Discover Your Relationship Fear Moves

Each of the 4 basic types of fear has a purpose in keeping us alive. However, when we're in any physiological fear response, our partner can look like the enemy! Common fear-based moves in relationship are listed below. Circle your typical moves. Feel free to add to the list. Share with your partner what you each discover. Then, do Fear Melters® together!

FIGHT	FLEE	FREEZE	FAINT	
Moving into action to	Moving away to feel	Stopping to avoid	Going limp, giving up to survive this	
protect myself	safe	being seen/hurt		
I'm right	I'm distracting myself	I feel tense /frozen	Ugh! A sinking feeling	
You're wrong	I'm worrying	I feel startled/	I feel drained	
I can prove it	I just need space!!	stunned	I feel hopeless	
I've got the data	I am avoiding you	I'm not available	I can't think	
I'm keeping score	Withdrawing	I'm withholding	This is exhausting	
You can't make me	Distancing	something	I'm overwhelmed	
My way or highway	Gathering more data	I've got a grudge	How can I appease	
I gotta interrupt	Rehearsing my words	I feel stuck	you?	
Don't box me in!	Going to get help	Offline / going silent	I give up!	
How else do I fight?	How else do I flee?	How else do I freeze?	How else do I faint?	
What happens in my body when I fight?	What happens in my body when I flee?	What happens in my body when I freeze?	What happens in my body when I faint?	

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Fast-Aid for Fears in Relationship:

Put on lively music and do 3 minutes of Fear Melters® together:

OOZE To melt FIGHT	ROOT To melt FLEE	WIGGLE To melt FREEZE	LOVE SCOOPS To melt FAINT	
Begin to move slowly as if you are warm chocolate oozing off a spoon. Ooze your arms, shoulders, and hips and even your jaw. Slow your words down and change your tone of voice.	For standing: Widen your stance and bend your knees a little or a lot. Let your toes spread out as you imagine beautiful roots extending from your feet into the nourishment of the earth. Imagine the earth's energy infusing you with aliveness here and now.	Begin to wiggle your fingers and toes Eventually wiggle your hips and shoulders. To unfreeze fully, you will eventually need to wiggle your core at a pace that feels good to you.	Reach your arms out around you as if you are gathering energy and love towards you. Bring your hands towards you, touching your head, chest, belly or wherever love is needed. Focus on accessing your resources.	
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Then, play with speaking these 3 statements to each other. Move your body while you talk. Explore different tones of voice:

1.	I'M WILLING to	(example: WIGGLE) to	melt my	(FREEZE)
2.	AND WHAT I REALLY WANT	「 is to:	(example: cor	nect & play!)
3.	I COMMIT to:		(example: let my sp	arkles show).

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