



The
Unapologetically
Healing
Workbook

CHANGING THE CONVERSATION
YOU HAVE WITH YOURSELF

A GUIDED JOURNAL FOR A BRAVER,
MORE HONEST YOU

FOUNDING MEMBER EDITION

HEALING
LOOKS GOOD
ON YOU.

Thank You for Being Here Early

You became a Founding Member before there was much to see. That matters more than I can put on a page.

Support at this stage is what makes the publication possible. It pays for the time to write carefully instead of quickly, and it lets me build something for the people who function, keep going, and still deserve honest support.

This workbook is my thank-you. It was created for Founding Members and is reserved for them. It is not available to free subscribers, and it is not something you finish and file away. It is meant to sit alongside the publication, so that when a piece lands somewhere real, you have somewhere to take it.

Use it at your own pace. Return to the pages that keep being true.

Healing looks good on you.

A Welcome From Me

You are here because you are ready for a different kind of conversation. A more honest one. A more compassionate one. One that does not require you to perform.

This workbook is an invitation to slow down, get curious, and look closely at the way you speak to yourself when no one else is listening. Not because you are doing it wrong, but because the conversations you have with yourself matter. They shape your choices, your relationships, your boundaries, and what you believe is available to you.

Most of the people I work with are capable. They function. They show up. They are the ones other people lean on. And underneath all of that, there is often a running commentary that is far harsher than anything they would ever say to someone they love.

You do not have to be perfect to do this work. You do not have to fall apart to do it either. You only have to be willing to be honest.

Take your time with these pages. Skip what does not fit. Return to what does.

I am so glad you are here.

Healing looks good on you.

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How to Use This Workbook

This is a self-paced workbook. You can move through it in order, or go straight to the section that matches what is loudest right now. Each section includes a short teaching, a reflection, and space for you to write.

There are no right or wrong answers here. This is your space to be honest, curious, and kind with yourself.

- 01 **TAKE YOUR TIME**
This is not a race. One section a week is plenty. One page a week is fine too.
- 02 **BE HONEST**
Honesty is what creates change. No one else is reading this.
- 03 **BE COMPASSIONATE**
You are not too much. You are human, and you have been carrying a lot.
- 04 **PUT IT INTO PRACTICE**
Insight is powerful, but change happens when you apply it somewhere real.

*You cannot have a different life if you keep having
the same conversation with yourself.*

*A different conversation
creates a different life.*

Getting Started

WHY SELF-TALK MATTERS

The way you talk to yourself shapes how you feel, what you believe, and the choices you make. It is not background noise. It is the frame you put around everything that happens to you.

Self-talk is usually learned. It comes from the people who raised you, the environments you adapted to, and the rules you had to follow in order to be safe or accepted. Most of it was never chosen. It was absorbed.

That is good news, because anything learned can be examined. You are not trying to become a different person in these pages. You are trying to hear yourself clearly enough to decide what is still worth keeping.

This workbook will help you:

- Become aware of the way you speak to yourself
- Understand where those messages came from
- Question the beliefs that are not accurate or useful anymore
- Rewrite your internal narrative in language you would actually use with someone you love
- Take one honest step toward the life you want

You are not starting over. You are starting honest.

Before You Begin

Reflection

What made you open this workbook today? Be specific. What has been happening?

If nothing changed in the next six months, what would concern you most?

What do you hope is different by the time you reach the last page?

Notice

BECOME AWARE OF WHAT YOU ARE SAYING TO YOURSELF

The first step in changing your self-talk is awareness. You cannot change what you do not notice, and most self-talk runs so fast and so quietly that it feels like fact rather than commentary.

In this section you will begin paying attention to your thoughts, especially the ones that show up when you are stressed, disappointed, embarrassed, or tired. Those are the moments when the oldest scripts get loudest.

You are not trying to fix anything yet. You are only collecting information. Notice the tone as much as the words. Is it impatient? Cold? Apologetic? Would you use that tone with anyone else?

Reflection

What do you notice about the way you talk to yourself? Is it kind, critical, fearful, or somewhere in between?

Say That Again

IDENTIFYING YOUR INNER DIALOGUE

Throughout the day, notice your thoughts and write them down as closely to the original wording as you can. What do you actually say to yourself in these moments?

SITUATION	WHAT I SAID TO MYSELF	HOW I FELT
When I made a mistake		
When someone did not respond		
When I looked in the mirror		
When I felt overwhelmed		
When I compared myself to others		
When I needed help		
When I said no to someone		

Which of these surprised you most?

The Loudest One

Out of everything you noticed, one sentence is probably louder than the rest. It is the one that shows up first, in more than one situation, and usually in the same words.

Write it here, word for word.

How old do you feel when that sentence shows up?

What does it cost you to believe it?

You cannot change what you do not notice.

Question

EXPLORE WHERE THESE BELIEFS CAME FROM

Many of the things we say to ourselves did not start with us. They came from early experiences, relationships, culture, or messages repeated so often that they stopped sounding like opinions and started sounding like truth.

Understanding the origin of a belief is not about blame. It is about accuracy. When you can trace a sentence back to where you learned it, it stops feeling like a fact about who you are and starts looking like what it actually is, which is something you picked up in order to cope.

Some of these beliefs protected you once. That is worth respecting. The question is whether they are still useful now, or whether you have outgrown them without noticing.

Reflection

Where do you think this belief came from? Who did you hear it from, and when did you first start believing it?

Tracing It Back

What did this belief protect you from at the time?

Who benefited from you believing it?

What has it kept you from doing, asking for, or saying out loud?

If a younger version of you said this sentence to you now, what would you tell them?

04 Challenge

GET CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT IS TRUE AND WHAT IS A STORY

Just because a thought feels true does not mean it is. Feelings are real information, but they are not evidence. In this section you will examine the evidence, consider other explanations, and get curious about whether the story you are telling yourself is actually the truth.

This is not positive thinking. You are not talking yourself out of what you feel. You are checking whether the conclusion you reached is the only one available.

Let us look closer

The thought:

What evidence do I have that this is true?

What evidence do I have that this might not be true?

What would I tell a friend in this situation?

Another Explanation

When something goes wrong, the fastest explanation is usually the harshest one, and it is almost always about you. Practice generating a second and a third.

What happened:

My first explanation:

Another explanation that also fits the facts:

One more, even if it feels generous:

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Rewrite

PRACTICE A MORE HONEST AND COMPASSIONATE NARRATIVE

Now that you have noticed and questioned your self-talk, it is time to rewrite it. This is not about pretending everything is positive. A rewrite you do not believe will not hold. It is about finding language that is balanced, honest, and compassionate enough to be usable on a hard day.

From this to this

OLD SELF-TALK	NEW SELF-TALK
I am not enough.	
I always mess things up.	
I have to do it all.	
I am too sensitive.	
No one really chooses me.	
I should be further along.	

Which rewrite felt hardest to write? That one is worth returning to.

In Your Own Words

A rewrite works when it sounds like you. Not like a quote, not like an affirmation you would roll your eyes at. Write the version you could actually say out loud.

The sentence I want to stop repeating:

What is actually true, including the hard part:

How I want to say it to myself from now on:

When I will most need this sentence:

Choose Me

TURN INSIGHT INTO ACTION

This is where it all comes together. Insight is powerful, but it does not change a life on its own. Somewhere in the next week there will be a moment that usually goes one way, and you will have the chance to let it go a different way.

Choosing yourself rarely looks dramatic. It looks like a sentence you say instead of the one you usually say. A request you make out loud. A commitment you do not talk yourself out of by Thursday.

My commitment

What do I want to say to myself moving forward?

What is one small step I can take this week?

I choose me because...

When It Gets Hard

You will not do this perfectly, and that is not a reason to stop. Decide now what you will do when the old conversation comes back, because it will.

The situation most likely to pull me back:

The first sign I am slipping into the old script:

What I will do in that moment instead:

Who I can tell, and by when:

Bonus Tools

PRACTICES TO SUPPORT YOUR JOURNEY

Use these in any order, as often as you want. None of them require you to have finished the workbook first.

- + **DAILY AFFIRMATION PRACTICE**
Short, believable sentences you can use on an ordinary day.
- + **GROUNDING EXERCISES**
For the moments when the thinking is too fast to work with.
- + **SELF-TALK CHECK-IN**
A weekly page you can return to as often as you need it.
- + **WRITING PROMPTS**
For when you want to go further than a few lines.
- + **REAL-LIFE APPLICATIONS**
Where this work actually shows up: work, family, rest, and asking.

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It is a series of decisions to be honest and to be kind.*

Daily Affirmation Practice

An affirmation only works if you can say it without flinching. Start with the ones that feel almost true, not the ones that feel aspirational. Say it once in the morning, and once in the moment you need it.

- I am allowed to need things.
- I can be steady and still be struggling.
- I do not have to earn rest.
- I am allowed to change my mind.
- I can disappoint someone and still be a good person.
- I do not have to explain everything to be understood.
- I am allowed to take up space in my own life.

Write three of your own, in your own language:

Grounding Exercises

When you are activated, insight is not available to you. Grounding is not the work. It is what makes the work possible again.

- **SLOW THE EXHALE**
Breathe in for four, out for six, for one minute. The longer exhale is what settles the body.
- **NAME FIVE THINGS**
Five things you can see, four you can hear, three you can touch. Say them out loud if you can.
- **FEET AND FLOOR**
Press both feet flat and notice the contact. Say where you are and what day it is.
- **COLD WATER ON THE WRISTS**
Thirty seconds. Useful when your thoughts are moving faster than you are.
- **ONE HONEST SENTENCE**
Say what is actually happening: I am overwhelmed and I have not eaten since breakfast.

Which one is most realistic for you at work, in public, or around other people?

Self-Talk Check-In

RETURN TO THIS PAGE WEEKLY

THIS WEEK	WHAT I NOTICED
What I said to myself most this week	
What was underneath it	
Where I was kinder than usual	
What I asked for	
What I am carrying into next week	

One thing I want to do differently next week:

One thing I want to keep:

Writing Prompts

Pick one. Set a timer for ten minutes and do not stop to make it sound good.

- What am I tired of pretending is fine?
- Where am I being loyal to a version of myself I have outgrown?
- What would I do this month if I believed I was allowed to?
- Who taught me that rest has to be earned?
- What am I afraid people would think if I stopped holding it all together?
- What do I want to be true about me in a year?

Real-Life Applications

This work is not finished on the page. These are the five places it tends to show up first. Pick one to watch this week.

- **AT WORK**
The moment you apologize for something that was not yours.
- **IN YOUR FAMILY**
The role you step into automatically, before anyone asks.
- **IN REST**
What you tell yourself when you are not being productive.
- **IN ASKING**
The pause before you request something you actually need.
- **IN CONFLICT**
The story you build about what the other person thinks of you.

The one I am choosing, and what I will watch for:

*You do not have to
fall apart to heal.*

A Note for Your Journey

Healing is not a one-time event. It is a series of decisions to be honest, to be kind, and to keep showing up for yourself.

Some weeks you will read these pages and feel clear. Other weeks you will forget you own this workbook. Both are part of it. The goal was never to speak to yourself perfectly. It was to notice when the old conversation starts, and to know that you have another one available.

You do not have to fall apart to heal. You have been doing this while still holding your life together, and that deserves to be said out loud.

And you get to choose the conversation. Every time.

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