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Earlier this week, I had a session with a client that absolutely blew my mind.

My client, we'll call her Felicia, is a senior leader at her company. She is a key decision maker who oversees a large team, and simply stated, has a lot of responsibility on her shoulders.

In fact, towards the end of our session, Felicia said to me, "I feel like I'm trying to climb Mt. Everest 🎎 with a 400 lb. backpack 🎒 on my shoulders."

Oof.

That. Sounds. Exhausting. 😩

Knowing what she's looking to achieve in 2024, I asked her, "How can you attain your goals with so much weighing you down on your climb? What's one thing you can remove from your backpack that might take a little bit of weight off your shoulders?"

And with that, Felicia lit up.

She hadn't thoroughly thought about the contents of her backpack before.

She just knows how heavy it feels.

In fact, the idea of exploring her backpack got Felicia so excited, here's what she committed to with me:

1 Making a list of everything in her backpack;

2 Determining one thing that she can remove before we meet again in two weeks;

3 Taking it one step further, she offered that she will continue removing at least one item from her backpack between each of our upcoming sessions.

Felicia is ready to climb Mt Everest WITHOUT feeling weighed down, and as such, the realization that she's actually in control of what she keeps in her backpack and what she sheds from her backpack is already giving her renewed energy.

She's ready to take on new challenges, and to feel lighter while doing so.

In fact, I'm taking Felicia's lead. Since our session, I have analyzed what's in my own backpack! And I'm committing to starting off by taking something small out of it but that will actually give me much more freedom: I've asked my son to start making his own breakfast and to pack his own lunch every day!

I'm excited to get some time back in the mornings for myself and to give him some additional responsibilities in the house. I am confident it will be beneficial to both of us.

(Look at me, delegating outside the workplace! (W)

As you prepare for 2024, what can you commit to taking out of your figurative backpack that will help you achieve your goals?

(And if you haven't downloaded it yet, my free fillable workbook is designed to help you reflect on 2023 and prepare for 2024 - grab it here!)

Cheers, Tracy

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