## Is Emotional Stress Killing You... And What Can You Do About It?

The National Institutes of Health report that up to **90 percent of all visits to primary care doctor are for physical conditions related to emotional stress**—and that it is even a major factor in the **leading causes of death**. **Is emotional stress making you physically sick... and what can you do about it?** (b-roll: <a href="http://youtu.be/IrrM3tkaUWc">http://youtu.be/IrrM3tkaUWc</a> @5:22)

Misa Hopkins, bestselling author of *The Root of All Healing*, knows first-hand just how far emotional trauma can go in affecting physical health. (prop. book)



Hopkins suffered with a rare chronic condition that went undiagnosed for 7 years as it was slowly killing her—all the while feeling helpless and depressed. As a 28-year old woman, she was finally diagnosed: her body was producing as much testosterone as a teenage boy. While medication eventually helped, the real breakthrough that empowered her full healing came when she explored the emotional roots of her illness. "I uncovered childhood sexual abuse that caused my subconscious to think it was safer to be a man than a woman… and my body followed along."

More commonly, emotional stress can lead to heart disease, obesity, autoimmune diseases, diabetes, high blood pressure, chronic pain, and more. Common indicators include moodiness, irritability, inability to relax or sleep, overwhelm, loneliness, emotional numbness, panic attacks, and general depression. Though we can't eliminate stress completely, reducing it boils down to taking charge of our thoughts, emotions, schedule and environment:

## 3 Things You Can Do To De-stress for Better Health

Set reasonable standards for yourself (prop: clock)
Do something creative and fun everyday (prop: paint brush)
Share your feelings with a trusted friend or therapist (prop: cell phone)

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