



BEHOLD THE KING

MATTHEW

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—Marshall Goldsmith, Million-selling author of *Succession: Are You Ready* and *What Got You Here Won't Get You There*, a WSJ #1

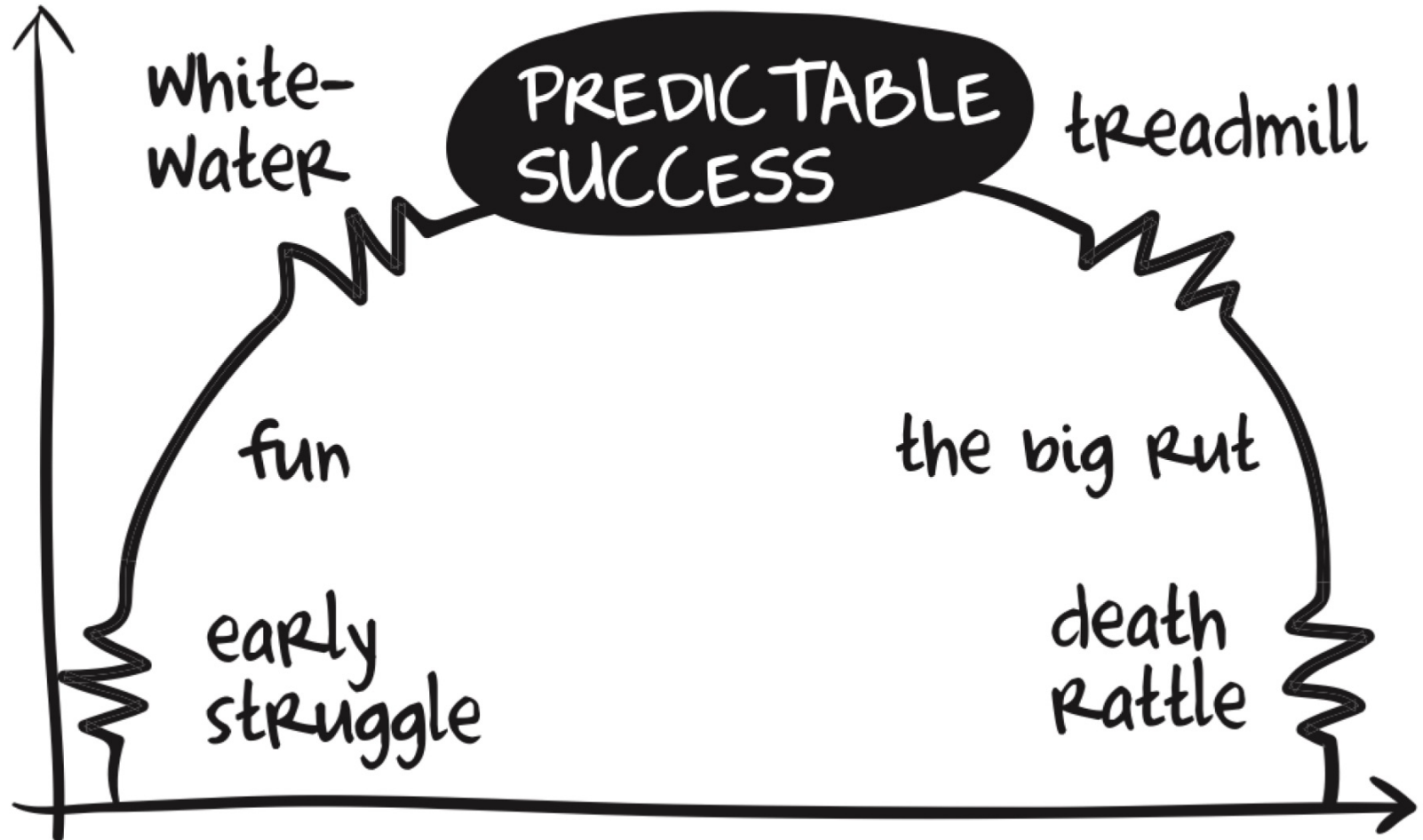
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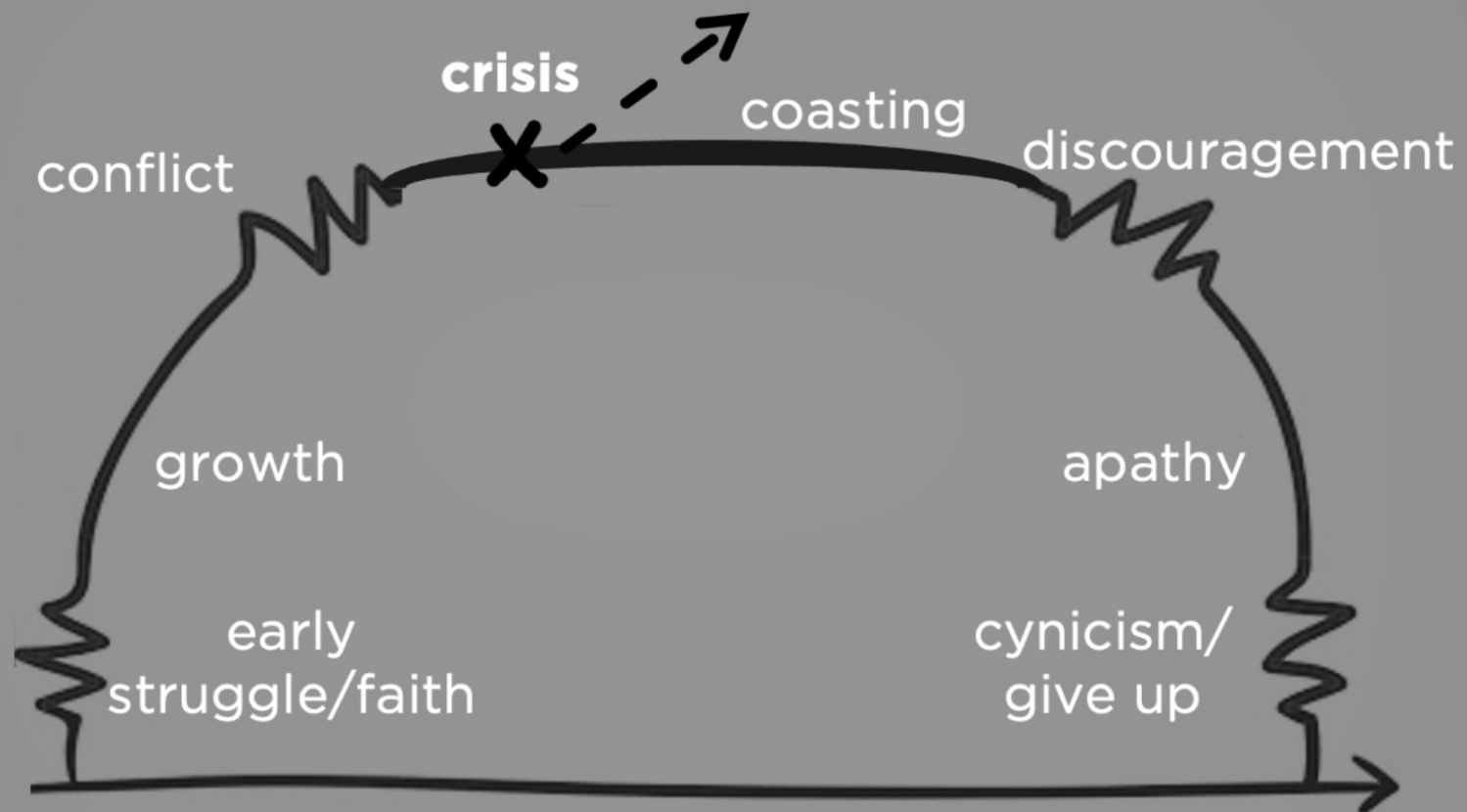
GETTING YOUR ORGANIZATION ON THE
GROWTH TRACK—AND KEEPING IT THERE

A CRITICAL TOOL FOR
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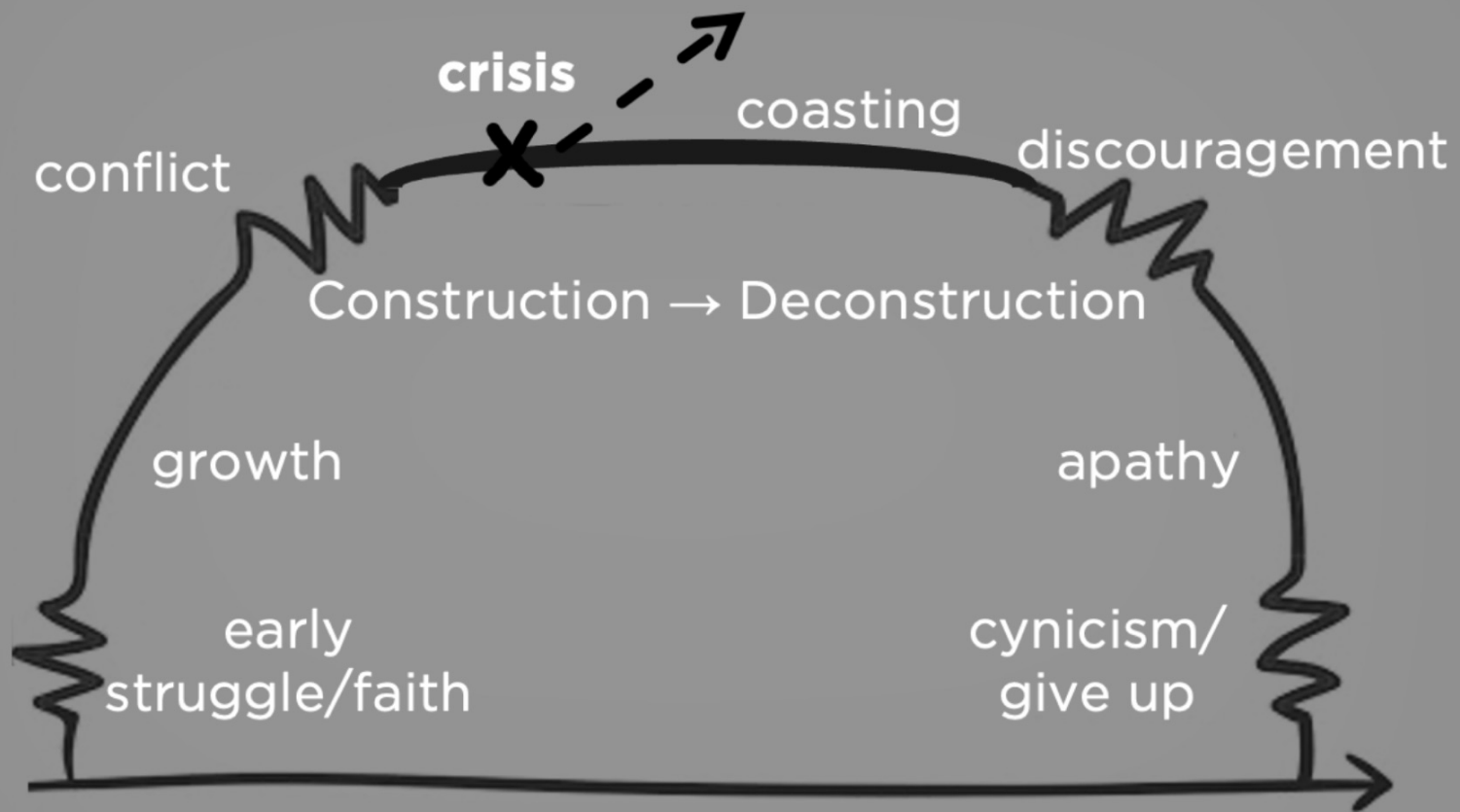


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Show and Tell

1-2	3-7	8-10	11-13	14-18	19-25	26-28
Prologue	Ministry Begins (3-4)	Kingdom Breaks In (8-9)	No Middle Ground (11-12)	You Are the Christ (14-17)	Escalation of Conflict (19-23)	Passion of Christ (26-28)
	Sermon on the Mount (5-7)	Sermon on the Mission (10)	Sermon in Parables (13)	Sermon on Relationships (18)	Sermon on Mt of Olives (24-25)	Great Commission (28:19-20)

Major sermons in Matthew:

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“And when **Jesus had finished** these parables” (13:53)

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“When **Jesus had finished** all these sayings” (26:1)

“And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there” (53)

Jesus's ministry in Nazareth

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“and coming to his hometown he taught them in their synagogue” (54a)



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“so that they were astonished, and said,
‘Where did this man get this wisdom and
these mighty works?’” (54b)

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Six questions:

“Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works?”

“Is not this the carpenter’s son?”

“Is not his mother called Mary?”

“Are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?”

“Are not all his sisters with us?”

“Where then did this man get all these things?”

Craftsman + Nazareth
= miracle-working scribe???

“The wisdom of the scribe depends on the opportunity of leisure; only the one who has little business can become wise.”

Sir.38:24

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2. They are confused (55-56)
3. They are **offended** (57-58)
“and they took offense at him.” (57a)

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to offend = to cause someone to pull away or
distrust someone who is trustworthy

Jesus's response -

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Jesus lamented their **lack of honor.**

“And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household.’” (57b)

Jesus refused to do many **mighty works**
because of their **unbelief**. (58)

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calming the storm (Mark 4:39)

Two observations and one question:

Jesus was so **ordinary** for the first 30 years of his life that his family and neighbors viewed him as **one of them**.

“For we do not have a high priest who is
unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,

“but one who in every respect has
been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 4:15-16

The people of Nazareth allowed their **assumptions** about Jesus to **blind them to Jesus.**

Assumptions eat miracles for lunch.

* Familiarity without **humility** breeds **hostility**.

“And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.”

Matthew 13:58

“The greatest of all illusions is the illusion of familiarity.”

G.K. Chesterton

“The more you see something, the less you really see it. And the more you are around something, the less you really celebrate it.”

Paul Tripp

How do we question familiarity?



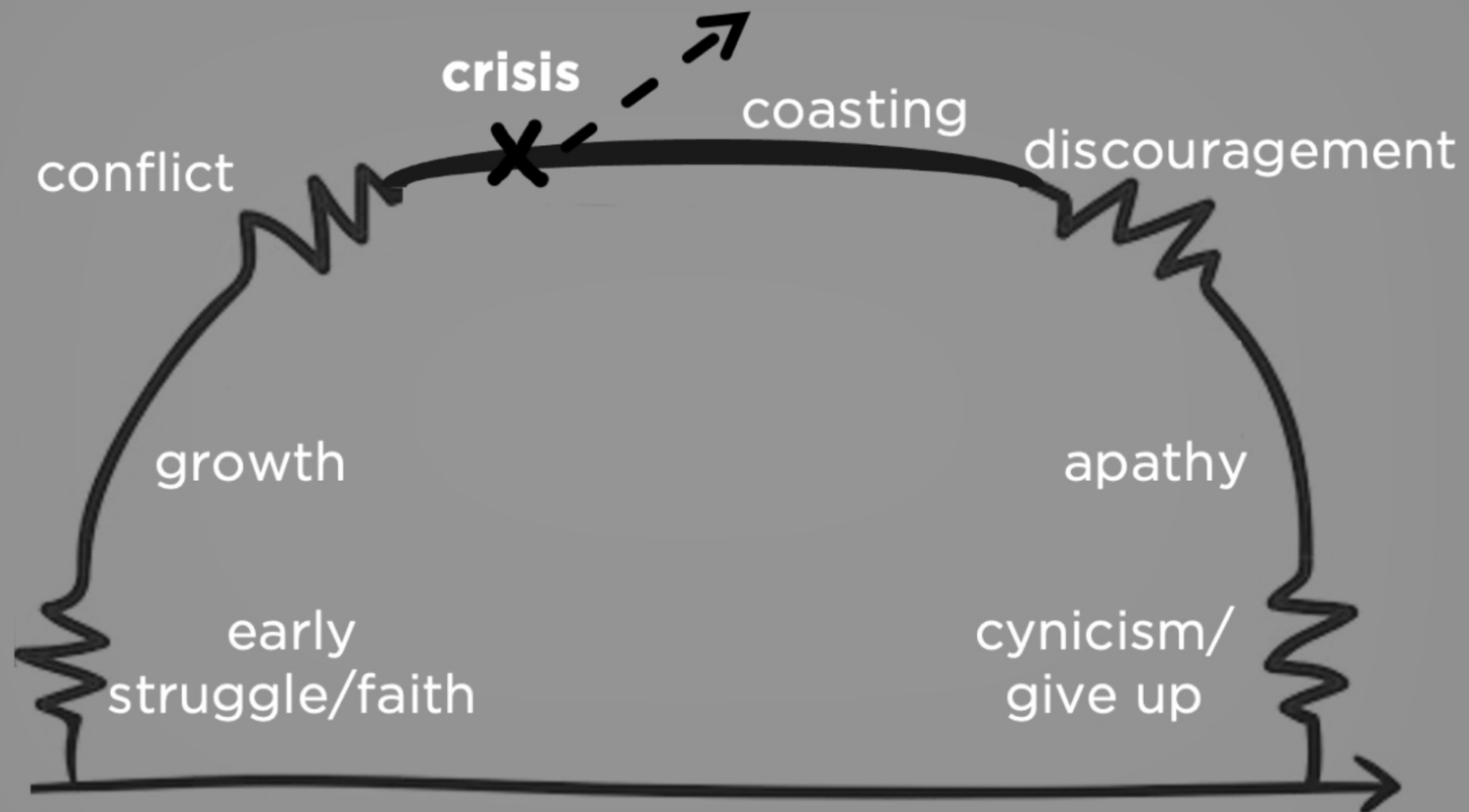
“Our mood was downbeat. I looked out the window at the Ferris wheel of the Great America amusement park revolving in the distance,

“then I turned back to Gordon, and I asked, ‘If we got kicked out, and the board brought in a new CEO, what do you think he would do?’

“Gordon answered without hesitation, ‘He would get us out of memories.’

“I stared at him, numb, then said, ‘Why shouldn’t you and I walk out the door, come back, and do it ourselves?’”

Andy Grove



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“I do not cease to give thanks for you,
remembering you in my prayers,

“that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,

“having the eyes of your hearts enlightened,
that you may know what is the hope to
which he has called you, what are the riches
of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

“and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might

“that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

“far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

“And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.”

Ephesians 1:16-23