compassionate self-care

In order to get into the habit of practicing self-compassion, list all the ways that you would treat a friend in need. Think of someone you care about very much and imagine that he or she is having a very difficult time. What would you say? What would you do? Now think of yourself at a low point, when your problems seem overwhelming. Write down where you are and what you are doing. What can you say to yourself that shows compassion and understanding? What can you do for yourself that shows compassion and understanding?