



The 5-Minute Pause Technique

When life starts to feel full, decisions are made out of *urgency* rather than *clarity*.

This short 5-minute self-check is an invitation to *pause*, *soften*, and *return to yourself*—before reacting, fixing, or explaining.

There is nothing here to master or improve.

Only space to listen.

Section 1: Grounding Into the Present

- ❖ Take in a slow breath. Allow your shoulders drop.
- ❖ Answer yourself gently—there are no correct responses.
- ❖ What sensations do I notice in my body right now?
- ❖ Where do I feel tension, tightness, or fatigue?
- ❖ What feels steady or supported, even slightly?

Section 2: Emotional Awareness

- ❖ What emotion feels most present for me in this moment?
- ❖ Is this emotion asking for action—or acknowledgment?
- ❖ Am I feeling rushed, obligated, or internally pressured?

Section 3: Discernment Over Urgency

Before moving forward, ask yourself:

- ❖ If I paused for 24 hours, would my answer change?
- ❖ Am I responding from *clarity*—or from *fear* of disappointment?
- ❖ Does this feel like a quiet “Yes,” a clear “No,” or a “Not-Yet?”

Section 4: Self-Permission

Complete one sentence:

Right now, I give myself permission to _____.

(Examples: Taking time to Rest, Being okay to saying “No”, Asking for Clarity, or Changing my Mind.)



Closing Reflection:

- Place a hand over your heart or abdomen.
- Take one breath in and one out for a count of 3 seconds.

Say this to yourself:

“I do not need to decide everything today.”

“I am allowed to move at the pace of trust.”

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