughts
- Emotion Pathway — Emotion → mood → temperament → disposition → personality
- Thought Pathway — State → story → strategy
- Destiny Pathway — Thought → action → habit → character → destiny

The one we're diving into now — the Destiny Pathway — is the one that rewrites your life.

You don't start with destiny. You start with a single thought. Then you repeat it as an action. Then you repeat the action until it becomes a habit. Then the habit builds character. Then character writes your destiny.

It takes time. But time passes anyway.

Most people want to go from thought to destiny — skipping the work in the middle. They want the character without the habits. They want the habits without the actions. They want the actions without the discomfort of the first thought being foreign to who they've been.

The Destiny Pathway is not a shortcut. It's a map.

Sanjay: The Man Who Said Yes Before He Felt Ready

If you want to understand the Destiny Pathway in motion, you need to meet Sanjay. He's one of my certified coaches — the second person ever certified through my program — and he shared something in this session that I want you to hear.

He was challenged to go to an event in Boston. He didn't overthink it. He worked out his airline points, booked a hostel, and went.

Then there was an event in Sweden. More expensive. No employer backing him. He told them he'd fund it himself. They gave him a discount. Why? "Because you're part of our family."

He didn't wait to feel ready. He moved first.

Then he told me the reggae band story — the one that still gives me goosebumps. He saw an ad for a singer. He practiced for three months. Auditioned. Got it. Played at the International Bob Marley Festival. Ended up on TV.

His words:

If you don't overthink anything, if you just do it — and any physiology you lean into it, it's so exciting.

That's not luck. That's preparation meeting opportunity — but the preparation started in the body. He didn't wait for confidence. He created it.

What You Can Do in the Next 24 Hours

1. Identify one area where you've been waiting to feel ready before you act. Choose the action first. Do one version of it today, even if it's imperfect.

- 2.** Write down your Destiny Pathway for one goal: the thought → the action → the habit you're building → the character quality you're developing → the destiny you're moving toward.
- 3.** Call or message one person who represents where you want to go. Not to ask for anything — just to make contact. The body follows movement.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1.** *Where in your life are you waiting for confidence before you take action? What if the action came first?*
 - 2.** *If your habits built your character, what character are you currently building? Is that who you want to be?*
 - 3.** *What is one thought you are repeating daily that you would not want to become a habit? What would you replace it with?*
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CHAPTER EIGHT

Your Personality Is Just a Practiced Emotion

At one point in a session I said something that made the whole room go quiet:

"What sort of personality has Jenny got? She's a sad person. That's unfortunate."

Everyone recognized someone they knew. Some recognized themselves.

Here's the truth: Your "personality" is not fixed. It's not who you are. It's who you've practiced being.

The Emotion Pathway

This is the Emotion Pathway:

Emotion → mood → temperament → disposition → personality.

Run an emotion long enough and it becomes automatic. Run excitement daily and excitement becomes your personality. Run depression daily and depression becomes your personality.

Not permanent. Just practiced.

This is freedom. This is responsibility. You practiced your way in. You can practice your way out.

Most people don't realize that the personality they present to the world — the anxious one, the guarded one, the "realistic" one — is the result of rehearsal, not destiny. It's not set in stone. It's set in pattern.

And patterns can be interrupted. Patterns can be replaced.

Mara: The Superwoman Who Burned Out

Mara shared something raw, brave, and powerful.

She said: "I used to work nine, twelve, thirteen hours a day. People would say, 'You work so hard.' And I was addicted to that praise."

She wasn't addicted to work. She was addicted to the feeling she got from being admired. She even had someone send her a picture of Superwoman flying through the air.

But she burned out.

And in that moment, she realized: "I was addicted to the payoff."

This is one of the most important questions you can ever ask yourself: What am I getting out of this behavior that keeps me doing it — even when it hurts me?

Approval can be a drug. Praise can be a drug. Being needed can be a drug. And like any drug, the crash is brutal.

Mara's courage opened the door for everyone else in the room to see their own patterns. Because the truth is, most of us aren't addicted to something dark. We're addicted to something that looks virtuous on the outside — hard work, helpfulness, high standards — but is secretly costing us everything.

Phil: The Cynic Who Showed Up Anyway

Phil is 75. From Adelaide. Depression. Anxiety. OCD. Medication he doesn't think works. Sleeps at 3–4am. Wakes at 10–11am.

He came to a free Meetup the night before this session. He told us:

Every time I hear someone with a spiel about how great this is, red flags go off in my brain.

But he showed up anyway. He participated. He shared honestly. He said he'd been a bookworm for over 50 years, trying to figure out his problems intellectually. Every therapy under the sun. Mainstream. Alternative. And in the end, he thought: nah, it didn't work.

But something about the stories — particularly the heavy metal guitarist story you'll read in the next chapter — was breaking through. "I can relate to that," he said. "I used to work on Lifeline. I learned a lot about the dark side of life there."

He wasn't transformed yet. But he was no longer hiding. Sometimes the bravest thing you can do is show up.

The Payoff Question

What is the payoff you're getting from staying stuck?

I know that's a confronting question. Stay with it.

Mara's payoff was praise. Phil's payoff was safety — if you never fully commit to something, you can never fully fail at it. The anxious person's payoff is hypervigilance — the nervous system believes that if you worry hard enough, you can prevent the bad thing. The perfectionist's payoff is control.

None of these payoffs are worth the cost. But the nervous system doesn't know that. The nervous system just knows the pattern. And the pattern keeps running because the payoff keeps arriving.

The path out is not to shame the payoff. The path out is to find a better payoff — one that doesn't require you to stay small.

What You Can Do in the Next 24 Hours

- 1.** Identify one personality trait you've labeled as "just who I am." Then ask: When did I first practice this? What emotion was I running? How long ago?
- 2.** Ask yourself: What am I getting out of the behavior or mood I most want to change? Write down the honest answer.
- 3.** Choose one emotion you want to practice today. Not because you feel it. Because you're deciding that this is who you're becoming.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1.** *What emotion have you practiced so long that it feels like your personality? What would it feel like to practice a different one?*
 - 2.** *If the payoff from your most stubborn pattern suddenly disappeared, what would change? What would you have to face?*
 - 3.** *What "virtuous" behavior are you doing for a hidden payoff — praise, safety, control? What would it look like to do the same behavior for a clean reason?*
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CHAPTER NINE

The Boy Who Wanted to Wrap Himself in a Curtain

Some wounds do not live in memory. They live in the nervous system. You can tell the story a hundred times, understand it intellectually, forgive everyone involved — and still flinch when a hand touches your back. The body remembers what the mind has tried to release.

This is the story I tell about a heavy metal guitarist. It is not a story about music. It is a story about what happens when a pattern is interrupted.

The Session

The boy's mother called. She was already working with me. She asked if her session could be used for her son instead. I went to their home. The boy sat in the lounge chair, angry, wearing a black Metallica T-shirt — or probably death metal, Iron Maiden, something dark. He was eighteen or nineteen, hardened, hurting. His mother had talked him into it, but there was genuine desire there too. That matters. I can't help people who are working against me. I need a person's cooperation. The nervous system has to cooperate.

They talked. The boy explained that he had been playing guitar at an event, jamming, loving it, the crowd cheering. It was time for their set to finish. He didn't get the memo. He kept playing. A colleague — the drummer or another player — came up behind him and put a hand on his back to get his attention.

The boy had a physiological reaction. A hand on his back. When he was very young, he had been sexually abused. A hand on his back had held him down while horrible things were done. The hand on his back in the present triggered the body of the past.

The Pattern Interrupt

I was listening, right there with him, empathizing as much as I could without having lived it. And then I thought: he's in a pattern. He is telling the story the same way, with the same emotion, staying stuck. We tell our stories the same way with the same emotion. We stay stuck.

I had learned what's called a pattern interrupt. So I jumped up without warning. I put my hand on the boy's head and I shook it and I shouted out the words: Be healed.

I was acting like an exorcist — a minister of religion performing an exorcism on this young man, casting out the evil devils within his soul. I wasn't a minister. I was a coach. But in the midst of that story of despair, I changed his pattern.

The boy stood up. His fists were tight. His face was angry. He was about to swing. I saw it. He wanted to hurt me. Instead, he went to the far end of the room and crouched like a wounded animal. He tried to wrap himself in a curtain. He hid behind furniture. He kept looking out of the corner of his eye — like a wet animal trying to become invisible.

First violence. Then fear. Then escape. Then hiding. That was the physiological reaction. That was the nervous system speaking, not the story.

I kept talking. I said: I did that for a reason. I needed to see your reaction. I needed to know how deep it was. I needed to know the extent of the problem. I needed to see this. And if you come back and sit down, I will not touch you again without your permission. I promise.

The boy came back. Later, his mother told me that the only reason he didn't punch me was because he knew I had worked as a police officer. That was the only reason. I was glad. I also know how to defend myself — karate, kickboxing — but I wasn't expecting that response. I was shocked by it.

From Despair to Joy

After the boy sat down, I led him through a process. I used the knuckles of his hand to travel from despair to joy. We had to cross three adjoining emotions to bridge the gap. The boy took me to despair first.

With permission, I touched the knuckle of his hand with my pinky finger. And something happened. An empathetic bridge. I felt what he was feeling. The despair traveled up my arm into my heart, throughout my body. My cheek began quivering — not on purpose, an unconscious reaction. It was a dark place. I hated it. I didn't want to be there. But I was there for the boy.

You have to visit it to bring someone out. In order to bring somebody out of a place, you need to go there. If I can visit it, if I can have empathy — not just sympathy — then I can help. A person can trust me.

I asked him: when you go into this feeling of despair, how long does it last? He said: months. Months. This was real.

We moved to a happier state. Then finally to joy. When I connected with joy, I sent him everything. All my excitement. All my energy. All my upliftment. All those two-hour morning routines where I'd worked hard to ensure I was lifted beyond what's even normal — what's even human. I wanted to become superhuman. And I wanted to be so happy, so excited, so on fire, so on top of the world, that I was able to impact him easily.

When I touched that knuckle, I sent it to him. And he lit up like a thousand candles.

Afterward, the boy said: it's gone. I feel so much better.

I called the mother months later. She said: you're not going to believe this. He cut his hair. He's playing more mainstream music. He went to university. He's doing well in his course. He has a girlfriend. Everything changed.

Can things happen in a moment? The answer is yes, if you're ready. If the nervous system is ripe for interruption. If the pattern is seen clearly enough to be broken.

Is that exciting? Like, does that excite you? Because to me — that is what this work is all about. That is what I'm here for. Stop settling and start living.

We Heal the Child. We Free the Adult.

Here's the through-line in that story. The abuse happened to a child. But the child's nervous system was still running the show inside an adult body.

That's true for most of us. Not always with trauma this severe. But somewhere, there is a version of you that was young, afraid, and made a decision — about love, about safety, about your own worth — and that decision has been running your life ever since.

We heal the child. We free the adult. That's the work.

What You Can Do in the Next 24 Hours

- 1.** Identify one trigger that creates an automatic physiological cascade in your body. Don't try to understand it. Simply map it: what happens first? What happens second? What happens third?
- 2.** Find someone you trust — a partner, a friend, a coach — and practice this: let them witness one difficult emotion without trying to fix it. Just be witnessed. Notice what that does to the emotion.
- 3.** Write this down and read it aloud: "I am not my pattern. I am not my past. I am capable of change in this moment."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1.** *What is the hand-on-your-back in your life? The trigger that sends your body into a pattern older than the present moment? Name the sensation, not just the memory.*
 - 2.** *If someone you trust performed a pattern interrupt on your deepest story — what would your body do first? Anger? Hiding? Freezing? What does that reveal?*
 - 3.** *What permission have you been waiting for someone else to give you? What would it feel like in your chest to give it to yourself right now?*
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CHAPTER TEN

The Morning You Become Someone New

The session ended with something powerful.

I asked everyone: What do you commit to tomorrow morning?

Not "What do you hope to do?" Not "What do you feel like doing?" Not "What would be nice?"

What do you commit to?

Phil said 15 minutes. Then upgraded to 30. Mara said Hour of Power. Sanjay was already doing it. And I said: Now I'm committed too.

The energy shifted. People sat up straighter. The nervous system changed. This is the difference between learning and doing.

Commitment Is Not a Feeling. It's a Decision.

Sanjay shared something in our group that crystallized everything. He'd been through a lot to get to this moment. Forty-plus institutions, fifty-plus jobs over forty years. Thousands of students taught. A house given to a pastor, a car given to a friend. Massive external contribution — while internally, he had been living without safety his whole life.

He told us about his high school psychology teacher who had somehow known — without being told — that Sanjay was being physically abused at home. By his father. By his older brother. The abuse was frequent, sporadic, unpredictable. It was almost normalized.

Sanjay never told anyone. But he volunteered at a battered women's shelter to protect kids. He was already winning championships. He was already in choirs. He was already in computer programming. Externally: a high achiever. Internally: unsafe.

And then, through the work of this seminar — through the nervous system shake-up, through the dancing and moving and the stories — something surfaced. A childhood voice that had been silent:

I want to have a family. I'm going overseas. I am love. I am engaged in philanthropy.

He said: "I feel like I have a component as I go overseas that I can give a voice, I can express, I can build on my motivation, and I'm operating in gratitude and abundance."

He had been trying to earn safety through giving. And now he was starting to understand he could just have it.

He said: "You can give yourself permission. And you can still be grateful."

That sentence broke me open. Because that's the lie we've all been living — that we have to choose between permission and gratitude. That claiming our own life means rejecting the people who shaped it. It doesn't. You can be grateful for your family and still choose yourself. You can honor your history and still walk away from a pattern.

Why Aren't I Believing That I Deserve This?

Mara sat in the break room after the session and said: "Why aren't I believing that I deserve this?"

I told her: Write that question down. Ask it over and over. Your brain will come up with an answer. Questions drive us. Ask a better question, get better answers. Ask a great question, get motivation.

This is one of the most important things I teach: your brain doesn't ignore questions. Ask yourself "Why am I so stupid?" and your brain will find evidence. Ask yourself "Why am I so capable?" and your brain will find different evidence.

The question you ask most often becomes the architecture of your inner life.

What question are you asking most often?

The Three Routines

Choose one. Start tomorrow. Not Monday. Not when you feel like it. Tomorrow.

15 for Fulfillment

Fifteen minutes. Meditation. Breathing. Gratitude. This is the minimum viable morning. If you can only do fifteen minutes, do fifteen minutes. Don't let perfect be the enemy of present.

30 to Thrive

Thirty minutes. Add movement and the excitement exercise. Arms up. "Yes!" Three times at minimum. Let your body lead.

Hour of Power

Sixty minutes. Full personal development block. Movement. Meditation. Affirmation. Visualization. Reading or listening. This is the whole game.

And here's the truth: you will not feel like it. Your alarm will go off and your old nervous system will whisper, "Five more minutes."

That's not a sign to stop. That's the sign to begin.

Move your body first. The feeling follows.

The Navy SEALs and Average People Who Don't Quit

Sanjay told us about the Navy SEALs. The research shows that SEALs are not physically exceptional. They are not the strongest or fastest. They are average, physically. What makes them extraordinary is that they do not quit.

He said: "I'm already playing in the band. I'm already working on Christian initiatives. I'm already building. I just need to believe I deserve it."

That's the gap. That's always the gap. Not capability. Not resources. Not even time. Belief. Specifically, the belief that you deserve the life you're working toward.

You are not doing this work to prove something to someone else. You are doing it because you deserve to feel good. You deserve to wake up with energy. You deserve a morning routine that sets the tone instead of a phone that hijacks it.

You deserve this.

What You Can Do in the Next 24 Hours

- 1.** Tonight, set your alarm for thirty minutes earlier than usual. Tomorrow morning, before you do anything else, do five minutes of movement and three "Yes!" exercises. That's it. That's the commitment.
- 2.** Write the question "Why do I deserve this?" on a piece of paper and put it somewhere you'll see it tomorrow morning.
- 3.** Tell one person — out loud — what you are committing to. Not planning. Committing. The accountability is the difference between the chicken and the pig.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1.** *What morning routine would you commit to if you genuinely believed you deserved it? What's stopping you from believing that?*
 - 2.** *What question have you been asking yourself most often? Is it the question that a person who loves themselves would ask?*
 - 3.** *If you woke up tomorrow as the person you are becoming — not the person you've been — what would they do first?*
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CONCLUSION

Movement First. Feeling Follows. Destiny Awaits.

Across all ten chapters of this book, three themes kept rising to the surface.

1. Movement first, feeling follows.

Every pathway — state, emotion, thought, destiny — begins with physiology. Stop trying to think your way out. Move your way out. The body is not a vehicle for your mind. It is your mind. It is where the real work happens.

2. Addiction to approval is real.

Mara's burnout. Phil's fifty years of intellectual searching. The heavy metal guitarist's decades-long isolation. The through-line in every stuck person is the same question that Mara finally voiced: Why don't I believe I deserve this? The payoff that keeps the pattern running is almost always approval, safety, or control. Find the payoff. Then find a better one.

3. Commitment is public and specific.

Every session in this book ended with everyone naming their morning routine aloud. That wasn't ceremonial. That was accountability. Commitment is not a thought. It is a decision, spoken out loud, to another person, with a specific action attached to it.

And now it's your turn.

Put your hand on your chest. Notice your breath. Choose your routine. Say it out loud.

Then tomorrow morning — before your phone, before your excuses, before your old nervous system wakes up and whispers "five more minutes" — move your body.

Raise your arms. Say "Yes!" for no reason. Then do it again.

That's not ridiculous. That's reprogramming. That's the beginning of your destiny.

I said at the beginning of this book that it isn't a theory. It is a transcript of transformation.

But here's what I didn't say: the transformation in these pages is not Sanjay's. It's not Mara's. It's not Phil's. It's not even mine.

It's waiting for you.

Every story in these chapters was told in a room full of ordinary people who decided to stop being ordinary. Not because they were special. Not because they had everything figured out. Because they showed up.

You picked up this book. You showed up.

Now go be the pig.

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