## Living a Meaningful Life

Blood cancer can raise many questions around the meaning and purpose of life. At diagnosis, this may come in the form of life self-reflection (what has my life really been about?) or as time goes on, what meaning and purpose can I derive from this experience in order to live a more meaningful & purposeful life.

## A few questions to ask yourself:

- What do you see as your main purpose in life?
- Which values of your life do you see as priorities for you?
- What & whom do you love?
- How shall I live knowing I will die?
- How do I want to be remembered?



## Helpful hints and tips

The following activities may help you to derive meaning and purpose from your life:

- Use a journal to keep track of your thoughts and feelings
- Explore other creative outlets such as art or photography or music
- Spend time in quiet thought or meditation
- Enjoy nature
- Connect with others
- Take a photo a day, or once a week
- 💙 Just move, anywhere, anytime
- 💙 Keep a gratitude journal

## Resources

The Choice Point: A Map for a Meaningful Life.

Dr Russ Harris: The Happiness Trap.

Brene Brown: 10 Guideposts for Wholehearted Living (An Actionable Guide).

Emily Esfahani Smith: The Power of Meaning.

Annie M. Gordon: Take a Picture Today, Feel Happy Tomorrow.

He who has a why to live for can bear almost any how.

- Nietzsche



