



## Mastering Traction

### BEFORE

#### FEELING

Overwhelmed if they have long standing, serious problems

Dread when one or both assign all the blame to the other

#### DOING

Working hard to build connection with the less "likeable" spouse

Trying to ask the right questions to unleash the less engaged spouse into the therapy

### AFTER

Calm and confident no matter the couple style

Prepared for any signs of traction struggles

Calibrating empathy to ensure balance in the system

Addressing traction problems calmly and directly