Your body isn't working against you.

It's responding to something.

A Different Conversation Begins Here

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Before we begin... One small request.

For the next few minutes,
don't try to solve or improve anything.

Just notice.

That's the only thing this asks of you.

Think back over the last seven days.

Not over your whole life. Just the last week.

Was there a moment — even a quiet one — when you thought:

"This shouldn't feel this hard."

—Maybe it was answering an email.
—Getting through the grocery store.
—Finishing a workout that used to feel routine.
—Sitting at dinner with people you genuinely wanted to be with.

Nothing dramatic. Just…
harder than it should have been.

Can you find that moment?

Stay there for just a moment.

What explanation did you give yourself?

Most of us answer that question almost immediately.

"I'm getting older."
"I need more discipline."
"I didn't sleep well."
"I've just been busy."

Sometimes those explanations are true.

Sometimes they aren't.

The interesting part isn't the explanation.
It's what happens next.

Most of us stop there. We explain, and then we move on.

We almost never investigate.

I didn't either.

A few years ago I was standing in the middle of a community gathering.

Friends. Family. Conversation. Food. Music. Everything was exactly the way it should have been.

Except me.

I wasn't really joining in. I wasn't laughing much. I wasn't adding much to the conversations.

Mostly, I was trying to make it through the afternoon — not because I wanted to leave, but because I simply didn't have the energy to be fully present.

Then one thought quietly crossed my mind.

I think everyone would have a better afternoon if I just went home and let them enjoy it without me.

That thought still surprises me because in that moment... I believed it.

What bothered me wasn't feeling tired. It was wondering when simply being with people I loved had become something I needed to endure.

For a long time, I thought that afternoon was the problem.

It wasn't.

The important moment came later.

Not that afternoon at the gathering.

The important moment came when I realized
I had spent years asking the wrong question.

Instead of asking,

"What's wrong with me?"

I finally started asking,

"What has my body been responding to?"

That single question changed where I looked.

And what I found there changed almost
everything else.

Consider the weather:

If the sidewalk was wet this morning, you wouldn't assume it started raining five seconds ago. You'd understand that what you're seeing now reflects conditions that had been developing for some time.

For some reason, we rarely extend ourselves the same grace.

We assume today's fatigue was created today. Or, that today's low energy came from last night. Today's difficulty is about this morning.

I began wondering whether the body might be more like the weather than I'd realized.

In other words...

What you're experiencing today may reflect more than what happened today. Sometimes the better explanation is found in the conditions and demands that preceded it.



Sometimes the path has been there all along.

We just haven't learned how to see it.

When the question changed...

I stopped treating every difficult moment as a separate problem.

Instead, I became curious about the pattern. Not just today — the days leading up to today. Not just this workout — the weeks leading up to this workout. Not just this afternoon — the pattern that created this afternoon.

Something happened when I started looking that way.

Many of the things that had seemed random...
began to look less random.

The body wasn't simply failing.

It was responding — to demands, resources, conditions, and patterns I hadn't been counting.

This wasn't discouraging.

It was one of the most
hopeful discoveries
I'd ever made.

Because if my body was
responding...

then perhaps it could
respond differently.

The body responds.

Not just to today's breakfast or last night's sleep.

It responds to what it experiences: the demands placed on it, the resources available to meet them, the opportunities it has to recover, the conditions surrounding those demands, and the patterns that repeat over time.

Some of those influences are obvious. Others are easy to overlook.

The goal isn't to explain every response. It's to become better at recognizing the patterns and conditions that may be shaping what happens next.

You may not always be able to predict how your body will respond.

And you may not always discover why.

But uncertainty doesn't make investigation useless.

By noticing what preceded a response, what changed, what stayed the same, and what happens when conditions change again, patterns can begin to emerge.

And those patterns can help you make better decisions.

Tomorrow.

Your body will probably tell you something.

It always does.

Maybe through your energy.
Maybe through your patience.
Maybe through your recovery.
Maybe through something that should have been easy...

but wasn't.

When that moment comes...

Don't rush to explain it.

Pause.

Then ask one question:

What has my body been responding to?

You don't have to answer it immediately.

Start by looking at the last few days. What has your body been asked to handle? Has anything changed in your sleep, food, movement, workload, stress, routine, or environment?

Then watch what happens when one of those things changes again.

You aren't trying to find excuses...
or to diagnose yourself...
or find the perfect explanation.

You're looking for patterns — what tends to happen before your body responds well, what tends to happen before it struggles, and what seems to help it recover.

That's enough to begin.

The Body Responds.

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