

FROM THE VAULT: Courage in Leadership

Courage is critical for leaders. As we look at history, we discover that oftentimes a **single act** of courage is the tipping or transition point for **extraordinary change**.

FOUR COURAGEOUS ACTS BY LEADERS:

1

Staying when it would be easier to leave.

If you run now, you'll run the rest of your life.

Before you take the easy road and leave, stop and ask yourself: *Is this a time in my career when I need to exhibit courage and stay even though it would be easier to go?*

2

Leaving when it would be easier to stay.

It's time to leave when you look around and see that the desires, goals, and dreams you have about the future cannot come to fruition if you stay.

3

Asking for help when it would be easier to pretend everything is okay.

Almost 100 percent of the time when leaders who wreck companies share their experience, they say they saw trouble on the horizon but didn't want to ask for help.

When we struggle privately, we compensate in the way we lead.

4

Submitting when it would be easier to manipulate the system.

Power is intoxicating. It's courageous to submit to our boards and governing authorities and, at times, take no for an answer.

Good leaders surround themselves with people who are smarter than them in order to avoid making bad decisions.