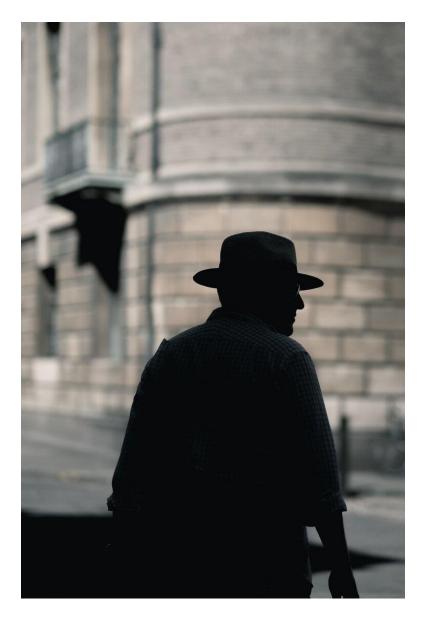


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# Just the Facts Ma'am



These times call for leadership and clarity of mind. While most managers, employees and staff are struggling with fear, a leader steps forward and remains focused on opportunities and a way through the doubts. This reminds me of a story:

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When I was a little boy growing up in Ohio, I would spend my weekends alone with my sister playing on the dusty stacks of packing boxes in my father's factory. The fourstory WWII factory was empty and cold but for the whispers of two small children as we constructed our fantasies. We would make castles out of these boxes, grab snacks from the vending machines in the grimy break rooms of the employees, and wait for endless hours as my father worked in his office.

We would leave this exhaustive play, tired and hungry and nestle in the back of his Buick while we listened to Drag Net on the radio. I remember this one line from virtually every show. But first, imagine two tired, hungry, and dirty children on a bone-braking cold night in the plains of Ohio, just outside of Detroit and its sprawling auto-industry plants a lone car driving through the frigged snow-covered corn fields on a dark and moonless night.

The line we would hear on the radio was something like: "Just the facts Ma'am, just the facts." As a boy, I found this strangely comforting. That steady voice of the actor, Jack Webb who played the detective, Joe Friday, was comforting me. I felt, perhaps, that somebody would be unaffected by the mystery and the drama of the story. He would sort it out and find a way to solve the problems.

## Conclusion

If you are a leader during these troubling times, who is there better than you to face the challenges in your life and find the solutions? And as always, I encourage you to turn to your relationships to find support, insight, and the immediate value found in human connection.

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