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Body Scan Meditation (2:44)

Begin by bringing your attention into your body You can close your eyes if that's comfortable to you You can notice your body, seated, wherever you're seated Feeling the weight of your body, on the chair, on the floor And take a few deep breaths And as you take a deep breath Bring in more oxygen and livening the body And as you exhale Have a sense of relaxing more deeply You can notice your feet on the floor Notice the sensation of your feet touching the floor The weight and pressure, vibration, heat You can notice your legs against the chair Pressure, pulsing, heaviness, lightness Notice your back against the chair Bring your attention into your stomach area If your stomach is tense or tight, let it soften Take a breath Notice your hands Are your hands tense or tight? See if you can allow them to soften Notice your arms Feel any sensation in your arms Let your shoulders be soft Notice your neck and throat Let them be soft, relaxed Soften your jaw Let your face and facial muscles be soft Then notice your whole body present Take one more breath Be aware of your whole body, as best you can Take a breath And then when you're ready You can open your eyes