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Prepare for Your Difficult Time of Day

Plan around the hard moment instead of relying on extra energy

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Space to Breathe Therapy

Understanding the idea

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Why this may help

- Patterns help identify when support will have the greatest effect.
- Preparation moves decisions and effort to a time when more capacity may be available.
- A small environmental change can be more reliable than expecting motivation to appear.

Keep the experiment gentle

Use this as an invitation to notice what supports you. There is no correct outcome, and you can stop, simplify or adapt the exercise whenever it increases pressure or makes eating less possible.

Try this in your own way

A practical approach

- 1 Notice whether morning, afternoon, after work or late evening is usually hardest.
- 2 Name what gets in the way: fatigue, nausea, time, sensory load, access or decisions.
- 3 Choose one response such as preparing ahead, keeping a snack nearby, using a ready meal, setting a reminder or asking for help.
- 4 Test the plan on one difficult day and adjust it without blame.

Pause and notice

What felt easier? What felt difficult? Did the change affect energy, comfort, hunger, satisfaction or stress? Treat every answer as information rather than evidence of success or failure.

Your reflection worksheet

My difficult time of day

What usually makes eating harder then

What I can prepare beforehand

What I can keep nearby

Who or what could support me

A supportive reminder

Work with the difficult moment as it is. A realistic plan should reduce demand, not depend on you suddenly having more energy.