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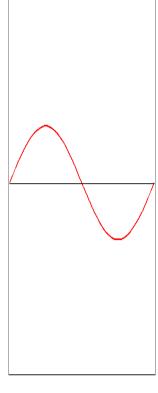
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#### **Today's Focus**

- Presence, Compassion, and Curiosity
- Who am I?
- What is Reality in America 2023?-"The Tragic Four"
- What is Productivity?
- Introducing "The R2E Method"







### Presence, Compassion, and Curiosity

What is missing?

- The most powerful force on the planet
- Internal self-regulation versus external control
- Fed/Nourished versus overfed/undernourished
- Abundance versus scarcity mindset

# Presence, Compassion, Curiosity and Meditation

Meditation and the Brain

- Clarity versus fear
- Understanding versus judgement



#### Who am I?









Professionally: Dr. Viktor Paul Giangrasso

- Body/Mind Wellness Practitioner
  - Licensed Physical Therapist
  - Group Meditation Facilitator
  - Published Author
  - Creator of The R2E Method

#### Who I was?

Personally:

Born: Paul Giangrasso

- 30-year battle with depression
- Life long struggle with body dysmorphia/binge eating disorder/obesity

# Personal and Professional Mission:

To prioritize children in America by empowering parents, caregivers, educators, and clinicians with practical tools and a transparent window into my life of struggle and triumph over significant mental/physical dysregulation.







#### Reality of 2022- 2023 America: "The Tragic Four"

- 1) The Growing Physical Health Crisis:
- "Obesity Prevalence in Children and Adolescents is Still Too High"
- CDC.gov (2022)
- 2) The Growing Mental Health Crisis:
- "Study finds 'huge' increases in children going to the emergency room with suicidal thoughts"
- CNN.com (2022)

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- 3) Rising Rates of Developmental Disabilities:
- "Increase in Developmental Disabilities Among Children in the United States"
- CDC.com 2022
- 4) Continued Gun Violence in Schools
- "More than 311,000 students have experienced gun violence at school since Columbine"
- -Washingtonpost.com, 2022
- "Boy, 6, stole mom's gun from home and put in backpack before shooting his teacher"
- MSN.com, 2023

#### WHAT IS PRODUCTIVITY?

- This is a major problem that must be addressed directly!
- We have a responsibility to guide children to wellbeing.
- Positive change in the wellbeing of children is possible in the microcosm:
  - Ourselves and our relationships in the moment
- Positive change in the wellbeing of children is possible in the macrocosm:
  - The healthcare and education systems in place (and beyond)



## Introducing – The RECONNECT TO EMPOWER Method

#### Breath Posture

- Develop an inner awareness of:
- The flow of air in and out
- The inner experience of your abdomen, chest, throat, mouth, and nose.

#### Body Posture

- Develop an inner awareness of four postural muscle groups:
- -PF
- -TVA
- -ST
- -CF's/CE's

#### Mind Posture

- Develop an inner awareness of thought:
- Mantra
  - A word, sound, or phrase

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# Quite simply, The $\mathbb{R}2\mathbb{E}$ Method is:

#### A Posture of the Heart

- Chinese "Xin"

The heart as center of human cognition

- Japanese "Kokoro"

Heart, mind, or inner nature



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#### "THE POWER 4"

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