## Freeze-Frame Technique

(Heartmath Institute)

- 1. Take a time out.
- 2. Breath through your heart (10 seconds)
  - -brings mental focus away from the brain
  - increases nervous system balance
  - increases cardiovascular efficiency
  - increases communication between heart and brain
- 3. Recall fun feelings or fun time and re-experience it OR feel core heart feelings
  - -care -appreciation -forgiveness -non-judgement
- 4. Ask your heart, "What would be a more efficient response?" or "What response would decrease my future stress?"
- 5. Listen for an answer or feeling