

Melanie's Daily Mood Log\*

**Upsetting Event:** Telephone call from a church member offering condolences after my ex-mother in law died.

Emotions	% Before	% After	Emotions	% Before	% After
Sad, blue, depressed, down, unhappy	50%		Embarrassed, foolish, humiliated, self-conscious	100%	
Anxious, worried, panicky, nervous, frightened	100%		Hopeless, discouraged, pessimistic, despairing	25%	
Guilty, remorseful, bad, ashamed	100%		Frustrated, stuck, thwarted, defeated	80%	
Inferior, worthless, inadequate, defective, incompetent	95%		Angry, mad, resentful, annoyed, irritated, upset, furious	75%	
Lonely, unloved, unwanted, rejected, alone, abandoned	--		Other		

Negative Thoughts	% Before	% After	Distortions	Positive Thoughts	% Belief
1. I'm a failure.	100%				
2. She'll tell other people who will judge me.	100%		AON; OG; MF; DP; MR; FT; MAG; ER; SB		
3. I'm defective.	85%				
4. I can't maintain a relationship.	95%				
5. People will think that men dump me.	65%				
6. People will laugh at me.	100%				
7. My reputation will be tarnished.	85%				
8. People will wonder how I can help troubled couples when I keep running away from relationship problems.	95%				

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Melanie's Daily Mood Log (cont'd)

Negative Thoughts	% Before	% After	Distortions	Positive Thoughts	% Belief
9. My children will be humiliated at my funeral.	90%				
10. People will think I deserve to be punished.	95%				
11. David, Jill, and Angela (my therapists) may be feeling shocked and holding back.	75%				
12. That would mean the problem may be even worse—it would mean I really am defective.	100%				
13. That would mean they're judgmental phonies.	100%				
14. I might be abandoned.	100%				
15. It's only safe to share my failures with others who've had failed marriages.	100%				

Checklist of Cognitive Distortions*	
1. <b>All-or-Nothing Thinking.</b> You view things in absolute, black-and-white categories.	6. <b>Magnification and Minimization.</b> You blow things out of proportion or shrink them.
2. <b>Overgeneralization.</b> You view a negative event as a never-ending pattern of defeat: "This <i>always</i> happens!"	7. <b>Emotional Reasoning.</b> You reason from your feelings: "I <i>feel</i> like an idiot, so I must really <i>be</i> one."
3. <b>Mental Filter.</b> You dwell on the negatives and ignore the positives.	8. <b>Should Statements.</b> You use shoulds, shouldn'ts, musts, oughts, and have tos.
4. <b>Discounting the Positive.</b> You insist that your positive qualities don't count.	9. <b>Labeling.</b> Instead of saying, "I made a mistake," you say, "I'm a jerk" or "I'm a loser."
5. <b>Jumping to Conclusions.</b> You jump to conclusions not warranted by the facts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mind-Reading.</b> You assume that people are reacting negatively to you.</li> <li>• <b>Fortune-Telling.</b> You predict that things will turn out badly.</li> </ul>	10. <b>Blame.</b> You find fault instead of solving the problem. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Self-Blame.</b> You blame yourself for something you weren't entirely responsible for.</li> <li>• <b>Other-Blame.</b> You blame others and overlook ways you contributed to the problem.</li> </ul>

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