

## Acknowledging & Celebrating



When you can masterfully celebrate with clients, it helps to cultivate confidence, self-love, and self-compassion.



Human Behavior Around Celebration (making it a hard practice)

- We tend to focus on the negative and what's not working
- We get an icky feeling when being acknowledged and would rather not be seen
- We don't want to get hopeful and then fail.
- We are taught that it's obnoxious to think highly of ourselves or our accomplishments
- We cannot see our goodness or how amazing we are because of unrealistic expectations
- We don't know how to receive
- We've already moved on to the next thing

As transformational practitioners, one of our jobs is to teach our clients how to internalize the skill of celebrating themselves.

## Journaling Prompts (from class)

- How and how often were you honored and celebrated by your family of origin?
- When you were celebrated what was their motivation?
- What was the spoken or unspoken message behind the ways you were celebrated or not celebrated?
- How did role models or authority figures respond to you when you celebrated yourself?
- Do you tend to focus on the negative or on the positive?



## Journaling Prompts (deeper dive)

- How do you respond to the idea of celebrating in your personal life?
- Beyond birthdays and anniversaries, what other ways do you practice celebrating in your life?
- How do you personally receive compliments?

## A Practice

- For the next 7 days, take a few minutes every day and write down 5 things you want to celebrate.
- If you are working with clients: for each client, list out 1-2 things that you sense they are not adequately owning inside themselves or celebrating for themselves. Consider bringing it into your next session.

