5 Leadership Lessons from Nelson Mandela
“A good leader can engage in a debate frankly and thoroughly, knowing that at the end he and the other side must be closer, and thus emerge stronger. You don't have that idea when you are arrogant, superficial, and uninformed.”
“I learned that **courage** was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The **brave** man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.”
“It is better to lead from behind and to put others in front, especially when you celebrate victory when nice things occur. You take the front line when there is danger. Then people will appreciate your leadership.”
“Resentment is like drinking poison and then hoping it will kill your enemies.”
“Long speeches, the shaking of fists, the banging of tables and strongly worded resolutions out of touch with the objective conditions do not bring about mass action and can do a great deal of harm to the organization and the struggle we serve.”
“Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again.”
“Real leaders must be ready to sacrifice all for the freedom of their people.”
"Action without vision is only passing time, vision without action is merely daydreaming, but vision with action can change the world."
“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.”
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“Courageous people do not fear forgiving, for the sake of peace.”
– Nelson Mandela