
Letters From Leaders



Throughout history, the most respected leaders were those who could adapt and inspire. Leaders understand this.

“Nothing in life just happens. It isn’t enough to believe in something. You have to have the stamina to meet the obstacles and overcome them, to struggle.”

~Golda Meir

Those words may sound deceptively simple, yet they are anything but. When faced with adversities, resilience steps in and chisels out leaders. But only you can unleash its power from within. It might be buried under a pile of unjust tragedies or hiding behind a wall of paralyzing fear. No matter. With resilience, you will survive, adapt, and thrive. To some, this process comes naturally. This breed of leader can be knocked down, over and over, yet resilience brings them to their feet.

“We have to continually be jumping off cliffs and developing our wings on the way down.”

~Kurt Vonnegut

I have personal note cards emblazoned with the above Vonnegut quote. These words speak to me, because if I ever stopped and thought of all the reasons why something wouldn’t work, I’d never do anything. Focus on what you can do, instead of what you can’t.

“We are continually faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems.”

~John W. Gardner

The many perils that we face today should not deter your desire to be a leader. Rather, it should ignite excitement and optimism. After all, our entire planet needs saving along with its inhabitants. No other time in modern history has displayed such a need for creative and inventive solutions.

“Never, never, never give up.”

~Winston Churchill

In my lifetime, I’ve had the privilege to witness great leadership. The strength displayed by these men and women is admirable. But strength doesn’t shield one from mistakes. Leaders are fallible. The difference is that great leaders learn from mistakes.

“Learn from the mistakes of others. You can’t live long enough to make them all yourself.”

~Eleanor Roosevelt

Regardless of skills or education, you will face tribulations that are unplanned and unwelcomed. These are the moments that will define you as a leader. Unleash your resilience and rise!

“We cannot start over, but we can begin now and make a new ending.”

~James R. Sherman

Future leaders, my wish for you is that you charge ahead and make the world a better place, environmentally, economically, and socially, for generations to come.

“When all else fails, try doing what your mother suggested.”

~Author Unknown

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