Coming back after a break

A worked example of carrying intent through a complete product journey.

INTENDED BENEFIT

Help someone return to a reading commitment they chose, while preserving their place and their freedom to change it.

Someone opens the app after five days away. We do not know why. Our proposal makes the next reading easy to find and keeps a change of pace possible.

One purpose, five connected decisions

Away	Reminders remain paused. The person can choose whether to resume them.
Returning	Offer the saved passage. For a dated group, also show today's shared reading and explain the difference.
Changing pace	Preserve notes and unread sessions. Moving dates or skipping ahead never marks missing readings complete.
Reading	Keep the passage central. Opening it does not automatically mean it was read.
Looking back	Show the records the person chose to keep, with clear control over visibility.

Compare, then explore

For an individual, compare a sequence without deadlines with a dated plan whose dates can move. For a group, compare resuming at the saved place with joining today's reading.

Explore a third possibility: return through a saved question or note, with its passage beneath it. Ask whether this supports attention or feels intrusive. Keep an ordinary resume option.

> These are editorial proposals to test. Inspired by Katie Dill's talk on scaling intent, quality and artistry; this reading example is our application. Source context: lennysnewsletter.com/p/all-of-the-lenny-and-friends-summit

Review the whole return

Use the example on page 1 as a starting point. Record your own decision before building or asking an AI assistant to build.

Product / team

Owner / review date

1. Whose situation are we supporting?

Individual or group? What commitment did this person choose? What benefit should the return serve?

2. Which alternatives will we compare?

Name two complete routes and one new possibility. Include reminders, return, reading and history.

3. What must survive a change or refusal?

Consider saved notes, unread sessions, group dates, visibility, pausing and leaving.

4. What will we observe, and what would change our mind?

Ask readers to find their place, change pace and explain the record. Include someone who pauses. Look for confusion, lost work and reported pressure; opens alone do not establish benefit.

5. What is our provisional decision?

Record the choice, evidence still missing and the next review. A usable prototype is a proposal, not proof of spiritual formation.