

5 Leadership Lessons from Nelson Mandela





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“A good **leader** can engage in a debate frankly and thoroughly, knowing that at the end he and the other side must be closer, and thus emerge **stronger**.

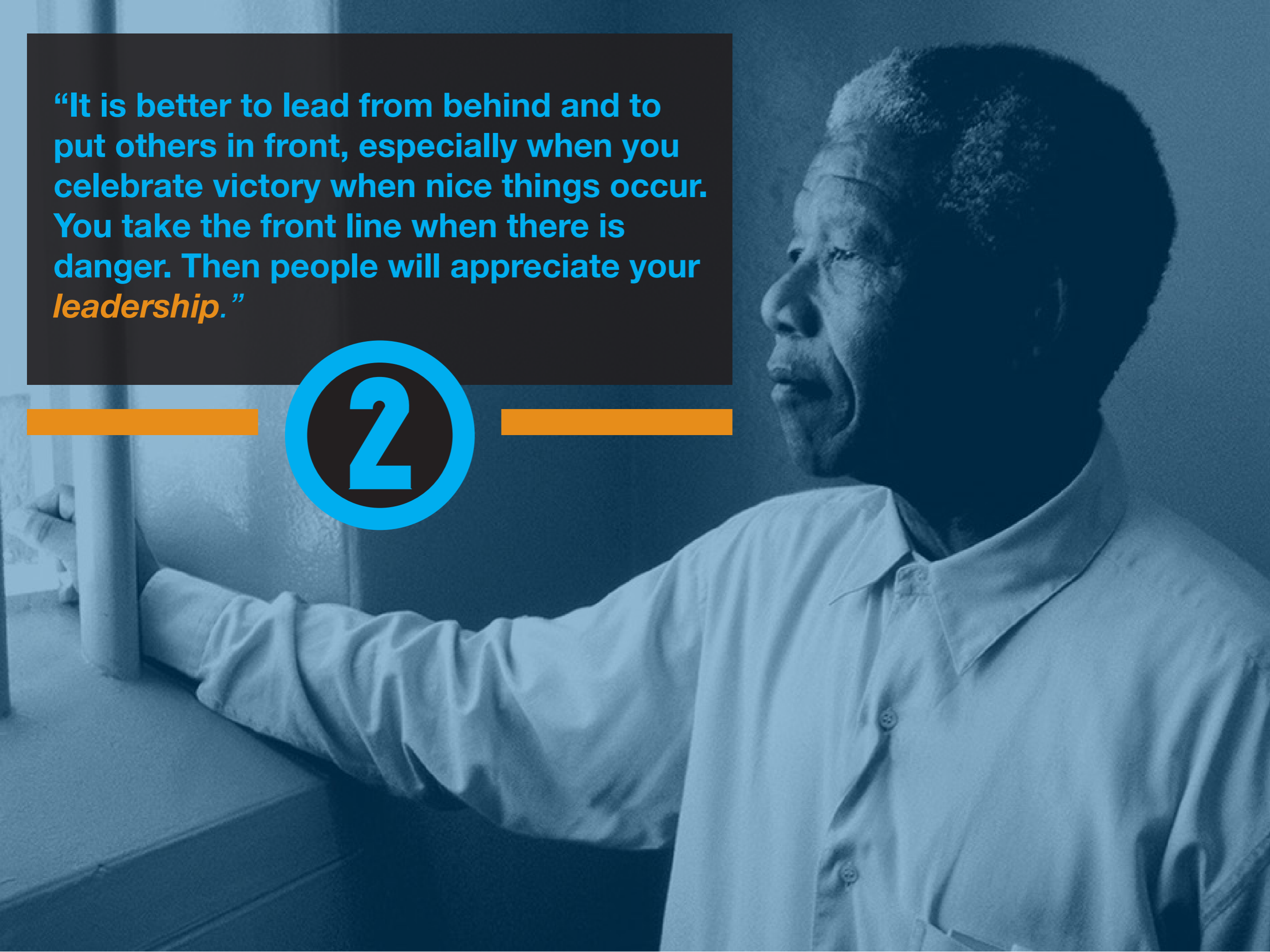
You don't have that idea when you are arrogant, superficial, and uninformed.”



“I learned that **courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The **brave** man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.”**

“It is better to lead from behind and to put others in front, especially when you celebrate victory when nice things occur. You take the front line when there is danger. Then people will appreciate your *leadership.*”

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“**Resentment** is like drinking **poison** and then hoping it will kill your enemies.”




2008
90th
BIRTHDAY

1993
NOBEL PEACE
PRIZE

1994
FIRST BLACK
PRESIDENT

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“Long speeches, the shaking of fists, the banging of tables and strongly worded resolutions out of touch with the objective conditions do not bring about mass action and can do a great deal of harm to the organization and the struggle we serve.”

A misty forest path with autumn trees and falling leaves. The scene is serene and atmospheric, with a soft blue and grey color palette. The path is covered in fallen leaves, and several trees with vibrant autumn foliage stand on either side. The background is hazy, suggesting a misty or foggy day. The overall mood is contemplative and peaceful.

**“Do not judge me by my successes,
judge me by how many times I fell down
and got back up again.”**


**“Real leaders must
be ready to
sacrifice all
for the freedom
of their people.”**

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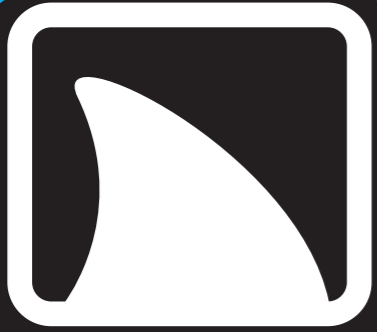
A scenic view of a mountain lake with a quote overlay. The background shows a calm lake reflecting the surrounding green mountains and snow-capped peaks under a blue sky with white clouds. The foreground features dark rocks on the left side of the water. A black rectangular box with blue vertical bars on its left and right sides is centered over the lake, containing a quote in white and orange text.

**"Action without vision is only passing time,
vision without action is merely day dreaming,
but vision with action can change the world."**

A photograph of Barack Obama in a grey suit and red tie, celebrating with his arms raised in the air. He is smiling broadly, showing his teeth. The background is a colorful, abstract pattern of green, yellow, and blue. A semi-transparent blue overlay covers the top half of the image, containing a quote and a number. A thick blue horizontal line is positioned below the quote.

“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what **difference** we have made to the lives of **others** that will determine the significance of the life we **lead.**”

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“Courageous people do not fear forgiving, for the sake of peace.”
– Nelson Mandela

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