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# What's happening this week?

#### Make an Intention Date

By now you've probably shared your summer intention with us on Instagram (and if not, go for it!). This week, make a date to share your intention in person with someone. It can be a friend, a partner, a sister, anyone you feel comfortable sharing with. Encourage them to set and share their intention, too—research shows that having an accountability partner helps us stick to our goals.

This week, I'll share my summer intention with:

## Tune in

#### **TUESDAY:**

Instagram takeover with
Karie Johnson, owner of
barre3 Scottsdale

### on

# Social

#### **WEDNESDAY:**

B3 Mag: "I live for outdoor sports, and barre3 helps me do all of them better." With @mindfullyrobin

#### FRIDAY:

Tune in for the LIVE workout at 10am PT on <u>Instagram</u> or Facebook

#barre3anywhere giveaway winner announced!



### $\frac{1}{2}$ Your Daily Workout Plan

#### Monday



10-minute workout with Catie

#### **Tuesday**



10-minute workout with Denisha

#### Wednesday



30-minute workout with Andrew

#### Thursday



10-minute workout with Katie

#### **Friday**

Tune in for the LIVE 20-minute workout at 10am PT on INSTAGRAM

#### Saturday

10-minute workout with Christa Joy



#### Looking for more?

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Last week we looked at the science behind mindset, exploring research that shows how powerfully it can affect you—not just mentally, but physically, as well. It all adds up to a compelling case for adopting a positive mindset, but how do we do that?

For advice, we turned to Jonathan Fields, founder of the Good Life Project. Read on for his remarkable insights on mindset, plus practical tools to help you shift yours to create a more joyfilled life.

**BARRE3:** In the Good Life Project, you talk about how a person's mindset plays a major role in how they experience life. Can you explain this concept? **JONATHAN FIELDS:** In 2010, I stepped off of a plane in Austin, Texas, and noticed a sound in my ears. Over the next six weeks, it would change, grow, and finally awaken me in the middle of the night in the form of a loud, constant, high-pitched noise. I've since come to learn it was tinnitus, no clear cause and no real treatment, and it would never leave me. In the early days, I fought it, let it consume me, could think of nothing else, and it was a brutal moment for me. While it remains to this day, over time, I was able to "rewire" my brain through a blend of practices that, first, allowed me to come back to some sense of normalcy and, since, has expanded both my capacity for empathy and my ability to navigate struggle and circumstance differently. Not always, but often enough. And, it's taught me that a good life is more about the capacity to handle whatever comes your way than it is about everything being always the way you want it to be. In no small part, because the latter is impossible.

Life is one part circumstance and one part how we "process" circumstance. We can try to control what comes our way to make life good, but truth is, we don't often have the ability to reign supreme over many of the things that happen to and around us. Whether that's a good thing, a bad thing, or just a thing is largely about mindset. Can we find goodness or lightness in a dark or trying moment? Can we access a place of gratitude, equanimity, grace, humor, and ease, even in the face of experiences that do their best to push every button? Can we find acceptance in the things we cannot change and allow ourselves to feel, grieve, suffer, and struggle, knowing that this, too, is a part of the human experience? That capacity is one of the great difference-makers in a life well-lived.

BARRE3: Instead of looking at all 93 days of summer as opportunities to experience joy, many of us put all our stock in our vacations, expecting to pack a summer's worth of memories into a one- or two-week time period. That's not only a lot of pressure on one trip, but it also takes away from the potential of the rest of the summer. How can we shift our mindset to appreciate the whole season, opening ourselves up to joy every day?

JF: Practice presence. Wake up in the morning, spend a few minutes planning joy. Ask "what can I do today, even the smallest thing, in order to experience joy?" Make a list of one to three things, maybe they're even on your to-do list

already. Then, as you move through your day, pause at regular intervals, take note of what's going on around you, what is "right," and what you are grateful for. It seems silly, but these brief, regular touchpoints with presence and gratitude can make a real difference and make summer a state of mind rather than a place you visit.

**BARRE3:** It's one thing to decide to change your mindset, and something else entirely to actually do it. Do you have any advice about how to go about changing your mindset?

JF: It's different for every person, but building habits, practices, and rituals is key. And, integrating them into your life in a way that helps you actually "live" them is critical. I'm a big fan of James Clear's approach in his book *Atomic Habits*, which is all about tiny, daily actions that lead to sustained habits and, eventually, big results. For me, it's about mind-

fulness meditation, pranayama (yogic breathing), movement (tracking steps, at a minimum), and making a concerted effort to be present to spend as much time as possible doing things that fill me, rather than empty me, with people I cannot get enough of.

BARRE3: Change is rarely a straight line to success. Do you have any words of advice for those inevitable moments when we forget to exercise our be-present muscle and start to slip back into future-focused thinking?

## JF: Forgive your humanity. You're not a robot. Every moment, every day is an invitation to start now.

### #barre3anywhere Giveaway

Enter for a chance to win prizes from our partners! Post a photo on your Instagram and share your intention:

"This is my summer to\_

#barre3anywhere



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Winners chosen each Friday through 8/2



This is my summer to focus on breathing with intention through each posture to get the most out of class. #barre3anywhere

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