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5 POWERFUL TOOLS TO HELP YOU BUILD IN MEANINGFUL PAUSES THROUGHOUT YOUR DAY

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3-Breath Pause

Take three intentional breaths – inhale deeply... exhale slowly. <u>When to use it:</u> Before a meeting, after an intense conversation, or in moments of overwhelm.

<u>Why it works</u>: It grounds your nervous system, interrupts autopilot, and helps you reset quickly. Three breaths to come home to yourself.





Schedule Micro-Breaks

Set a reminder every 60–90 minutes to step away for 2–5 minutes. Stretch, look out a window, walk, or drink water—without your phone.

When to use it: Throughout your day. Use a phone timer or calendar alert. Why it works: It prevents burnout and increases focus. Even brief breaks improve cognitive function.





Mindful Transitions

Use routine transitions (e.g., before opening email, between tasks, before entering your home) as intentional pause points. Ask yourself: How do I want to enter this next moment?

<u>When to use it</u>: Anytime you shift from one mode or role to another. <u>Why it works</u>: It helps you reset your energy, avoid emotional carryover, and show up more present.





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Digital Boundaries

Create screen-free zones—like a tech-free lunch, walk, or morning routine. Even 10 minutes unplugged can help you reconnect with your thoughts and body.

<u>When to use it</u>: At the beginning and end of the day, or any time you want to reduce noise.

<u>Why it works</u>: Constant digital input crowds out mental space. A pause from screens invites clarity.





Take 5 minutes to jot down or record a quick reflection on your phone. Prompt: What do I need to release? What do I want to carry forward? <u>When to use it</u>: First thing in the morning, at lunch, or before bed. <u>Why it works:</u> It creates space for emotional processing and self-awareness.