INSTEAD OF:

Criticizing yourself for not 'handling grief better'

Feeling guilty for crying in front of your kids.

Beating yourself up for not feeling better by now.

Admonishing yourself for not doing enough to prevent the loss.

Telling yourself that you're lazy for taking things slow or resting.

TRY THIS:

Remind yourself you've never faced this particular loss before and you're doing the best you can.

Feel proud that you are modeling how important it is to feel all the feels.

Take some time to notice one or two moments or actions you took that feel better or easier than they did last week or last month.

Reflect on all the ways you showed up and supported your person in their life.

Remember that your body is grieving too and the best thing you can DO to feel better is REST.