



# CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE: You're the star of your career journey

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#### BACK IN MY DAY...



"If you make a hasty retreat to your motorcycle, [upon being charged by a bull] turn to page 19."

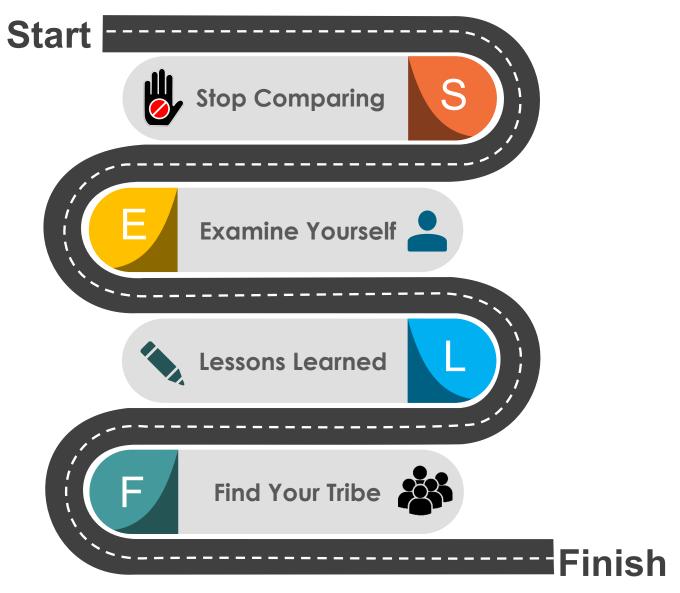








#### **CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE: HOW?**



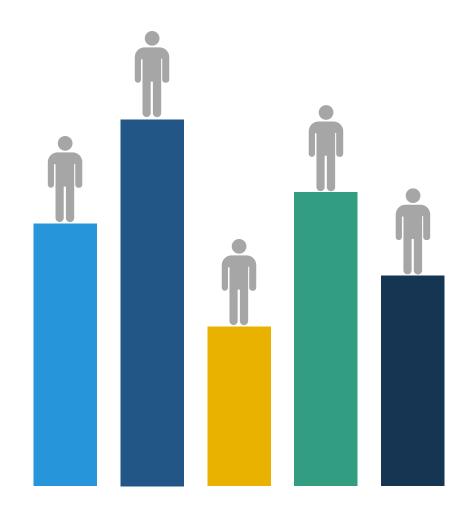








## STOP COMPARING: SOCIAL COMPARISON THEORY











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VS.

#### REALITY



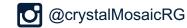
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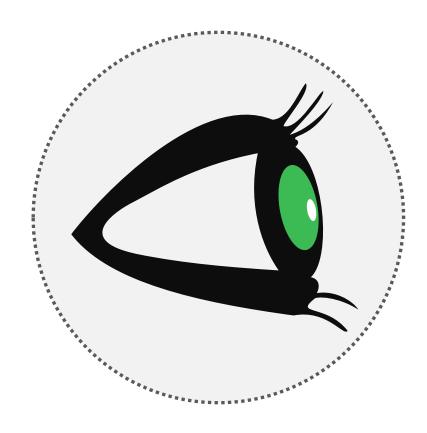








## STOP COMPARING: THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER!



O, beware, my lord, of jealousy; It is the **green- eyed monster** which doth mock...

-- Othello, Shakespeare, 1604









## STOP COMPARING: RUN YOUR OWN RACE



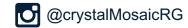
**Challenge 2** 

**Challenge 1** 









## STOP COMPARING: YOUR COMPETITION

LOOK IN THE MIRROR...THAT'S YOUR COMPETITION.

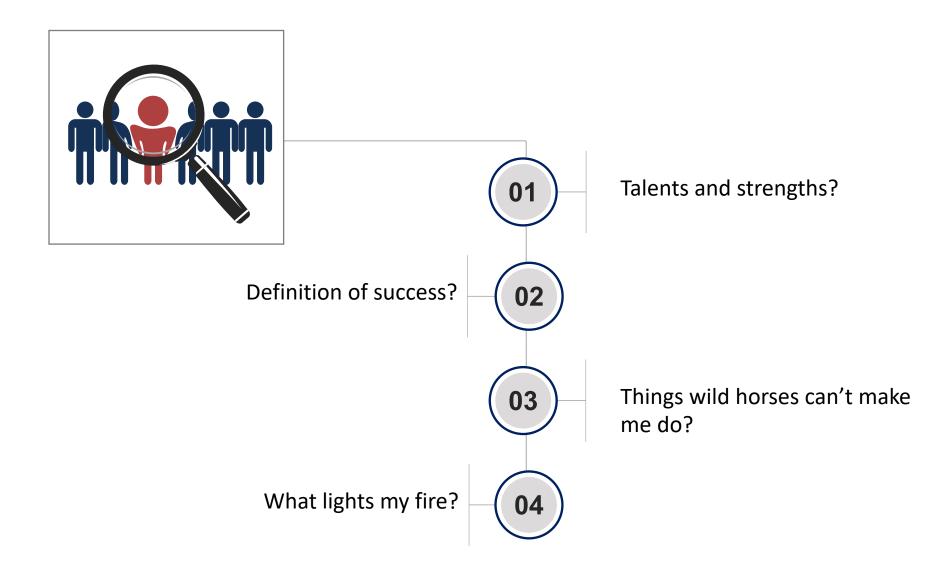








## EXAMINE YOURSELF: YOU, INC.











## **EXAMINE YOURSELF: WHAT LIGHTS YOUR FIRE?**











## LESSONS LEARNED: KEEP LEARNING!











## **LESSONS LEARNED: MENTORS**











#### LESSONS LEARNED: ASKING FOR ADVICE

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## **ASKHOLE**

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A person who constantly asks for your advice, yet always does the opposite of what you told them.









## LESSONS LEARNED: GETTING ADVICE











## FIND YOUR TRIBE: NETWORKING













## FIND YOUR TRIBE: FAMILY & FRIENDS











## FIND YOUR TIME: TIME IS TIME

## YOU CAN GET MORE MONEY

YOU CAN'T GET MORE TIME











It's a Friday afternoon in May. You begin to shut down your laptop after long, but productive day of online workshops when your cellphone rings. You jump up from your #wfh desk looking for your phone you left on the dining room table.











"Hey it's me. It's a done deal with the book publishing company and they want to talk this Monday about virtual talks and book reads. They think people will love your idea—this can go worldwide," says a familiar voice. "Let's get together on a Zoom call Saturday morning."







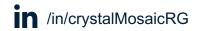




You think about your upcoming deadline with work—if it's not complete by next week, you're toast! You also think about the book deal. What if it doesn't go through? What if it does?

Prepare for Monday's call and call in sick on Monday? **Turn to page 45**If you plan to return to work next Monday, **Turn to page 5** 

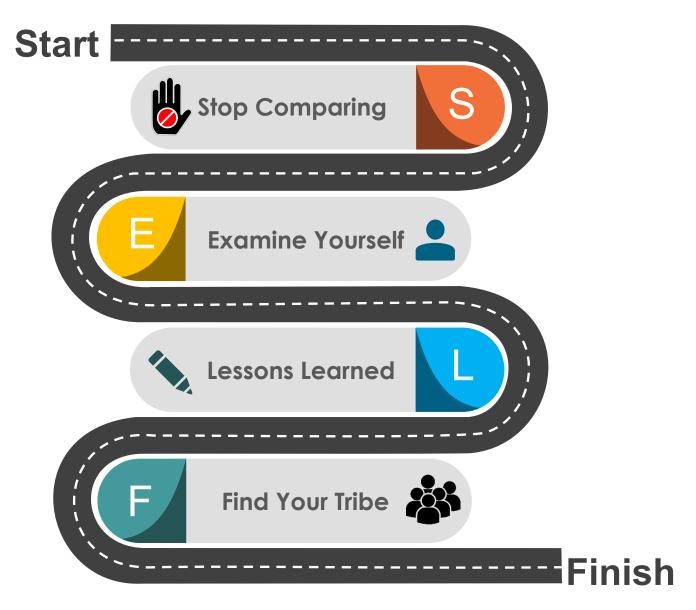








## **CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE: YOU GOT THIS!**











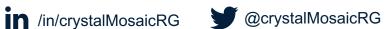
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**BE KIND** 

**CHOOSE JOY** 











# **QUESTIONS**

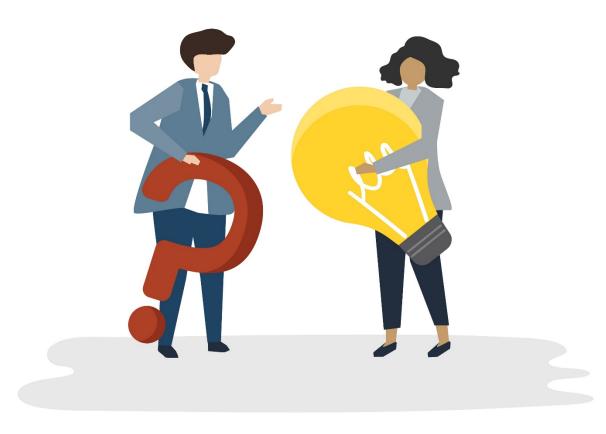


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# This has been fun!





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