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## "I just don't know what to do."

I hear this phrase over and over from clients and students. I sense both desperation and anxiety as they search for a solution or advice.

It's as if they are asking for an emotional pain reliever something to ease their suffering.

In those moments, I want to leap into action and solve the problem. But my job is usually to ask questions, not give answers.

Last week I asked a student who was feeling lost and confused: "What specifically is on the other side of your roadblock?"

The response was an outpouring of clear and heartfelt desires along with an admission of how they sabotaged their healing.

Suddenly the "what to do" was very clear to them.

Return to the driver's seat of your healing journey rather than the passenger seat. Or worse, stop being the nail in your own tire.

When you abandon your needs in pursuit of making someone else responsible for your needs, you've lost yourself. And once you're lost, "I don't know" can become a common refrain.

Going from lost to found is a profound journey. And even with a clear map, the travel conditions are not always predictable or quaranteed.

Be patient with yourself and trust that the answers will come as long as you're asking the questions In the case of my student, they knew enough to ask for additional help, which led to the next breakthrough and a bit of guidance from me to get back on track.

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I'm curious; how would you answer the question: What specifically is on the other side of your roadblock?

Then, identify one thing you can do to move closer to that outcome.



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