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Today's Focus

Objectives:

- 1. Recognize and reframe conflict as a driver of organizational success.
- 2. Apply structured conversation processes to move conflict toward resolution.
- Align team focus on end goals to achieve winning outcomes over arguments.



Chat Room Question

When you think of a time you have had to deliver a difficult conversation, what caused you the most stress?



Stressful Interactions

- 1. Heightened levels of perceived threat
- 2. Shut down of critical thinking
- 3. Decision-making becomes limited.



- 4. Focus on self-preservation
- 5. Physical reactions



Reframing Conflict

Paradigm Shift

- 1. Refocus mindset.
- 2. Become a student of communication styles.
- 3. Focus on collaboration.





Relationships Rise & Fall One Conversation at a Time

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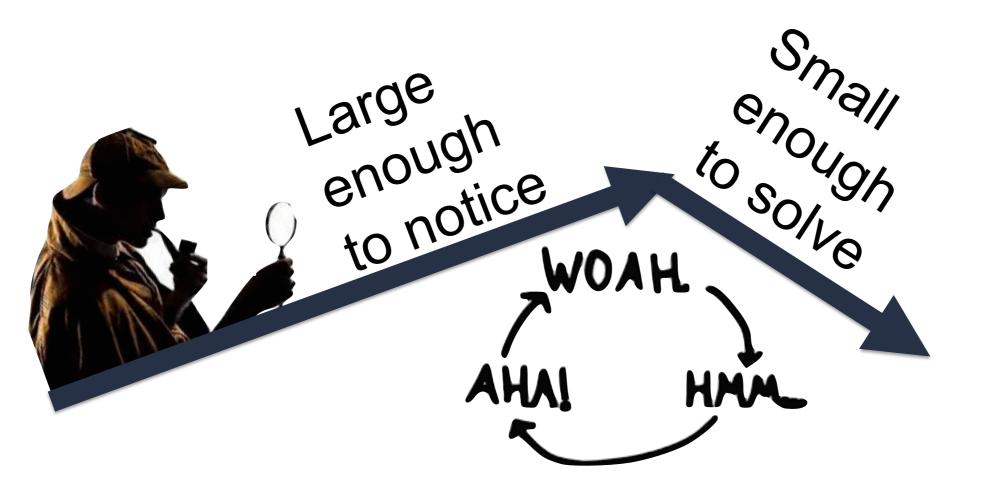
Chat Room Question

When do you know it is time to have a feedback conversation with someone?





Navigating Critical Conversations



B i t t e r n e s s has great study habits!

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Enabling Mindful Messaging

Mosaic Definitions

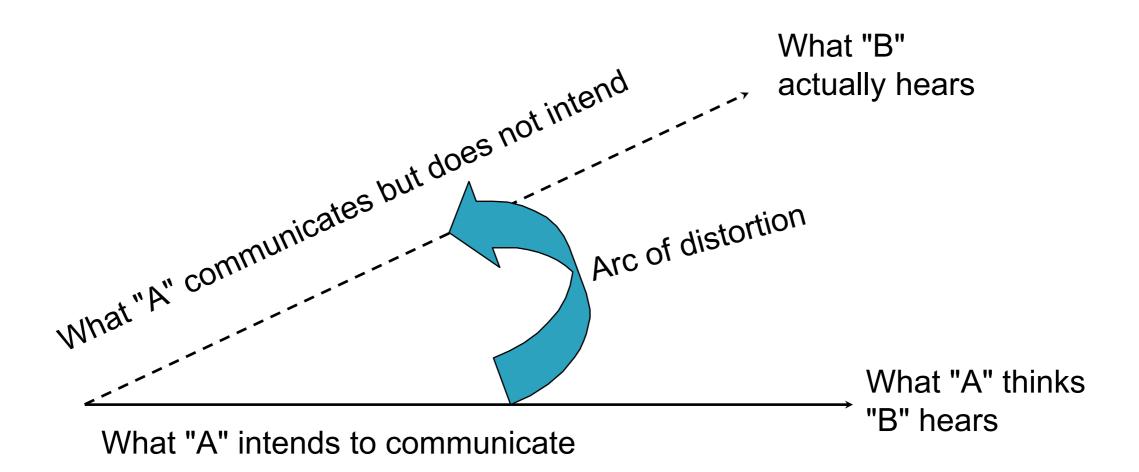
Feedback

Whenever you are interacting, you are, in fact, giving feedback.

- 1. The exchange of information involves both performance expected and performance exhibited.
- Constructive feedback can praise good performance or correct poor performance and should always be tied to the performance standards.



Arc of Distortion



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Engage Mindful Messaging

What message are you sharing?

Coaching

- 1. Guiding process improvement
- 2. Guiding competency improvement
- 3. Intent to improve performance

Developing

- 1. Advancement of skill/knowledge
- 2. Expanding viewpoints
- 3. Provide learning avenues for practice

Consequential Conversation

- 1. Systematic conversation to improve inadequate performance
- 2. Designed to course correct behaviors
- 3. High-stakes outcome clearly identified

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Knowing WHEN to Coach, Develop, or Have a Difficult Conversation

Assess & Invest

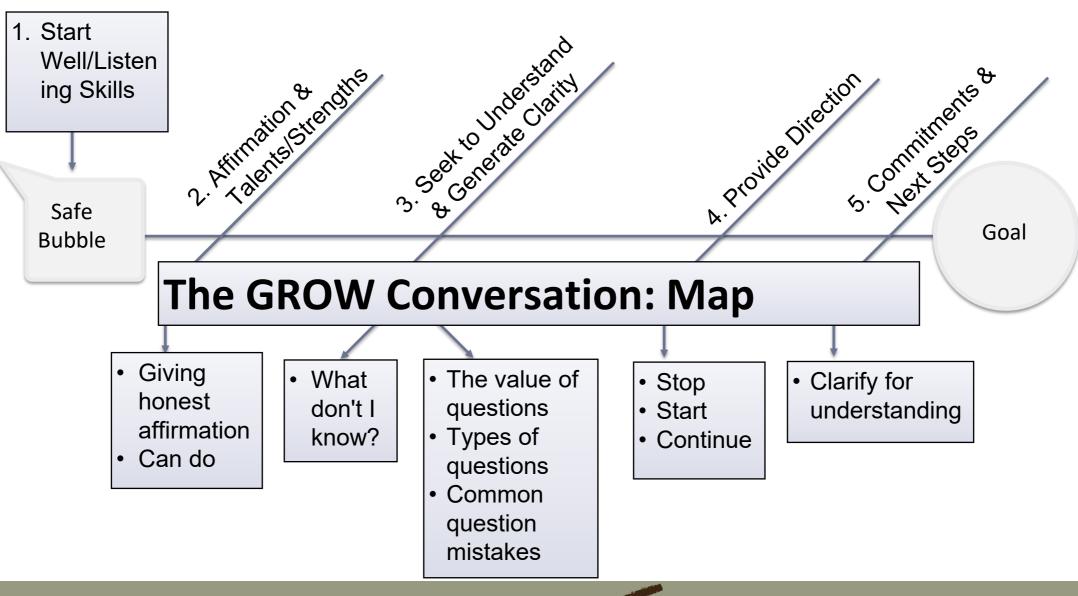
\$=Coach & Develop	\$=Difficult Conversation & FF
Can	Can't
Will	Won't

Define the RIGHT OUTCOME & HOLD ACCOUNTABLE.

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Coaching and Growing Conversations



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Chat Room Question

How does the "Coaching and Growing Map" help you the most right now?



Building Team Alignment

Listen & Learn First Before You Speak

Aligning teams when conflict occurs:

- 1. Creating safety and trust.
- 2. Setting shared and clear expectations.
- 3. Defining team outcomes with measurable goals.
- 4. Clarify roles and individual contributions.





Curiosity-Driven Listening The Currency of Relationships and Resolutions

Connective Labor: The ability to connect to others through listening, responding, and understanding.

- 1. The focus becomes understanding not judgement.
- 2. Collectively, we shift to problem solving, not right vs. wrong.
- 3. The outcome becomes humanizing one another, not dehumanization when we don't agree.



Questions, Thoughts, or Reflections?

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