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Get Moving

*A short guide to starting again
when stopping felt permanent.*

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BEFORE WE START

This isn't a fitness plan. There's no six-week programme in here, no meal plan, no countdown to a "new you."

It's simpler than that, and older than any of us. Nothing changes from thinking about it. Something changes the moment you move.

Not move as in exercise. Move as in do the one thing, today, that takes you a small step towards a better life than the one you've got.

Sometimes that's a walk. Sometimes it's a phone call you've been putting off, or an email you've been avoiding, or getting off the sofa for ten minutes instead of forty. Movement is any action, however small, that pushes you forward instead of leaving you exactly where you were yesterday.

This guide is about how to actually do that, on the days it doesn't feel possible.



CHAPTER ONE

It was never about laziness

Most people who've stopped moving carry a quiet story about why. *I'm lazy. I lack discipline. Other people just have more willpower than me.*

That story is wrong, and it's doing real damage.

Here's what actually happens. The gap between where you are and where you think you should be gets too wide to look at, so you stop looking. The trainers stay by the door. The gym membership turns into a monthly reminder of failure instead of a door you walk through. The thing you keep meaning to sort out just sits there, untouched, for another week.

Call it what it is. Not a character flaw. Staying still, while telling yourself you're just waiting for the right moment, the right mood, the right week.

There's a second story worth naming too. *I'll start when things calm down. When work eases up. When it's not winter.* That day doesn't arrive with a calendar invite. It arrives disguised as an ordinary Tuesday, indistinguishable from every other Tuesday you waited through. The waiting isn't preparation. It's just a quieter way of staying stuck.