## "So, who's gonna tell 'em?"

The talk about "the talk" that nobody wants to talk about.

#### Individuals and Interactions



#### **OVER ONE MILLION COPIES SOLD**

Foreword by Stephen R. Covey

Author of THE 7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE PEOPLE

# crucial conversations



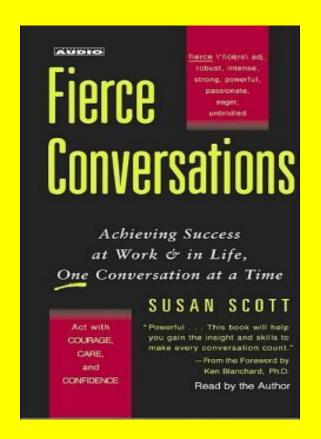






for talking when stakes are high

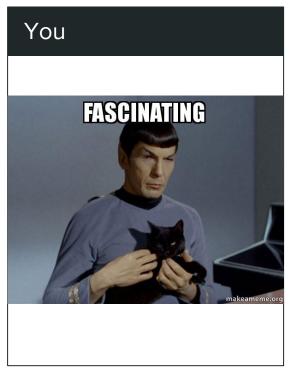
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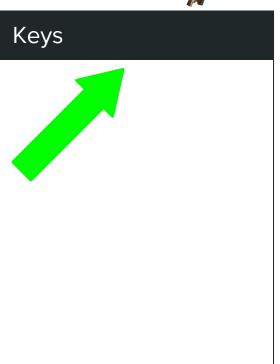


#### The Downlow









# Conflict!





Option 2

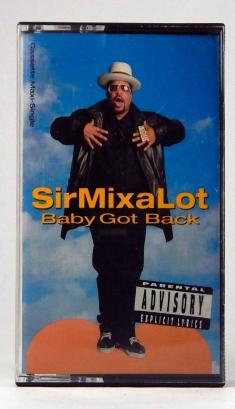


Option 3





**Desire** Concern



Concern \_\_\_\_ Desire

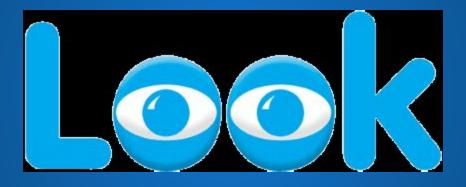


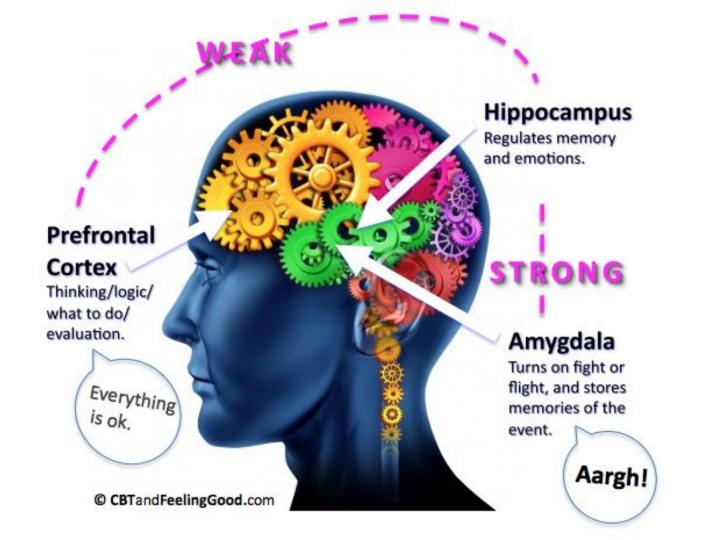






Pool of Shared Meaning







Create a mutual purpose

Recognize the purpose behind the strategy

Invent a mutual purpose

Brainstorm new strategies



### Master your stories

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See
=> Tell
=> Feel
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### Christopher Avery

The Responsibility Process™

### RESPONSIBILITY

**OBLIGATION** 

QUIT

SHAME

JUSTIFY

**LAY BLAME** 

DENIAL

### **Clever Stories**





# STATE Your Path

- Share your Facts
- Tell your Story
- Ask for Others' paths
- **T**alk Tentatively
- Encourage Testing

# Share your FACTS

"You're killing this team."

"When you are in meetings I've found that you are talking 40% of the time or more. Sometimes you raise your voice to drown out other people. They have told me that they don't want to engage anymore."



Ask for Others' Paths Keep adding to the

Pool of Shared Meaning

Ask for their Facts, and Stories, and Feelings

# **T**alk Tentatively

Never say Always

No Conclusions

Goldilocks Test



Invite opposing views.

Play Devil's advocate

Strong beliefs

Change by:

Controlling yourself, Learning to Look,

Tone down your Approach,

Catch yourself

## **Explore** Others' Paths

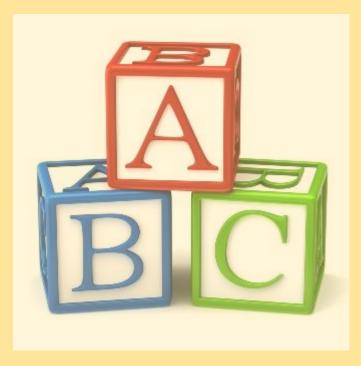
"Slow down the conversation, so that insight can occur in the space between words and you can discover what the conversation really wants and needs to be about" -- Susan Scott 'Fierce Conversations' Be fully present for this conversation. It will NOT follow your script. Explore Others' Paths

Be AMPP'd

- Ask to get things rolling
- Mirror to confirm feelings/
- Paraphrase to Acknowledge the Story
- Prime when you're getting nowhere

## **Explore** Others' Paths

# Remember your ABC's



Agree
Build
Compare

## Decide how to decide

# I'm the decider, and I decide what is best.

- Command
- Consult
- Vote
- Consensus

George W. Bush





# "Is it worth it?"

- Missy Elliott



# Summary of Principles



Start with the Heart



Learn to Look



Make it safe



Master my Stories



STATE my Path



Explore Others' Paths



Move to Action

#### The 'Fierce Conversations'

## **Confrontation Model**

- 1) Name the issue
- Select a specific example the illustrates the behavior or situation you want to change
- 3) Describe your emotions about this issue
- 4) Clarify what is at stake
- 5) Identify your contribution to the problem
- 6) Indicate your wish to resolve the issue
- 7) Invite the other person to respond

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