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From Self-Doubt to Self-Trust: A Mini Guide for Leaders in Transition

“You had the answer all along. Self-trust just helps you hear it.”

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WELCOME

Leadership transitions are loaded with questions:

- Am I ready for this?
- Will people take me seriously?
- What if I fail?

Even the most accomplished leaders feel the ground shift beneath them when stepping into something new. This guide is here to help you get your footing—not by pretending the fear isn't real, but by learning to trust yourself in the face of it.



WHAT IS LEADERSHIP TRANSITION, REALLY?

“You don’t become a new leader by changing your job. You become a new leader by changing your mindset.”

It’s not just a new title or job.

It’s a moment of reinvention.

A shift in identity.

A chance to decide who you want to be—before others do it for you.

Transitions invite two things:

- Letting go of old habits or identities
- Stepping into a version of yourself that feels more powerful, more honest, and more intentional

WHY SELF-DOUBT SHOWS UP?

Self-doubt isn't a flaw—it's feedback.

It shows up when:

- The stakes feel high
- You're leaving behind familiar ground
- You're stepping into more visibility or responsibility

Common thoughts leaders in transition have:

- “What if I’m not ready?”
- “They’ll realize I don’t know what I’m doing.”
- “I can’t lead until I figure everything out.”

These aren't facts. They're fear dressed up as logic.



The Shift to Self-Trust

Self-trust doesn't mean arrogance.

It means believing you'll figure it out—even when you don't have all the answers yet.

Self-trust sounds like:

- * “I’ve done hard things before.”
- * “I can ask for help without losing credibility.”
- * “My value doesn’t come from knowing everything.”
- * “I’m learning, and that’s what makes me effective.”



“Self-trust is a leadership skill. One that can be practiced and strengthened.”



Practices to Build Self-Trust in Times of Change

1. Ground Yourself in Evidence

Look at the facts—not your fear. Write down 5 wins or decisions you're proud of. They are proof of your capability.

2. Name the Narrative

What's the story you're telling yourself? Ask: "Is this fear or fact?" and "What else could be true?"

3. Ask for Feedback, Not Validation

Feedback sharpens your leadership. Validation delays your growth.

4. Speak From the Balcony

Zoom out.

What would the "wiser, older you" say about this moment? That's your self-trust voice.

5. Take One Brave Action

Action builds confidence. Pick one thing to move forward—even if it's small.

REFLECTION EXERCISE

Use these prompts to get clear on where you are-and where you want to go.

Journal Prompts:

- What's one limiting belief I'm carrying about myself right now?
- Where has fear been driving my decisions or silence?
- What am I ready to release to become the leader I want to be?
- What's one way I can show up with more self-trust this week?

These questions aren't for performance-they're for permission.

Final Thoughts & Next Steps

Self-doubt may never fully disappear—
but it doesn't have to run the show.
The goal isn't to feel fearless.
The goal is to keep moving, even when
fear tries to hold you still.
Trust is built in motion. Start now.

Thank you!



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