

# Leading with Resilience During Turbulence

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# **Qualities of Resilient Leaders**

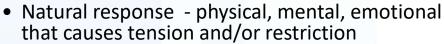
- ✓ Problems are opportunities
- ✓ Overcome difficulties
- ✓ Learn from mistakes
- ✓ Attitude strengths-based vs deficit-based I can't. *I can*.
- > Aware of the victim mentality trap and covert blaming "They..."
- > Find/return to their power and strength when they forget they have it

# So We Know What to Do...

What the heck happens??







- Response to any demand placed on you (internal/external)
- Activating, stimulating and increases your level of alertness
- "Life on life's terms"

#### <u>Impact</u>

- Motivator and energizer
- Feel sharp, excited, ready
- Balanced





- Difficulty concentrating, forgetting, excessive selfcriticism, pre-occupation with thoughts/ tasks
- Feeling angry, or overwhelmed and immobilized
- Self-defeating processes Rumination, worries, uncomfortable physical symptoms and emotional discomfort
- Moody, worried, scared, irritable, depressed, reduced self-esteem, pessimistic, helpless, withdrawn, easily embarrassed
- Out of control, doing things I don't want to do or later regret

#### 10 Signs of Compassion Fatigue/Burnout/Exhaustion

#	Item	Not at all (0)	Several days (1)	More than half the days (2)	Nearly every day (3)
1	Feeling emotionally exhausted or drained by your work				
2	You or others notice becoming more irritable, impatient, or frustrated with clients, coworkers, or family				
3	Losing interest or satisfaction in your work Feeling like you can't make a difference or that your work doesn't matter				
4	Difficulty concentrating or feeling mentally foggy				
5	Feeling detached or numb when hearing others' trauma or pain				
6	Using food, drugs, alcohol including over the counter meds like NyQuil, Advil in a way to manage mood/emotions				
7	Increased physical complaints (e.g., headaches, fatigue, stomach issues)				
8	Withdrawing from coworkers, friends, or usual supports Poor self-care/positive activities drop off				
9	Sleeping and dreaming troubles				
10	Frequent negative rumination or conversations about your work or your life				

11. Denial And Shame "Healthcare Stoicism"



#### Scoring (Optional):

0-9: Low signs of burnout/compassion fatigue - consider adding in some wellness tools 10-19: Mild - consider upping the dose of your wellness tools x2

20-29: Moderate - consider talking to someone else about column 3 checked boxes

30+: High — it's a good time to consider seeking supervision, support, or a wellness plan

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#### **Awareness Key**

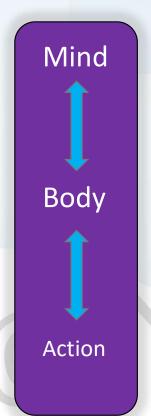
"Between stimulus and response there is a space.

In that space is our power to choose our response.

In our response lies our growth and our freedom."

Viktor E. Frankl

### 3 Keys to Access your Resilient Leader



What is it that I am telling myself?

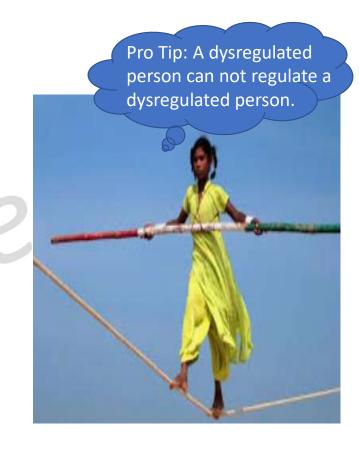
Do I want to stay with that or change it?

What am I experiencing in my body?
Where am I experiencing it?
What are the insights this experience can tell me about myself?

What are my actions right now? Are they a sign of an experience that may need my attention?

#### 1. Balance Before Action

- This is the opposite of stay calm. If you could stay calm you would! Being told to do this by others or self is not helpful.
- Instead, <u>use your awareness</u> to check in. What are you thinking, feeling, experiencing?
- Determine if you are dysregulated and select an action that brings you closer to your balanced self.
  - Breathing exercises, body scans, room awareness, walking, connecting with a colleague – you make the call based on your needs.
- This action of first "not acting" puts the creativity, problem solving and abstract thinking part of the brain back online. Don't move on without it!



# 2. You are in balance. Hold the space.

- This is a commitment by you to give your teams space.
- This space is a harbor that allows team members to get regulated, enter more balanced states of emotional congruency.
- In letting go of perceived control we empower our teams.
- What you did in step one for yourself is now what you are doing for your teams.
- Its a commitment because it takes strength and guts!

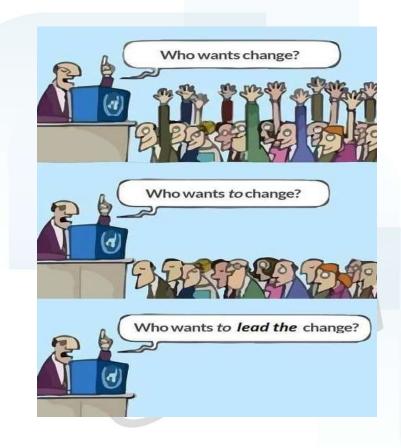


# **Space Breakers**

- You don't need to have all the answers, or the best answers. It's okay for you and employees to experience stress, fears, and rigidity.
- It's not your job as a leader to take these feelings and experiences away or to fix.
  - Spoiler alert you can't do that anyway and leaders often fall into this trap during crisis.



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# 3. Elicit feedback, thoughts and ideas from your teams

- Resilient Leaders plan meetings and/or create spaces for feedback and information sharing.
- As a leader you don't have to implement or use any of the ideas or suggestions!!
- This resilient process is what helps regulate teams, form connections, and tap into employee creativity.
- Resilient Leaders allow this process to flow.
- In that flow they filter and utilize the helpful material in while letting the unhelpful pass.
- Now the entire team experiences being heard.

#### 4. Keep structure, create structure, be the structure

- In times of crisis Resilient Leaders are deliberate be the structure
- They do not run into offices, jump out of meetings, or break conversations to answer their phone.
  - These behaviors exacerbate anxiety and stress your team does as you do.
- Be the model for what you want to see. They will reflect it back.
- Seeing things you don't like? Look in.
- By keeping your meetings as scheduled, honoring existing structures, being punctual, and keeping your own behavior predictable you help create a comfortable environment.



#### 5. Over Communicate

- It takes eight times eight different ways to get change to stick. "8 times 8 ways"
- In crisis/distress your teams are dysregulated. Their learning brains are offline.
- Resilient Leaders aren't frustrated when their directives are not followed.
- They see and model teaching and learning opportunities to re-enforce their message and unify the team to flow in the direction they have plotted.



### 6. Be Flexibly Directive

- Your teams will need direction. Resilient Leaders own it.
- Sometimes you don't have enough information to make the right call. Resilient Leaders make the best call they can because their teams need direction and structure.
- Your employees are adaptable and creative and will figure things out, but not if they don't know when and where to go.
- You can change course; you can modify direction as you get new information. You can be direct about the course of action and flexible that this is not "for-ever."
- Resilient Leaders do not put the burden on the employee to make the call. Resilient leaders make the call.

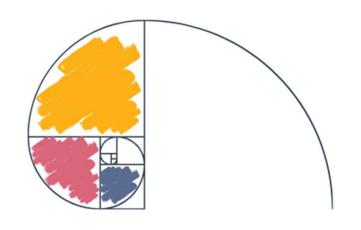


# What Enhances Resiliency?

#### I KNOW I KNOW!

- Self Care Sleep
- Social Support
- Spirituality
- Humor
- Meaningful Work, Mission
- Fun Hobbies Interests
- Rest Relaxation





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