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FIGHTING WINTER DOLDRUMS

RESILIENCE CHALLENGE

WHAT IS THE CHALLENGE?

Welcome to the Resilience Challenge, a holistic journey aimed at strengthening our ability to thrive in the face of life's demands.

Resilience is not only about bouncing back from difficult times but also about building a foundation for wellbeing. Throughout each experience, you are invited to engage in activities designed to enhance various aspects of your emotional and physical stability.

The Resilience Challenge recognizes that a well-balanced approach to fostering positive habits is a cornerstone of optimal mental health.

Are you ready to be transformed?

WHAT IS THE LINK BETWEEN FIGHTING WINTER DOLDRUMS AND RESILIENCE?

Winter can bring a sense of heaviness and fatigue. However, our choices can help us navigate these challenges with strength and purpose. By addressing the emotional and physical effects of winter doldrums—like low energy, lack of motivation, and greater social isolation—we can cultivate habits and mindsets that support our well-being.

This collection of challenges empowers you to reframe winter as an opportunity to build resilience through intentional actions, self-care, and connections that keep your energy and spirit thriving all season long.



FIGHTING WINTER DOLDRUMS

Spend 10 mins Whip up a pot of Schedule a virtual Start the day with an expression in the winter hearty (Instagram or in-person of gratitude for sunshine, soaking trending) soup catch-up with a friend something small up natural light ☐ COMPLETED ☐ COMPLETED ☐ COMPLETED **☐** COMPLETED Commit to spending Practice deep Try a new creative Listen to music that time with a winter breathing exercises hobby: painting, lifts your mood and knitting, journaling book in a cozy to center yourself energizes you reading nook **□** COMPLETED **□** COMPLETED **□** COMPLETED **□** COMPLETED Check out a Tackle a small Indulge in Volunteer to help decluttering task in self-care with someone - it boosts mindfulness app for a guided meditation your home to create a warm bath mood and connection mental clarity ☐ COMPLETED **□** COMPLETED ☐ COMPLETED **□** COMPLETED Make a warm drink Bundle up for End the day by Write a letter to a loved one. Paper a walk in the snow reflecting on ritual, like tea or to appreciate one thing you and pen! nothing cocoa, to create a moment of comfort winter's beauty accomplished electronic ☐ COMPLETED **☐** COMPLETED ☐ COMPLETED ☐ COMPLETED

PAUSE AND REFLECT

Consider how these self-care activities influenced your mood, energy, and mindset. Journal your thoughts and discoveries to deepen your resilience journey.

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