

## Strategy 4: Mindfulness

The fourth strategy in the 5 Strategies to Reclaim Hope. For more about these strategies, find the Reclaim Hope book and workbook on our website at youniquefoundation.org/healing-resources.

**Mindfulness** is the ability to focus on empowering thoughts and feelings while choosing to coexist with non-productive thoughts and feelings.

- The Mindfulness strategy is similar to the Awareness strategy. The biggest difference is that Awareness is for moments of crisis, but Mindfulness can be used daily to enhance your life.
- Mindfulness is all about choice. You have the power to choose what you focus on and how you react to everyday situations.
- When you actively practice Mindfulness every day, you'll soon find that you're more peaceful, more in control, and living your life in a more positive way.

Examples: mindful walking, deep breathing, meditation, observation, etc.

Refuge to the [woman] is the mind, refuge to the mind is mindfulness.

-Buddha



<u>The Miracle of Mindfulness</u> by Thich Nhat Hanh <u>Full Catastrophe Living</u> by Jon Kabat-Zinn

