

Rebuilding Trust

Repairing Relationship After Hurt and Disconnection



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Focus: trust, repair, consistency, honesty, and safety

Purpose: helps readers understand how trust is damaged and how it can be rebuilt over time

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Why This Matters

Trust can be deeply affected by broken promises, dishonesty, secrecy, or repeated disappointment. When trust is shaken, people often feel confused, guarded, or uncertain about what comes next.

Rebuilding trust is rarely quick, but it is possible when people are willing to practice honesty, accountability, and consistency over time.

What This Workbook Helps You Do	What This Workbook Is Not
Understand the process of repair and identify practical steps that support safety and restoration.	This is not about forcing quick reconciliation or pretending hurt did not happen. Trust must be rebuilt honestly.

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Three truths to carry with you

1. Trust is built in drops and lost in buckets.
2. Repair requires both honesty and patience.
3. Words matter, but repeated actions matter more.

Core Relationship Insights

Use the ideas below as anchors while you work through this resource.

Name the breach	Take responsibility
Trust repair starts with telling the truth about what happened and how it affected the relationship.	Real repair requires ownership, not excuses, blame-shifting, or minimizing.
Practice transparency	Stay consistent
When trust is fragile, clarity and openness often matter even more.	Trust grows back through steady, reliable behavior over time.

Try This This Week

■ Name the specific hurt clearly.
■ Acknowledge the impact it had.
■ Identify what accountability looks like.
■ Clarify what transparency or reassurance is needed.
■ Agree on one small step toward repair.

Personal Reflection Workbook

Take a little time to answer these questions honestly and gently.

What does trust mean to me in relationships?

Where has trust been weakened in my life?

What would help create greater safety or stability right now?

What is one step toward repair I can take or request?

Action Steps

Choose one or two practical steps you can begin this week.

Repair Conversation	Consistency Plan
Set aside time for one honest conversation about what was damaged and what would help repair begin.	Identify one clear behavior that can be practiced consistently to support rebuilding trust.

One step I will take this week is:

What will help me follow through?

A few simple examples

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Journaling Prompts & Closing Reflection

Use these prompts for continued reflection, prayer, or conversation.

What makes it difficult for me to trust after hurt?

What helps me feel safe enough to engage in repair?

How can I practice honesty and patience in this process?

Closing Reflection / Prayer: May truth be spoken with courage, harm be acknowledged with humility, and trust be rebuilt with patience and care.

Try This Before the Next Workbook:

Choose one small practice from this resource and return to it for one week.

Coming Next:
Healthy Boundaries Made Simple