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# C - Check the Story

- What feels hard, and what story are we attaching to it?
- Are we assuming what the other person feels without asking?
- Is there a belief that love should always feel easy?
- > That may be a lie. Conflict doesn't always mean the end. Silence doesn't always mean indifference.

## H - Hear the Hurt

- What part of you feels unseen or misunderstood?
- Is there grief, betrayal, or fear that hasn't been addressed?
- What would you say if you knew it would be received with care?
- > You can't heal what you keep buried. Listening without defensiveness is a form of love.

### O - Own Your Part

- What responsibility do I need to take for how we got here?
- What have I avoided, denied, or contributed to?
- Am I showing up the way I want to be remembered?
- > Accountability isn't the same as blame. This is about owning your side of the street with grace.

## O - Open New Dialogue

- What conversation have we been avoiding?
- What questions feel risky but necessary?
- What if we stopped trying to win and started trying to understand?
- > Real intimacy begins with real dialogue. Speak truth with softness, and listen with intention.

## S - Set a Direction

- What does forward look like-together or apart?
- What are we choosing next? Repair? Pause? Closure? Renewal?
- What support do we need to move with clarity?
- > This guide is not just about staying together. It's about choosing courage over confusion.

## Suggested Next Step

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