

All Aboard!

“Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm.”

Publilius Syrus



A ship is a large vessel that travels the world's oceans and other navigable waterways. Every ship's journey begins with a destination in mind.

The ship is expected to complete a successful voyage regardless of the challenges and difficulties it encounters along the way. The success of each journey largely depends on the ship's construction and design, the foundational principles it is built on, its stability, the weight it carries, its resilience to recover quickly from difficulties, and its ability to maneuver through resistance. Each ship has outside influences and conditions to navigate, some routine and others extreme.

As executive coaches, we have personal and professional waters to navigate. Within each “ship” that we seek to serve – each organization or community – is a team of humans, refusing to let circumstances guide behavior. Instead, these leaders are ensuring choices and actions are made based on a vision, goals, faith, and a greater purpose.

We cannot control the waves that attack the outside of the ship. The key is to not let what is on the outside get to the inside.

**Ships don't sink because of the water around them;
ships sink because of the water that gets in them.**

Are you a trusted partner that models and guides the blocking out of distractions and “staying the course”? Are you guiding others to block the waves, or to let the water in? Are you encouraging leaders to focus on what is in their control, or allowing the rough waters to influence decisions?

Leaders and teams ultimately accomplish what they collectively believe is possible. How might we intentionally guide leaders to allow their “why” and purpose to determine attitudes, words, and actions - even when navigating rough waters?

Know and believe that “it” is possible when headed in the right direction, with the right people on the ship, striving to achieve unprecedented levels of success.

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*“The wind and the waves are always on the side
of the ablest navigator.”*

Edmond Gibbon