# FIVE PILLARS OF AN EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

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#### INTRODUCTION

Question: What is the purpose of a pillar?

The quality of our pillars impacts the accomplishment of our purpose

#### **Three Assumptions**

- You've been given a seat at the table
- You've been uniquely shaped for the season
- 3. You've got something to contribute

#### **PILLAR ONE: Conviction**

Serving with purpose and on purpose

Conviction seeks to answer the question: WHAT'S IMPORTANT?

- The mission matters
  - "The goal is more important than the role" - John Maxwell
- Success in the mission matters more
- The next generation matters

## **PILLAR TWO: Credibility**

Acting in a trustworthy manner

This pillar seeks to answer the question: Can we be trusted?

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|   | Do you have credibility with   | NOTES: |
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|   | yourself?  Humility over hypocrisy   |        |
|   | Do you have credibility with the people you serve?  Without credibility, the team will not have the confidence of others lead or to enact needed change                |        |
|   | Note: as leaders, our lives give permission  |        |
|   | Do you have credibility with the people you serve with?  |        |
|   | Credibility requires vulnerability   |        |
| 1 | LAR THREE: Courage  A willingness to face the difficult things today for a better tomorrow what courage can look like for a  |        |
|   | team:  |        |
| • | <ul> <li>Courage: Sometimes trying<br/>something new, sometimes<br/>sticking with it and seeing it<br/>through</li> </ul>  |        |
| • | • Courage: Confronting the reality of situation you are in "You absolutely cannot make a series of good decisions without first confronting the brutal facts." Collins |        |
| • | <ul> <li>Courage: Making a difficult<br/>decision that is not always a<br/>popular decision</li> </ul>   |        |

## **PILLAR FOUR: Curiosity**

A willingness to ask questions and explore possibilities

CONSIDER: Deferring to what we've always done is an abdication of leadership!

One way to facilitate this is to "Lead with questions, not answers" – Good to Great, Collins

Defining issues: what is the question that needs to be answered?

Are we asking the right questions?

Letting curiosity inspire creativity!

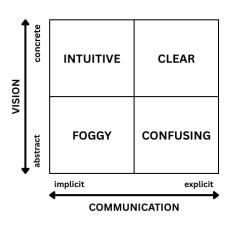
Need fresh experiences and outside voices

### **PILLAR FIVE: Clear Communication**

Being open, honest, and transparent Keep it simple, keep it clear

Within the team and with the organization

Requires intentionality and effort



Hyatt: "Clarity creates connection"

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| Do we know what we are trying to say?  Abstract or concrete  Fleshing out our ideas: "The  Word became flesh"  | NOTES: |
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| External and Internal Processors<br>External Processors:<br>Pause and Print  |        |
| Internal Processors:<br>Voice and Value  |        |
| Do we know how we are saying it?  Implicit or explicit   |        |
| Three questions for good communication:  Is our communication consistent?  Is our communication timely?  Is our communication connecting?  Next Steps  Take time to reflect on the leadership team you serve on and rate yourself on a scale of 1-5 (one being poor and five |        |
| being excellent) when it comes to each of these pillars.   |        |
| What is one thing will you work on over the next three months to improve your capacity in this area?   |        |
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