

THE GRAVITY RESTAURANT LEADERSHIP SYSTEM

Quiet Gravity

Manager Reflection Companion Pack

Five Manager's Quiet Mirror reviews and the Five Forces shift-practice section.

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How to Use This Companion Pack

This pack separates the reusable forms, worksheets, checklists, exercises, and control tools from the current source book so managers can print the operating pages without reprinting the full book. Read the source book for instruction, examples, context, and current use guidance.

Included resource groups

- Part I-V Manager's Quiet Mirror reviews
- Leadership application and self-review
- Living the Five Forces on every shift

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THE MANAGER'S QUIET MIRROR

After Part One — What People Feel Before You Manage Them

A power question

Which decisions affecting hours, sections, training, discipline, or opportunity would be hardest for me to explain to the employee most affected by them?

The first part of this book asks you to look beneath words, roles, and intentions. Before moving forward, notice what the people around you may already know through experience. Do not answer quickly. The most useful answer may be the one that makes you pause.

Questions to sit with

1. What changes in a room when I enter it?
2. Who has become more careful, polished, quiet, or agreeable around me?
3. What does stress do to my face, tone, pace, and attention?
4. When did someone last bring me an uncomfortable truth without first managing my reaction?
5. Where does the person I intend to be differ from the person others repeatedly experience?

A pattern to notice

For seven days, watch the first thirty seconds after you enter a room, answer a call, or join a conversation. Notice shoulders, pace, eye contact, humor, silence, and how quickly people begin editing themselves. Do not assume every change is about you. Simply become curious about the pattern.

A repair to consider

Think of one person who may have learned to prepare for you. A repair does not require a dramatic confession. It may begin with: “I have been thinking about what it feels like when I am stressed. I

may have made you carry more of that than I understood.” Then stop explaining and listen.

A seven-day practice

Once each day, enter one interaction ten percent more slowly. Unclench your hands. Lower your pace. Put away the device. Let the other person finish one full answer before you prepare your own. At the end of the week, ask what changed when your presence arrived before your agenda.

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After Part Two — The Five Forces of Quiet Gravity at Work

Before moving on, consider the employee who receives a different version of you because you personally like or dislike them.

A fairness question

Who receives less patience, warmth, explanation, opportunity, or benefit of the doubt because of how I feel about them — and have I done the honest work of understanding why?

Presence, safety, stability, curiosity, and trust are not personality traits reserved for naturally calm people. They are practices. They become believable through repetition, especially when pressure makes the old reaction easier. Use this pause to identify the force that needs your attention most.

Questions to sit with

1. Where am I physically present but emotionally elsewhere?
2. What truth has become too expensive for someone to bring me?
3. Which version of me do people prepare for when I am tired, disappointed, or afraid?
4. What question could I ask before defending myself?
5. Where am I asking for trust faster than my recent behavior has earned it?

A pattern to notice

Listen for the force that disappears first under pressure. Some people lose presence and become distracted. Some lose safety and become sharp. Some lose stability and become unpredictable. Some lose curiosity and become certain. Some demand trust while offering too little evidence. Name your first disappearance.

A repair to consider

Choose the force you have neglected most and name it to someone affected by it. Try: “I say I want honesty, but I think my reactions have made honesty difficult.” Or: “I have been inconsistent, and I understand why my promises may not feel reliable yet.” Do not ask for reassurance. Offer evidence over time.

A seven-day practice

Assign one day to each force. On the sixth and seventh days, repeat the two that were hardest. Presence: give one person undivided attention. Safety: receive one difficult truth without punishment. Stability: keep one small promise. Curiosity: ask one question before offering your view. Trust: make one action match one word.

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After Part Three — The Hidden Cost of Performing Leadership

Performance often begins as protection. It helps us earn approval, avoid shame, survive uncertainty, and stay useful. The problem is not that we learned to perform. The problem is when performance becomes the only doorway through which love, dignity, or belonging can reach us. Pause here without trying to look self-aware. The useful question is not whether you can explain your leadership. It is whether the team can experience the change.

Questions to sit with

1. Where do I perform certainty because my title makes not knowing feel dangerous?
2. What system problem am I tempted to blame on employees because ownership would expose a weakness in management?
3. When do I dominate, rescue, overexplain, or become defensive to protect the image of being in control?
4. What do I fear would happen if I told the team, “I do not know yet,” “I need help,” or “I handled that poorly”?
5. Who on the team has been carrying the cost of a leadership performance I have not been willing to examine?

A pattern to notice

Notice the moment your image begins managing the conversation. It may appear as the need to have the answer, hide confusion, rescue everyone, refuse help, tell the better story, or sound unaffected. The performance is often fast. Your awareness must learn to become just as fast.

A repair to consider

Choose one safe relationship and replace a polished answer with a true one. “I do not know.” “That hurt more than I admitted.” “I need

help.” “I am embarrassed.” “I was trying to look certain because I felt afraid.” Let honesty be simple. Do not decorate it into another performance.

A seven-day practice

After each shift, note: “I protected my image when...” and “I protected the truth when...” After seven days, identify what most often makes you perform leadership instead of practice it.

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After Part Four — What Authority Can Teach People to Hide

A confidentiality question

What private information, personal frustration, or unverified story have I allowed to shape another manager's view of an employee?

Pain can make a person disappear, perform, control, please, armor, or remain too long in places that keep proving unsafe. This reflection is not an invitation to make a sudden decision from one difficult moment. It is an invitation to stop calling a repeated pattern an isolated event. Use these questions with honesty and, when needed, qualified support.

Questions to sit with

1. Where have I confused familiarity with safety?
2. Am I facing ordinary human imperfection, or a pattern that repeatedly removes dignity, choice, truth, or safety?
3. Does apology produce changed behavior, or mainly restore access?
4. What boundary have I delayed because I fear another person's reaction?
5. What would compassion look like if it included me too?

A pattern to notice

Notice whether you spend more time explaining reality than living it. Notice whether every boundary becomes a debate, every concern becomes your flaw, and every period of distance produces promises that fade after closeness returns. One event can be misunderstood. A repeated structure deserves attention.

A repair to consider

Choose one boundary that can be stated without accusation: "If voices rise, I will pause the conversation." "I will not discuss private matters through other people." "I am not available for contact

tonight.” “I need professional support before deciding what comes next.” A boundary is not complete until you know what you will do when it is crossed.

A seven-day practice

For seven days, record moments when your body braces, goes numb, rushes to please, or begins rehearsing. Write only the facts: what happened, what was said, what you felt, what you did, and what followed. Do not use the record to prosecute someone. Use it to see the pattern more clearly.

A leadership application

Authority adds another responsibility to the work of boundaries. A manager must be able to protect the team without turning protection into retaliation. That means naming observable behavior, using consistent standards, documenting what matters, and refusing to let personal anger become the hidden policy.

Questions to carry into the next shift

1. What behavior needs to be named in clear, observable terms?
2. What protection does the team need now—not after the next incident?
3. Am I preserving dignity, or avoiding a necessary conversation?
4. Have I confused forgiveness with restored access or unchanged trust?
5. What would a fair, documented, and consistent boundary look like?

One final distinction

Distance is not always termination. It may mean changing who handles a complaint, pausing a private conversation, bringing in another leader, protecting confidential information, documenting a pattern, or removing immediate access while facts are reviewed. The purpose is not to punish discomfort. It is to keep dignity and safety from depending on one person’s mood or power.

The standard

Be clear enough that people know what must change. Be fair enough that the same conduct receives the same response. Be calm enough that correction does not become humiliation. Be responsible enough to act before the whole team learns that leadership sees the

danger but expects everyone else to carry it. Quiet Gravity is not endless access. It is authority with a conscience—strong enough to protect, restrained enough not to retaliate, and honest enough to know the difference.

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After Part Five — The Kind of Workplace People Remember

The final part turns attention toward legacy: the workplaces where employees can exhale, what teams remember, the leaders who made belonging credible, and the ordinary moments that become a professional inheritance.

Before the conclusion, consider what your daily authority is already teaching.

Questions to sit with

1. What do employees expect from my face when they report a mistake?
2. What small act of leadership from a former manager still influences me?
3. What management pattern am I repeating, and what pattern am I deliberately interrupting?
4. Who becomes more capable and more honest after working with me?
5. What do I hope employees carry into their next role, and what am I practicing now that could make that hope believable?

A pattern to notice

Watch the ordinary moments that seem too small to matter: the first response to a mistake, the way you say goodbye, whether your warmth changes after disappointment, the tone used with someone who cannot benefit you, and whether attention remains when the story is not about you. Legacy is often hidden inside repetition.

A repair to consider

Choose one person who has been a place of exhale for you. Tell them specifically what their presence allowed: “You made mistakes feel survivable.” “You did not make me perform.” “You stayed steady when I was afraid.” Specific gratitude helps people understand the good they have been passing forward.

A seven-day practice

Create one repeatable act of emotional shelter: a weekly call, an undistracted meal, a calmer goodbye, a private correction, a question asked before advice, or a phrase that reminds someone their dignity has not disappeared. Practice it for seven days. Small moments become legacy when they become dependable.

Living the Five Forces on Every Shift

A fourteen-shift practice for owners and managers

Use this section before and after a shift. Before the shift, choose one force to practice. After the shift, identify one moment where the force remained available and one moment where pressure took it away.

PRE-SHIFT

What will this force look like in observable behavior today?

POST-SHIFT

What did employees have to carry around me today that the work itself did not require?

Quiet Gravity is not built by understanding the five forces once. It is built when the forces become available under pressure. The following guide is not a test and not another performance standard. It is a way to carry the book into ordinary life. Use one force at a time. Return when the old pattern rises. Begin again without making the need to begin again evidence of failure.

PRESENCE

Presence is the discipline of arriving where your body already is. It is attention that does not make the other person compete with your phone, your answer, your anxiety, or your need to solve.

Daily question

Where did my attention leave before my body did?

Practice

Give one person one complete answer of undivided attention. Do not interrupt, fix, compare, or turn the story toward yourself.

Warning sign

You are mentally rehearsing, scanning the room, checking a device, or asking questions only to move the conversation toward your preferred conclusion.

Repair sentence

“I was listening to respond, not to understand. Please tell me again.”

SAFETY

Safety is not the absence of standards or difficult truth. It is the experience that honesty, imperfection, and disagreement can enter the room without unnecessary humiliation, retaliation, or emotional punishment.

Daily question

What truth might someone believe is too expensive to bring me?

Practice

Receive one difficult statement with a pause. Begin with, “Thank you for telling me,” or, “Help me understand what it felt like from your side.”

Warning sign

People bring you polished updates, apologize before speaking, hide small mistakes, or study your mood before deciding how honest to be.

Repair sentence

“I said I wanted honesty, but I think my reaction made honesty harder.”

STABILITY

Stability is the repeated experience that your values do not disappear whenever your emotions become intense. It does not mean having no emotion. It means emotion does not become everyone else’s weather without your awareness.

Daily question

Which version of me are people preparing for today?

Practice

Keep one small promise exactly as made. If you cannot, communicate before the promise breaks.

Warning sign

Your warmth changes after disappointment, your rules depend on your mood, silence becomes punishment, or other people take responsibility for calming you before reality can be discussed.

Repair sentence

“My mood changed the room. That was mine to manage, and I am sorry I made it yours.”

CURIOSITY

Curiosity is the ability to remain open when ego wants certainty. It does not require agreeing with every interpretation. It requires learning enough about another person’s experience before closing the case.

Daily question

What might be true that my first explanation cannot hold?

Practice

Ask one honest question before defending: “What do you need me to understand?” “What happened from your side?” “What am I missing?”

Warning sign

You interrupt details, correct language before hearing meaning, search for inconsistencies instead of understanding the pattern, or experience another person’s pain only as an accusation against your character.

Repair sentence

“I became more focused on proving my intention than understanding your experience.”

TRUST

Trust is not a demand, a speech, or the reward another person owes your good intentions. It is the weight your words gain when experience has repeatedly made them believable.

Daily question

Where am I asking for trust faster than evidence allows?

Practice

Choose one promise that matters and make your behavior smaller, clearer, and more consistent than your speech.

Warning sign

You repeat apologies without changing the structure, become impatient with another person's caution, or treat one good moment as payment for a long pattern.

Repair sentence

“I understand why my words are not enough yet. I will let consistency speak.”

A fourteen-day rhythm Days 1–5: Practice one force each day in order. Days 6–10: Repeat the cycle, this time during a more difficult interaction. Day 11: Ask someone you trust which force they experience most strongly around you. Day 12: Ask which force becomes least available when you are under pressure. Day 13: Make one repair without defending your intention.

Day 14: Choose one force to practice for the next month through one small repeatable behavior. Do not try to become impressive at Quiet Gravity. Let the work become quieter than that. One pause. One question. One kept promise. One truth received without punishment. One repair that becomes a different pattern.