

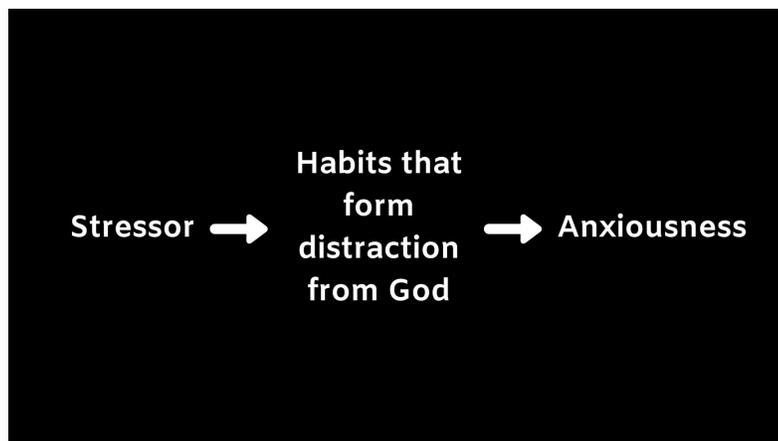
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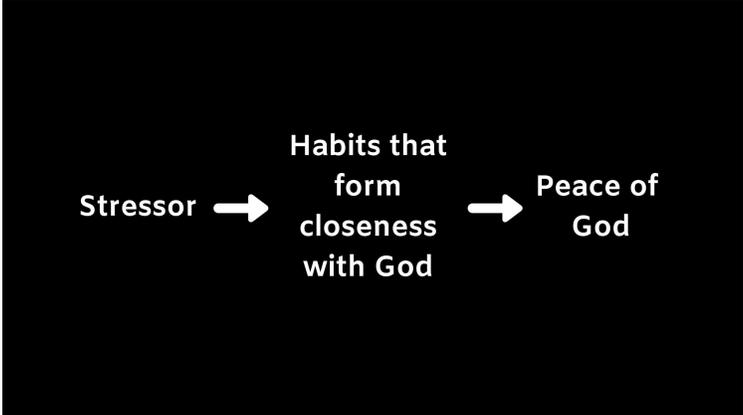
⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Story You Tell Yourself

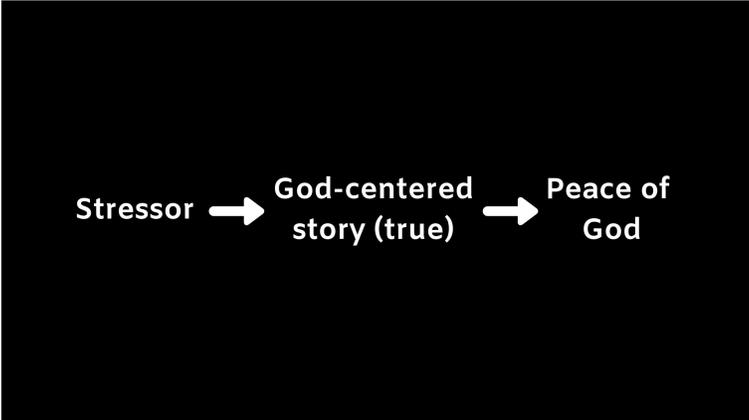
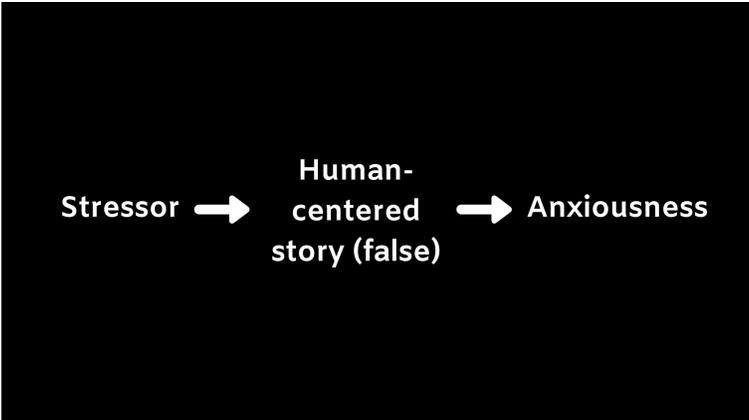


“Moralistic Therapeutic Deism is...about providing therapeutic benefits to its adherents. This is not a religion of repentance from sin...of living as a servant of a sovereign divine...of building character through suffering, of basking in God’s love and grace, of spending oneself in gratitude and love for the cause of social justice. Rather, what appears to be the actual dominant religion...is centrally about feeling good, happy, secure, at peace. It is about attaining subjective well-being.” -Christian Smith & Melinda Lundquist Denton



Philippians 4:5-6
“...The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything...”

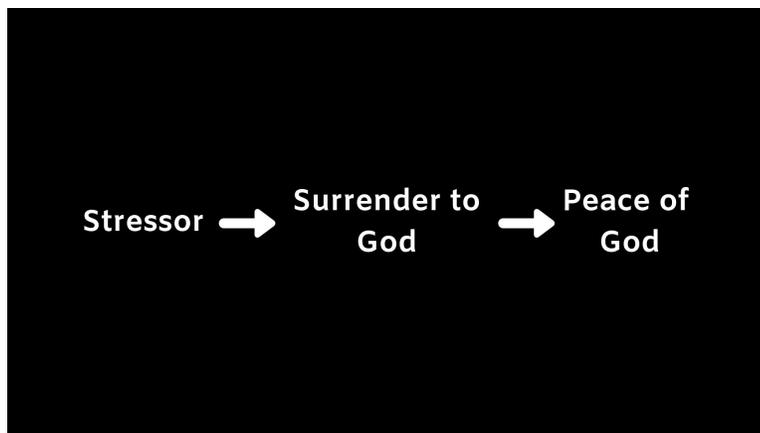
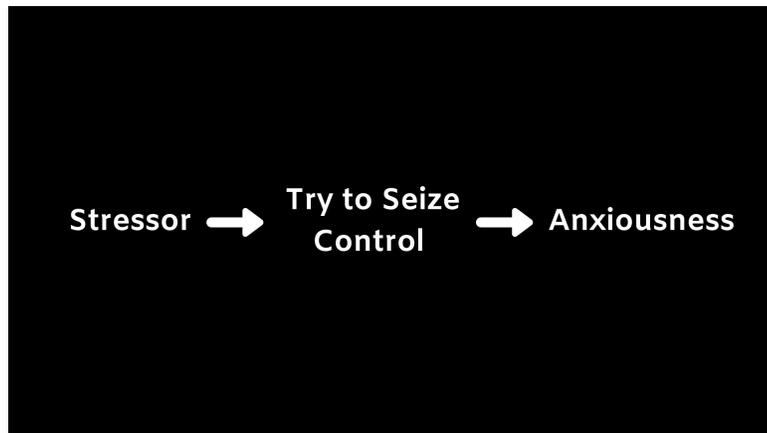
The Place You Run To



Philippians 4:6

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The Things You Think About



Philippians 4:8

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The Habits You Form



Philippians 4:9

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