#### **Four Foundational Areas**

There are four major "themes" or foundational areas to master in our journey of overcoming panic and anxiety. Once we have "over-learned" all four of these foundational areas – through practice, repetition, and persistence – we will have cut off panic and anxiety for good.

## Four Foundational Areas of Overcoming Panic and Anxiety

# Paradoxical and Counterintuitive Strategies

Paradoxical strategies of acceptance Directed strategies of self-acceptance

#### **Slowing Down Strategies**

Strategies for calming down and loosening up to gain control over our physical reactions

### **Controlling and Reducing ANTs**

Strengthening our rational reasoning abilities in order to effectively change our old irrational thoughts and feelings (ANTs)

#### **Deeper Peace and Calmness**

Nurturing a deeper peace and calmness within our emotional brain which has the effect of reducing panic, anxiety, and other negative emotions