LEADERSHIP LESSONS FROM MY

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Doing a TEDx has been a developmental goal of mine for the last 10 years. It was born out of 25 years of integration of my understanding of psychological science, my experience of leaders and my own experience of leading, and something deeper in my faith and what I experience in the world of leaders every day. A brokenness in need of redemption.

It came out of my experience that leading cannot only be about you or me, but also about others. It also came out of my discovery that questions are primary drivers, and a deeper question...can we change, how can we inspire others to change, and change for the sake of whom or what?

SO LET ME BREAK DOWN TWO THINGS THAT WERE IMPORTANT FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND OR CONTINUE TO UNDERSTAND FOR A PRESENTATION LIKE THIS: THE CONTEXT AND THE CONTENT.

THE CONTEXT...



...defined as the circumstances that form the setting for an event, statement, or idea, and in terms of which it can be fully understood and assessed. OR the interrelated conditions in which something exists or occurs OR the parts of something written or spoken that immediately precede and follow a word or passage and clarify its meaning.

THE CONTENT...



...what is actually happening or being shared in that moment. I have taught these fundamentals to my graduate students for years. Leading is both about the content of the problem and a speeding in ability to read context quickly.

LEADERSHIP LESSON #1: LEAD WITH PURPOSE

LEADERSHIP LESSON #2: BE YOURSELF WITH A WILLINGNESS TO EDIT

LEADERSHIP LESSON #3: MASTER THE CONTEXT

LEADERSHIP LESSON #4: MASTER HOW YOU SHOW UP

The challenge today is that the paradoxes in our reality have become one sided weapons. When the tensions in our reality become weapons, we lose touch with our capacity to talk about the real things in life. To love, to forgive, to make progress, to redeem, to be vulnerable, to change, and to lead with wisdom before blind conviction.