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*Revisit the blog article here for more guidance.

- **1. Focus on your belly.** Pay attention to how it inflates and deflates with air. Breathe deeply. Keep focusing on your belly until you feel calmer.
- **2. Imagine roots growing out of your feet.** Breathe deeply. Visualize energy flowing down to your feet as you exhale.
- **3. Pay attention to your body's contact to the floor or chair.** Focus on how the chair feels against your back. Be mindful of the hardness of the floor under your feet.
- **4. Leave the room.** As inopportune as it may be, leaving the room keeps you from hurting others or getting hurt yourself. Create the space to calm down.
- **5. Run.** How far do you need to run (or walk) until your frustration disappears? Deliberately follow the rush of your emotions by sprinting it out.
- **6. Do housework.** Folding laundry or putting things away makes you feel like you can control your world (even if it's only a small part).

- **7. Take a shower.** Escape the chaos and take care of yourself first. A shower seems to wash away at least a part of our woes every time.
- **8. Read funny comics.** Laughter reduces stress and improves your mood. Funny comics put things in perspective and lighten you up pronto.
- **9. Write freely.** Set a timer for 5 minutes and jot down all your thoughts and feelings. Avoid judging yourself. Shred the piece of paper when you're done.
- **10. Listen to your favorite music.** Using headphones puts the outside world on hold while you relax in your space. Feel the tension dissipate.
- **P.S.** Want some personalized help to find inner peace? Check out my **coaching** services here.