

Relationships with care

Relationships & boundaries

Meaningful relationships make room for honesty, responsibility, and boundaries. Rebuilding connection is a choice, not an obligation, and it does not always mean returning to a relationship.

Take your time. A few words are enough. Skip any question that does not feel helpful.

01 Recognize what you need.

What helps me feel respected and at ease in a relationship?

Think about listening, reliability, space, kindness, or clear expectations. Your needs and boundaries matter.

02 Reflect on your part.

What is within my control in how I communicate and respond?

You might notice a pattern you want to change, something to take responsibility for, or a boundary to express. Another person's choices remain their own.

03 Choose a thoughtful step.

What step would honor both my values and my wellbeing?

It may be listening, making an apology, asking for space, or seeking support. You do not need to contact someone who harms you or pressures you to ignore your boundaries.

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