



THE WHOLE WIDOW™

5 SHIFTS I NEEDED TO MAKE AFTER LOSS

to make room
for who I was
becoming



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Dear friend,

Every widow remembers the moment life as she knew it shattered, and the courage it took to begin again. You've carried what most people can't imagine and rebuilt a life that works for your kids, your career, and yourself. You've proven your strength a thousand times over.

But now that life has settled into a rhythm, you may be noticing something you didn't expect: a quiet restlessness. You're grateful for how far you've come, yet there's a tug inside that keeps whispering, *What now?*

I know that space because I've lived it. For a long time, I thought that processing my grief and putting my life back together was the finish line. But when I got there, I still felt an emptiness I couldn't explain. I realized that what I was craving wasn't something outside of me, it was something deeper within. A sense of alignment, aliveness, and meaning that no achievement could give me.

As I began the inner work to understand that calling, I started to see how many of my beliefs and patterns, the ones that once helped me survive, were now keeping me from growing. They were built for a version of me that no longer felt true. Releasing them became the first step toward building a life that finally felt like mine again.

The shifts on the following pages come from that season. Each one helped me let go of what no longer fit and move closer to the woman I was becoming.

I share them with love in the hope that they help you step into your next chapter, not as who you were, but as who you're becoming.

With love,

Grace

***Survival
mode
isn't
your
forever
story.***

THE SHIFTS

Shift 1

REDEFINING STRENGTH

For a long time, I thought strength meant holding everything together and pushing through, no matter how heavy life felt. But real strength is knowing when to pause: when to rest, when to let someone help, when to say *this is enough for today*. Strength isn't about doing it all. It's about trusting that you don't have to.

Reflection: *How has your definition of strength changed as you've rebuilt your life?*

Shift 2

LOOSENING MY GRIP

After loss, I held on to everything tighter: money, time, plans. Control made me feel safe, but it also kept me small. With time, I learned that loosening my grip made space for what I truly needed. Trusting there would be enough — love, opportunity, support — brought me peace I didn't know I was missing.

Reflection: *Where could you loosen your grip and trust that life will meet you there?*



Shift 3

CHOOSING MY OWN JOY

My kids' happiness gave me purpose, and for a while, that was enough. But I realized I was living through their joy instead of feeling my own. When I started making room for what lights me up, even small things, I began to feel alive again. Their joy mattered, and so did mine. They deserved to see me come alive again.

Reflection: *What's one thing that brings you joy simply because it's yours?*

Shift 4

HONORING WHAT WAS, BUILDING WHAT IS

Even after rebuilding, I still caught myself wondering what life might have been like if things had gone differently. For a while, I thought that meant I hadn't come as far as I hoped. Over time, I learned to meet those moments with compassion. They weren't a setback; they were a reflection of how deeply I loved. I could honor what was while continuing to build and love what is.

Reflection: *How can you honor what was while still opening yourself to what's next?*

Shift 5

FINDING JOY THAT LASTS

At first, I just wanted to be happy again, to laugh, to feel light, to have life feel easy. But happiness was fleeting. What I was really searching for was something deeper: joy and steadiness, a peace that stayed no matter what was happening around me. I discovered that joy is an inside job. It's been the key to feeling whole and fully myself again.

Reflection: *What helps you stay connected to a deeper sense of joy that feels steady and real?*

YOUR NEXT CHAPTER BEGINS WITHIN

Hi, I'm Grace.



If you've rebuilt your life but still find yourself:

- Feeling grateful yet unfulfilled, wondering why "fine" doesn't feel like enough
- Wanting more meaning or purpose but unsure where to begin
- Knowing there's something ahead for you but not sure how to reach it
- Carrying an inner restlessness you can't quite name
- Noticing that even with family routines in place, a steady career, or maybe someone new in your life, part of you still feels disconnected from yourself

...you're not alone.

It doesn't mean you're doing anything wrong. It means you've outgrown the version of yourself that was built for survival, and you're ready to grow into who you're becoming.

That's the work we do in *The Whole Widow*™.

It's a space for widowed women who are ready to move beyond surviving and start creating from a place of compassion, clarity, courage, and connection.

During our free clarity call, I'll help you:

- Uncover what's been keeping you feeling stuck
- Identify one right next step to take
- See if I'm the right partner to walk with you on your journey toward becoming *The Whole Widow*, aligned, alive, and fulfilled in your new life.

You don't have to do this alone. You've already done the hardest part.

Let's make space for what's next.

Schedule a [free call with me](#).

**SCHEDULE YOUR FREE
CLARITY CALL TODAY**