

What the Great Migration in the Masai Mara Taught Me About Leadership!

Like many people, I grew up fascinated by Sir David Attenborough's documentaries of the Great Migration in the [#Masai](#) Mara. I always assumed that approximately 1.5 million wildebeest simply followed one another blindly across the Mara River.

My summer trip to [#Kenya](#) and seeing it in person changed my perspective.

What I observed was patience. The animals at the front appeared to pause, assess the conditions, and only move when the timing seemed right. If the crossing looked unsafe, they waited.

It reminded me that effective leadership isn't about moving first —it's about knowing when to move.

The experience reinforced a few timeless leadership principles:

- Assess risk before acting.
- Stay focused on the destination.
- Uncompromising the safety of team
- Adapt to changing conditions.
- Communicate direction with confidence.
- Balance courage with patience.

Sometimes, nature provides the most powerful lessons in leadership.

What's the most valuable leadership lesson you've learned outside the workplace?

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