

"HONOR YOURSELF"

A MESSAGE FOR EVERY DANCER, MOTHER, AND FIGHTER

To Every Dancer, Every Mother, and Every Warrior of Life: A Reminder to Celebrate Yourself

In the life of a dancer, each day brings its own set of challenges, responsibilities, and checklists to fulfill:

- 1. Consistent practice to honor and refine our art.
- 2. Strength training to build the stamina that fuels our performances.
- 3. Yoga to cultivate flexibility, both in body and mind.
- 4. Meditation to keep our focus sharp and our minds calm in this ever-moving race.
- 5. Social media presence to create opportunities and share our art with the world.
- 6. Financial efforts—through teaching and performing—to fund costumes, orchestra, jewelry, photography, and videography.
- 7. Healthy eating to nourish the body that gives life to our dance.

8. Therapies and recovery, because we push our physical limits and often dance through pain, knowing the show must go on.

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OW. IMAGINE BALANCING ALL THIS WHILE BEING A MOTHER!

As a mom, you're not just a dancer—you're a caretaker, a chauffeur, a teacher, and a comforter. Your day is a whirlwind of school schedules, dropoffs, pick-ups, extra classes, playdates, homework, and ensuring the house is ready to survive another day. On top of this, you're balancing work and contributing to your family's mental and financial stability.



For those living abroad, the journey is even more demanding. Without external help, every responsibility rests squarely on your shoulders. Yet, despite all these challenges, you rise, you dance, and you inspire.



BUT HERE'S WHAT I WANT TO TELL YOU TODAY

It's okay to pause. You don't have to conquer everything every single day. You are human, and your journey is one of perseverance, not perfection.

Remember, as dancers, we've been trained rigorously to never give up. Yet sometimes, stepping back is not giving up—it's replenishing. It's resetting. It's allowing yourself to heal, breathe, and come back stronger.

Take a moment to reflect on how far you've come. Every practice session, every performance, every moment spent balancing your passion with your responsibilities is a testament to your strength. You are extraordinary.



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So today, pat yourself on the back. Remind yourself that even on the days when you can't check every box on your list, you are enough. Celebrate your efforts, your resilience, and the beauty you bring to the world—not just through your dance, but through the life you live so fully.

To every dancer, mother, and warrior: You are doing amazing. You are inspiring. And yes, it's okay to say, "That's fine," and take that step back.

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