

One careful opening at a time

01 | PERMISSION BEFORE CONTENT

Would a conversation about this feel welcome right now?

INVITATION

Each person answers before the subject is opened.

BOUNDARY

A card, click, relationship, or earlier yes does not create consent.

02 | PERMISSION CAN CHANGE

Does this still feel welcome - or would you rather pause, skip, stop, or change the subject?

INVITATION

Ask again when the subject, pace, conditions, or willingness changes.

BOUNDARY

The person who wants less conversation sets the limit.

03 | SEVERAL TRUTHS

What did your body do, what was the experience like, and what did you want or not want?

INVITATION

Let response, experience, pleasure, wanting, consent, and meaning differ.

BOUNDARY

Bodily response does not establish consent, identity, choice, or responsibility.

04 | OBSERVATION AND INTERPRETATION

What did you observe - and what meaning did you give it?

INVITATION

Name interpretation as interpretation, not direct access to another person.

BOUNDARY

An interpretation does not become true because it changed the interaction.

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05 | CONDITIONS BETWEEN US

What makes speaking, refusing, understanding, or staying uncertain safer or harder here?

INVITATION

Notice privacy, power, pace, dependence, history, and consequences.

BOUNDARY

If refusal is unsafe or punished, a prompt cannot make the interaction mutual.

06 | DIFFERENCE WITHOUT A VERDICT

What is your account, and which part are you least certain about?

INVITATION

Hold difference without forced agreement, erased facts, or diagnosed motive.

BOUNDARY

Uncertainty should not dismiss a person or inflate a claim.

07 | REPAIR WITHOUT ENTITLEMENT

What impact, responsibility, boundary, action, distance, or changed condition matters now?

INVITATION

Receive impact without making intention or distress cancel it.

BOUNDARY

Repair does not create a right to forgiveness, access, or continuation.

08 | CLOSE DELIBERATELY

Would you like to continue, revisit something, change the subject, take space, or stop?

INVITATION

End with a choice, not a completion requirement.

BOUNDARY

Different answers do not need to be resolved by continuing.