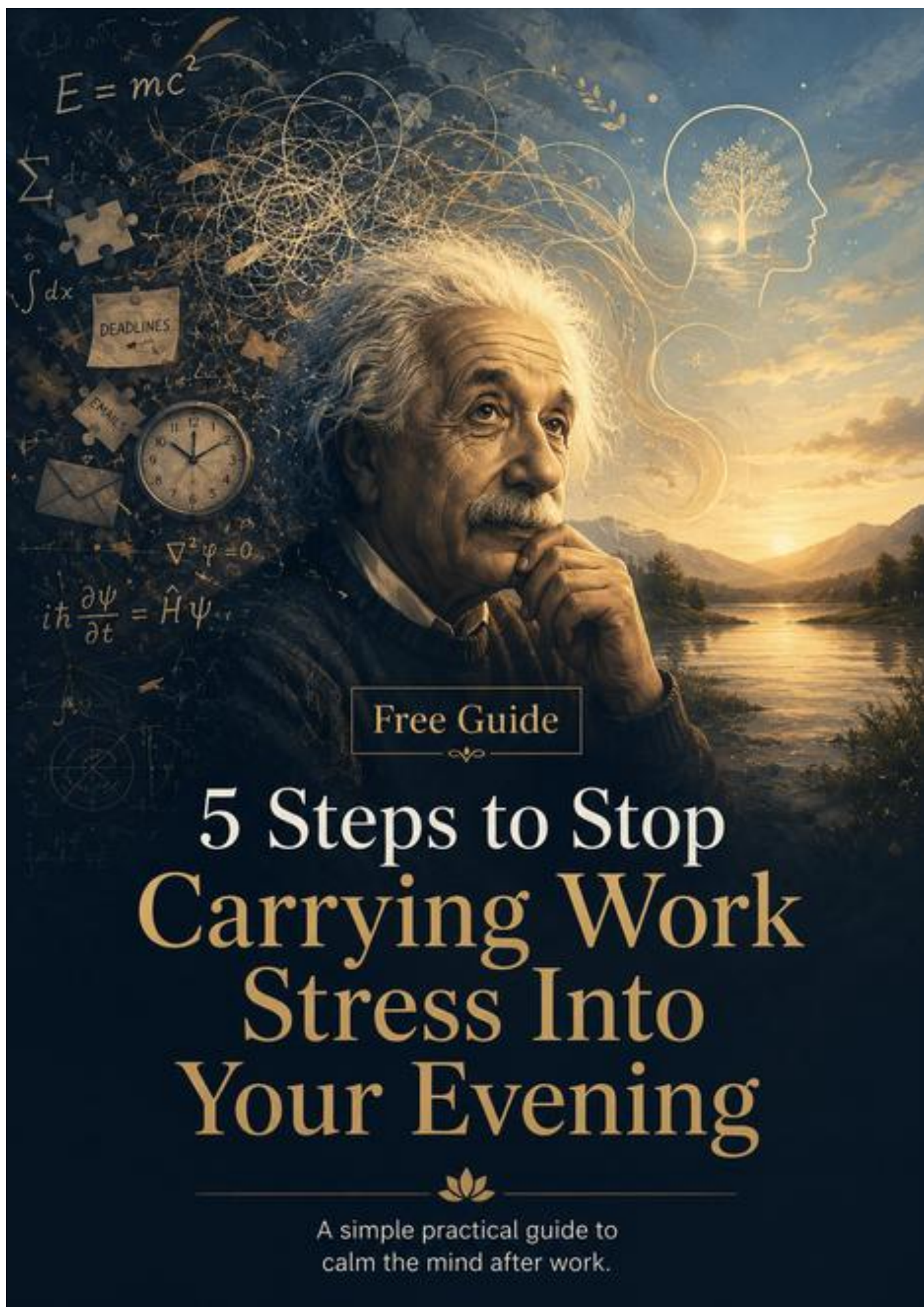




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INTRODUCTION

Most people try to solve stress by changing what is happening around them. They try to finish more work, solve more problems, organize their day better, or simply push through until things calm down.

But stress does not begin only with what happens outside of us. It also begins in our minds.

An event happens. A thought appears. We interpret what the event means, what might happen next, what someone thinks about us, or what we should do. That thought can create an emotional and physical response, and before we even realize what is happening, we are already inside the stress reaction.



This short guide is not about eliminating every stressful situation from your life. It is about learning to recognize what happens inside you before stress completely takes over.

The first step is simple. Notice the thought.

STEP 1: Notice The Thought

More than two thousand years ago, Patanjali described one of the central problems of the human mind in the second Yoga Sutra:

“Yoga is the stilling of the fluctuations of the mind.”

The idea is simple, but extremely important. Our mind is constantly moving. Thoughts appear, disappear, return, connect with other thoughts, create stories, judgments, fears, expectations, and memories.

Most of the time, we do not even notice this process. We simply follow the thought. You think about a meeting tomorrow. A few seconds later, you imagine what your boss might say. Then you remember something that happened last week. From there, your mind starts predicting what could go wrong. Your body reacts, your stomach tightens, your breathing changes, and suddenly you feel stressed.

Nothing new may have happened in the outside world. The mind created the entire chain.

This is why the first step is not to fight your thoughts or force yourself to think positively. The first step is simply to become aware that the thought is there.

Patanjali recognized that the mind's movements can pull us away from clarity. Before we can calm them, understand them, or change our relationship with them, we first have to see them.

PRACTICE: Catch Your Thoughts

For the next few days, do not try to control your thoughts. Instead, practice catching them.

Several times during the day, especially when you notice stress, irritation, pressure, anxiety, or tension in your body, stop for a moment and ask yourself:

What am I thinking right now? Do not analyze the thought yet. Do not decide whether it is good or bad. Do not try to solve it. Just identify it. For example:

- “I am thinking that I will not finish everything tomorrow.”
- “I am thinking that my boss will be unhappy with me.”
- “I am thinking about the conversation I had this morning.”
- “I am thinking that something could go wrong.”



Write the thought down if you can. At this stage, your only job is to catch the thought before it disappears into the next thought.

YOUR EXERCISE

Today, catch at least **five thoughts** that appear when you feel stress or pressure.

Write them down exactly as they appear in your mind.

1. What was happening?

2. What thought appeared?

3. What did you notice in your body?

Do not try to change anything yet. For now, simply observe.

STEP 2: Separate Fact From Interpretation

Once you notice the thought, the next step is to separate what actually happened from what your mind added to it. Very often, stress does not come only from the event itself. It comes from the meaning we give to the event, from what we assume, predict, fear, or imagine might happen next.

For example, the fact may be simple: **My boss said, “We need to talk tomorrow.”** The interpretation may immediately become: **He is unhappy with me. I made a mistake.**

Something bad is going to happen. When the mind is under stress, it can start treating interpretations as facts. A possibility begins to feel like certainty, and a fear begins to feel like reality, even though nothing has actually happened yet.

This does not mean your interpretation is always wrong. It only means that you first need to recognize what is fact and what is interpretation. That small separation can already create more clarity and reduce the power of the automatic stress reaction.

PRACTICE

Take one thought you wrote down in Step 1 and ask yourself:

What actually happened?

What did my mind add to it?

Do I know this is true, or am I predicting, assuming, or interpreting?

Write the answers down. The goal is not to convince yourself that everything is fine. The goal is simply to see the difference between reality and the story your mind is creating.

STEP 3: Notice the Emotion and Body Response

Once you recognize the thought and separate the fact from your interpretation, the next step is to notice what is happening emotionally and physically. Thoughts do not stay only in the mind. They can quickly create fear, anxiety, anger, frustration, or tension, and the body often reacts at the same time.

You may feel pressure in your chest, tightness in your stomach, tension in your face or shoulders, faster breathing, restlessness, or a general feeling that something is wrong. At this stage, do not try to get rid of the feeling immediately. First, simply notice the connection between the thought, the emotion, and the physical response in your body.



The more clearly you begin to recognize this connection, the earlier you can notice when stress is starting to take over. Sometimes the body will even show you what is happening before you fully understand the thought behind it.

PRACTICE

What emotion am I feeling right now?

Where do I feel it in my body?

What changed in my body after this thought appeared?

For now, just observe. You do not need to fix anything yet.

STEP 4: Return Your Attention to One Point

Once you have noticed the thought, separated fact from interpretation, and recognized what is happening in your body, the next step is to stop feeding the mental loop. You do this by deliberately placing your attention on one simple point.

The easiest option is your breathing. Follow one inhale and one exhale. Then another. You are not trying to empty your mind or force the thoughts to disappear. When another thought about work appears, notice that your attention has moved and gently bring it back to the breath. You may need to do this many times. That is the practice.



By repeatedly returning your attention to one point, you stop giving every thought the same amount of energy. The problem may still exist, but for those few moments you are no longer continuously solving it, predicting what might happen, or replaying it in your head.

PRACTICE

1. Sit quietly for **three to five minutes**.
2. Place your attention on your breathing.
3. When your mind returns to work, simply notice it and return to the next breath.
4. Do not measure success by how few thoughts appear. The practice is returning your attention.

STEP 5: Write It Down and Let It Go for Now

Some problems are real and still need to be solved. The goal is not to pretend they do not exist. The goal is to stop carrying them in your mind every minute of the evening.

If you need to deal with something tomorrow, write it down. Define the next concrete action and decide when you will return to it. Once the problem has a place on paper and a time for action, you no longer need to keep rehearsing it in your head.

This is also a simple form of non-attachment. You are not ignoring the problem, and you are not becoming careless. You are allowing yourself to put it down for now and return to it when action is actually possible.

PRACTICE

Write down:

What problem am I carrying right now?

What is the next concrete action I can take?

When will I deal with it?

Once you have written it down, give yourself permission to leave it there until the time you chose.

CONCLUSION

You may not be able to change every stressful situation, but you can change how you respond to what happens in your mind and body. The more often you notice the thought, separate fact from interpretation, recognize the response, and return your attention, the easier it becomes to step out of the stress loop.

The goal is not to stop caring about your work. It is to become more conscious of what happens inside you.

IF YOU WANT TO GO DEEPER

These five steps are only a small part of the work we do in **Emotional Resilience and Stress Release**. The program goes deeper into how the mind works, how stress develops, how mental patterns influence emotions and the body, and how practice and non-attachment can help you build greater emotional resilience over time.

If you want to go beyond this guide and work through the process in a more complete, structured way, you can explore the **Emotional Resilience and Stress Release** program.

ABOUT MARK



I spent many years working in environments where pressure, responsibility, difficult decisions, and other people's problems were part of everyday life. As a former police officer, lawyer, mediator, and coach, I experienced firsthand how easily work can stay in your mind long after the workday is over.

My own experience with overthinking, stress, and meditation gradually became an important part of my coaching work. Over time, I began combining practical experience with coaching, meditation, and principles from ancient teachings such as the Yoga Sutras and the Bhagavad Gita.

Today, I help people better understand their minds, recognize automatic patterns, build emotional resilience, reduce unnecessary stress, and live and work more consciously.