



# MANAGING CRISIS

- **Determine boundaries.** Define as best you can the scope of the crisis. Who does it affect? What is the goal of your solution, the best-case outcome? When possible, limit the scope to keep the problem manageable.
- **Ask those who have been there.** Who do you know who has been where you are now? Seek out advice when you can. How did others solve similar issues, and what did it cost them? Complete isolation will keep you from awareness of multiple solutions.
- **Go at the right pace.** Timing is everything. Don't rush, don't procrastinate. Keep pressing toward a solution with as reasonable a deadline as possible. The fire must be put out, but value people more than property in the midst of crisis.
- **Know the right thing to do...** The most difficult crises are those of ethical or moral foundation. But we have a place to find the right thing to do... in God's Word, the Bible.
- **...then have the courage to do it.** The tough thing for a leader in a crisis is doing what needs to be done. Trust God to see you through it. Even if the right thing to do will come at great personal cost, have the courage to face it. Don't run.
- **Engage in a fellowship.** It's important to have the support, wisdom and encouragement of a fellowship, especially during times of crisis. When managing something difficult, find yourself among those you can trust to give you good advice and help where they can. For leaders, we have designed Friday Morning Men's Fellowship as such a place.
- **Bring others with you.** Among the most valuable things you can do for another man is to bring him to the right place to be when crises happen. Help others engage in a fellowship—from family to friends to coworkers. It will enrich their lives, and help them through tough circumstances.