Washington Nonprofits Deep Dive

Leading with Emotional Intelligence



AGENDA

Managing Reactivity - Understanding our patterns

Self-Awareness - Clear communication tool

Empathetic Listening - Mitigating resistance

GROUND RULES

Lean in to this experience - stretch

Be messy - Beginner's mind

Trust the Process

Limit distractions - stay in it

Maintain Confidentiality

STUCK RELATIONSHIP ACTIVITY

Choose a relationship that has been less than optimal

- ➤ With one person only
- >Either work or personal
- Current situation that you want to improve

Describe this "stuck" scenario briefly

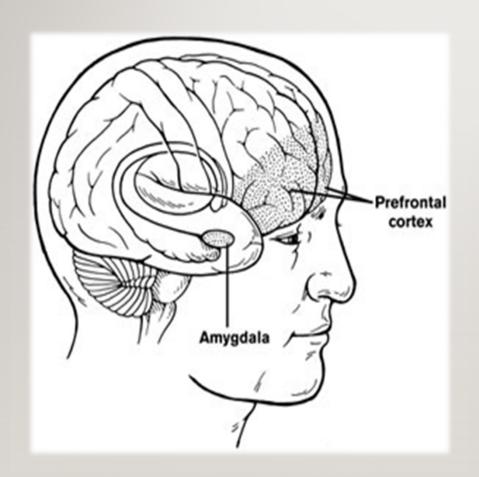
STIMULUS AND RESPONSE

"Between stimulus and response there is a space

Within that space lies our freedom and power to choose our response

Within those choices lie our opportunities for growth and happiness"

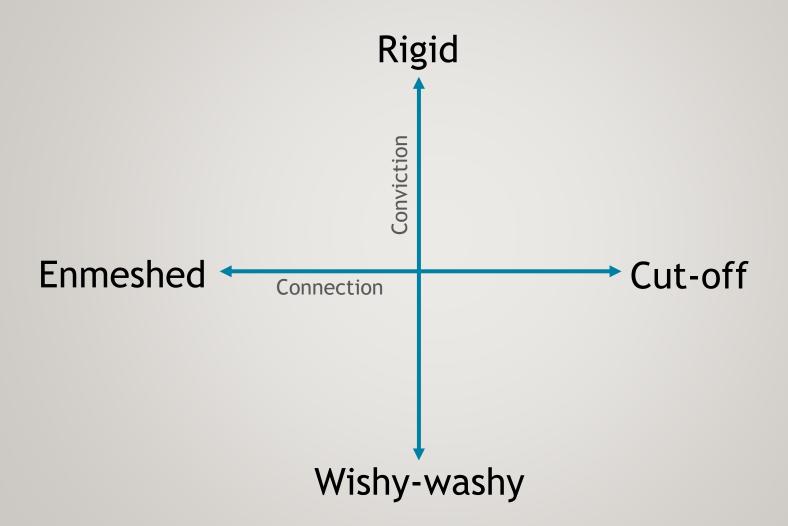
- - Victor Frankl



REACTIVITY AND THE BRAIN

Fight or flight
Tend or befriend

CONVICTION/CONNECTION MODEL



HERE AND NOW JEDI KNIGHT EQ SKILLS

MUSH SEPARATOR



EMPATHY SHORT CUT

What I heard you say was...

What I heard you feel was...

If I was in your shoes, I would feel...

EMPATHETIC LISTENING

Assume positive intent

Be genuinely curious

Put yourself in the other person's shoes - Look out at the world through his or her eyes

Unpack the other person's experience through questioning (Mush Separator)

Treat the other person as an expert to his or her experience

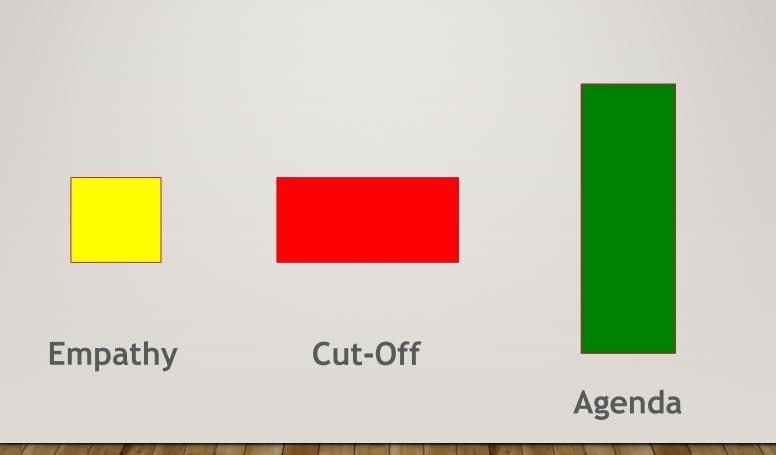
Don't spike the ball! Don't Give Advice. Don't solve the problem.

LISTEN / EMPATHIZE

Balance your agenda (gas pedal) with empathy (clutch) throughout the entire conversation

Know when to drive forward- know when to back off (validate, listen to the other)

THE CLUTCH METAPHOR



EMPATHY TOOLS

Parrot

Paraphrase (Accuracy Check)

Paraphrase Plus