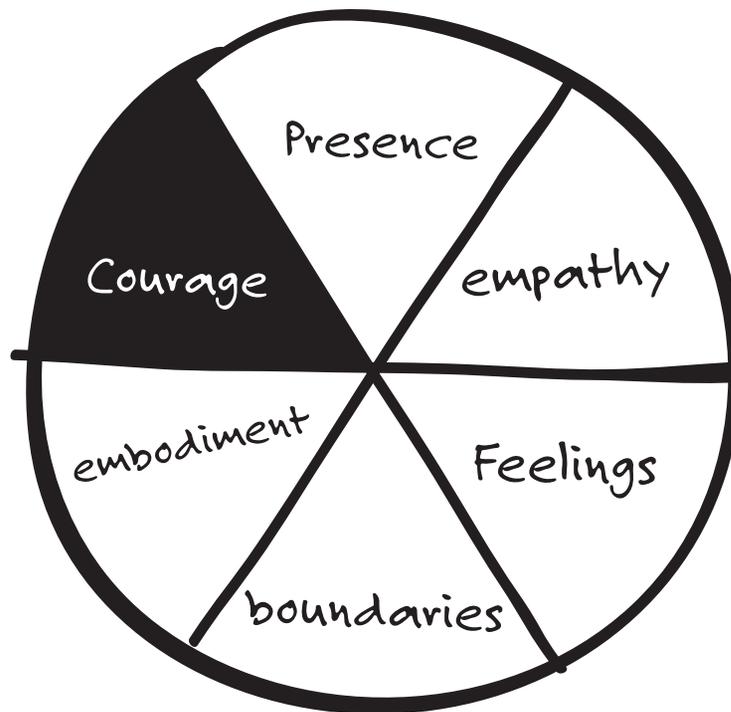


Deepening Your Impact

COURAGE



Cultivating Our Courage

Courage requires the willingness to face up to your inner fears and long-held habitual ways of being. To do your best work as a coach, you must confront your own fears to be of service to your clients. To meet leaders where they need you most—and to reach new horizons with your clients—requires you to be courageous.

What We'll Cover 1: Our Courage Creates an Invitation 2: Learning to Rock the Boat 3: Insights for Action Planning

1: Our Courage Creates an Invitation

Use courage as an access point to create the conditions for change to unfold.

Courage grows in the choices you make and the actions you undertake every day. What is demanded of you as a coach to engage in courageous acts in your work is deeply personal.

How might you combine courage with heart to strengthen your work as coach or leader?

How have you cultivated your courage thus far in your work as a leader or a coach?

If growing your courage is a development edge for you right now, how could you identify the easiest ways to exercise a bit more courage? At work? At home? In your coaching? Set a goal or two and track (and support!) your growth.

2: Learning to Rock the Boat

Each day, we make choices to honor fear and lethargy or to choose courage.

Fear tells us to stay small and cautious and lethargy tells us to stay in our comfort zone and settle for good enough.

How does fear show up in your work as a coach or leader?

It takes courage to say “no” to the things you need to say no to in setting boundaries, and courage to say “yes” to things that seem risky or difficult.

What do you need the courage to say “no” to and what do you need to say “yes” to?

Are you able to observe signs of lethargy in your work? Do you notice any familiar triggers to settling and staying in your old comfort zone?

3: Insights for Action Planning

Holistic Professional Development

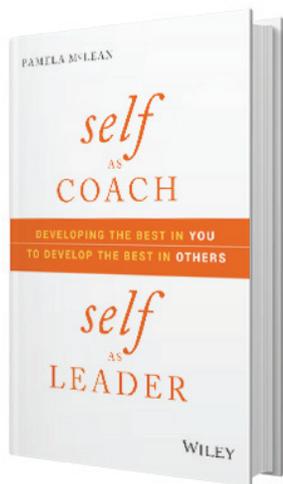
As you are reading, reflecting on the “Out in Your World” questions, and completing the Coach’s Worksheets, begin to think of how you can leverage your whole, cultivated self to affect change in your future work.

What is one key insight you can take forward about courage to grow your capacity?

How might increasing your courage help you do your best work towards affecting change as a coach or leader?

What is one small thing you could do to become a more courageous coach?

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