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- Welcome and Zoom Webinar user tips
- Today's session on **Teaming in a Virtual World: What Network Science and Research on Astronauts Can Teach Us About Working Together When We Are Apart**
- Q&A

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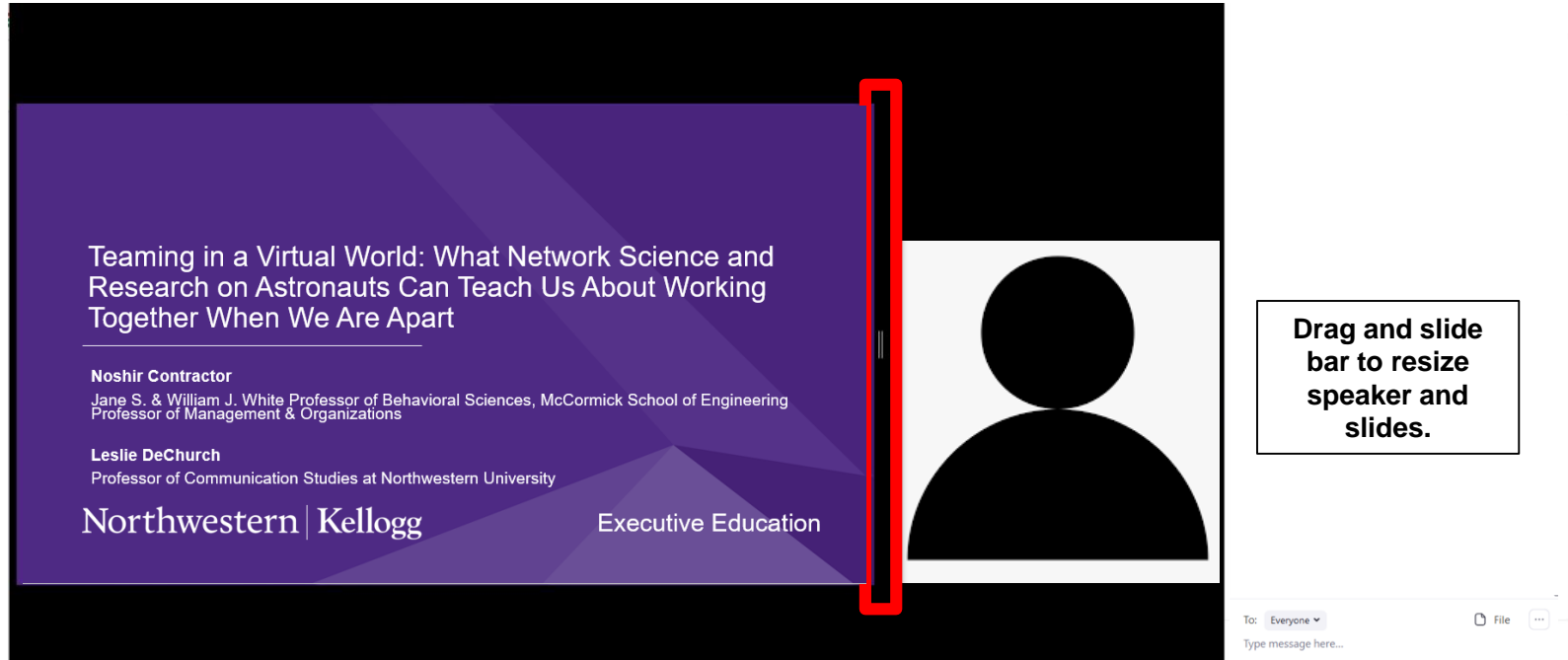


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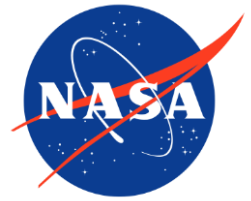
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A futuristic space lander is positioned on the surface of Mars, which is covered in numerous craters and has a reddish-orange hue. The lander is a small, white, spherical object with a central circular opening and several smaller holes around it. The background shows the curved horizon of the planet and a dark, starry sky.

**Humans
will become an
interplanetary
species**



NASA'S JOURNEY TO MARS

Human Research Roadmap

A Risk Reduction Strategy for Human Space Exploration



Risk of Performance and Behavioral Health Decrements Due to Inadequate Cooperation, Coordination, Communication, and Psychosocial Adaptation within a Team

Short Title: Team

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Element: Human Factors and Behavioral Performance (HFBP)

Evidence: [Report](#)

Risk Master Logic Diagram: [Diagram](#)

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HRP Risk Status:

Risk Ratings and Dispositions per Design Reference Mission (DRM) Category

DRM Categories	Mission Duration	Operations		Long-Term Health	
		LxC	Risk Disposition *	LxC	Risk Disposition *
Low Earth Orbit	6 months	3x2	Accepted with Monitoring	2x2	Accepted
	1 year	3x2	Accepted with Monitoring	2x2	Accepted
Deep Space Sortie	1 month	3x2	Accepted with Monitoring	2x2	Accepted
Lunar Visit/Habitation	1 year	3x2	Accepted with Monitoring	2x2	Accepted
Deep Space Journey/Habitation	1 year	3x3	Requires Mitigation	2x2	Accepted
Planetary	3 years	3x4	Requires Mitigation	3x2	Accepted with Monitoring

Mission Duration ~ 259 Days



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Add slide on current mission
launches to Mars this month

Travel Time: 259 Days

Depart from	AU	Years	AU/Year	J2000
Earth	1.0000	1.0000	6.2832	100.4644
Arrive at				
Mars	1.5237	1.8808	5.0902	355.4533
Synodic Period	2.1354 Years		Perihelion DV	2.9448 km/sec
Trip Time	0.7087 Years		Aphelion DV	2.6490 km/sec
			Total DV	5.5937 km/sec

Leave	Month	Day	Year	Arrive	Month	Day	Year
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2005.5202	7	7	2005	2006.2290	3	22	2006
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NASA'S JOURNEY TO MARS

Mars is far ...



**Are you there
Earth?
It's me,
Mars.**



3 - 22
minutes
each
way

Distance



...means CREW Autonomy

**“All the conditions necessary
for murder are met if you shut
two men in a cabin measuring
18 by 20 and leave them
together for two months.”**

-Valery Ryumin, Cosmonaut



What happens to **teamwork**
under extended periods of
isolation & confinement?



Wouldn't it be nice to have a
human **petri dish**?



A human petri dish?

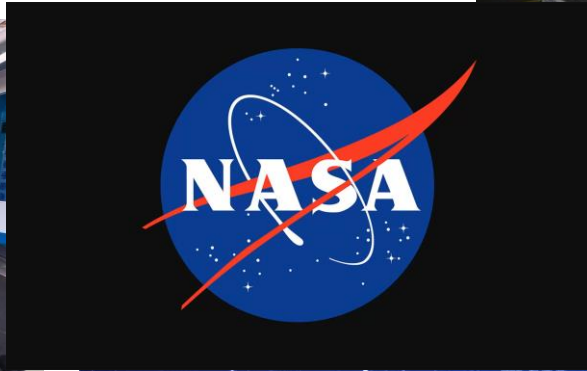
- ... where we could manipulate people's isolation and sensory deprivation for 100s of days
- ... while making them do complex and boring tasks and
- ... monitoring them 24/7 physiologically and via audio/video, administering unlimited surveys?
- ... *Zimbardo's dream ..?*



That's **exactly** what
we are doing

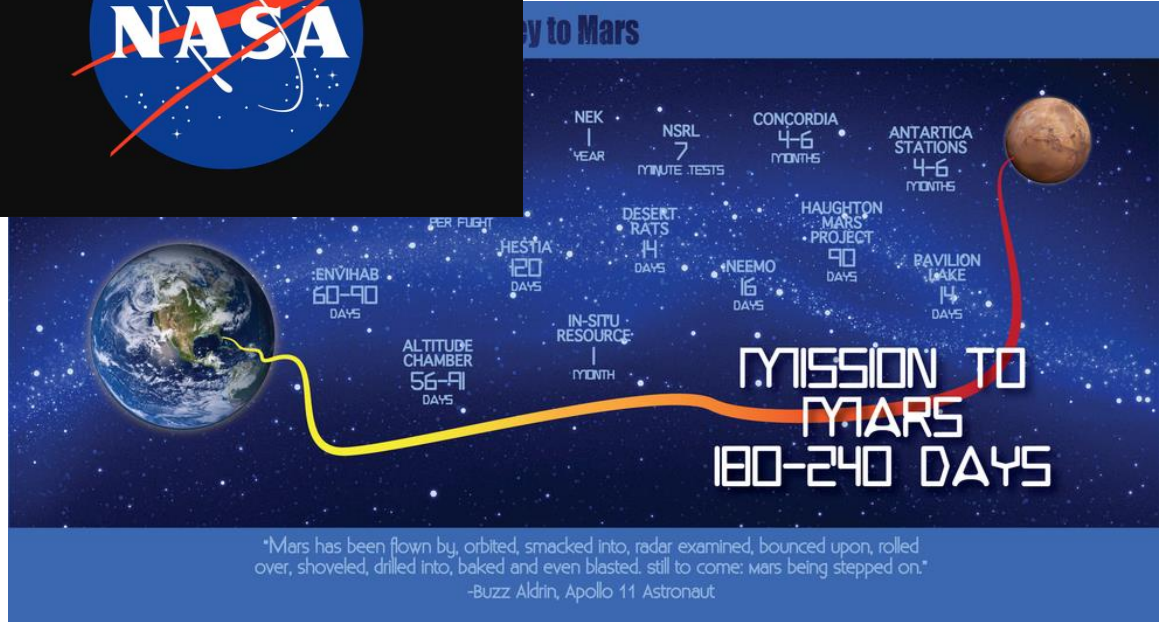


NASA's HERA Space Analog



NASA's HERA XIV crew inside the Habitat

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Japan's Isolation Chamber





European Space Agency

Concordia (S. Pole)



Caves (Sardinia)



Pangaea-X Moon base (Canary Islands)

Now that we have a petri dish...

What happens to **teamwork**
under extended periods of
isolation & confinement?



Can you imagine?

Living & working while...

1. socially isolated from friends & family
2. confined to a relatively small space
3. under conditions that make it difficult to work (e.g., sleep deprivation, distraction, potential health concerns)
4. for an extended period of time



5 lessons from space teams to virtual teams...



Lesson 1.

If you're not with the team you love then love the team you're with

Exploring the cosmos

The problems of flying to Mars

Astronauts will have to worry about space radiation—and also each other



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Lesson 2.

The new Covid team competency: Small group living



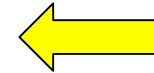
Table 1. Mission profiles for astronaut job analysis.

Mission Type	A	B	C	D
Duration (up to)	6 Months	12 Months	12 Months	12 - 36 Months
Distance from Earth	Low Earth Orbit	Low Earth Orbit	Deep Space Exploration	Deep Space Exploration
Crew Size	6	6	4	4-6
Vehicle Size	Large	Large	Medium/Small	Medium/Small
Communication Delay (one-way)	.5 – 3 Seconds	.5 – 3 Seconds	8 – 10 Minutes	10 – 20 Minutes

Note: Adapted from Barrett et al., 2015.

Table 2. Competency importance ratings derived from the updated astronaut job analysis for each mission.

	Type A	M	Type B	M	Type C	M	Type D	M
1	Teamwork	82.33	Teamwork	82.71	Self-Care	93.93	Self-Care	95.14
2	Communication	79.40	Self-Care	82.57	Small Group Living	92.29	Technical	94.21
3	Adaptability	79.20	Judgment	81.07	Teamwork	90.50	Small Group Living	94.07
4	Self-Care	79.13	Adaptability	80.43	Judgment	90.21	Judgment	92.57
5	Judgment	78.67	Communication	80.21	Technical	90.00	Motivation	92.00
6	Situational Followership	78.60	Small Group Living	78.86	Autonomous Worker	89.07	Teamwork	91.50
7	Technical	75.80	Situational Followership	78.57	Motivation	88.07	Adaptability	91.00
8	Motivation	75.60	Motivation	76.79	Adaptability	87.79	Autonomous Worker	89.59
9	Learner/Teacher	75.00	Sociability	76.36	Communication	87.07	Communication	88.86
10	Sociability	74.40	Learner/Teacher	75.59	Situational Leadership	87.00	Situational Leadership	87.64
11	Confidence	73.67	Situational Leadership	75.14	Sociability	83.43	Emotional Independence	86.00
12	Operations Orientation	72.73	Confidence	74.21	Emotion Management	83.00	Sociability	85.79
13	Small Group Living	71.13	Technical	74.07	Operations Orientation	82.71	Operations Orientation	84.14
14	Situational Leadership	70.40	Operations Orientation	73.57	Situational Followership	82.07	Emotion Management	83.71
15	Autonomous Worker	69.27	Emotion Management	71.57	Emotional Independence	81.07	Situational Followership	83.29
16	Emotion Management	68.80	Autonomous Worker	70.43	Learner/Teacher	80.14	Learner/Teacher	81.93
17	Family	62.73	Family	66.71	Confidence	79.43	Confidence	81.00
18	Emotional Independence	60.20	Emotional Independence	66.36	Family	75.64	Family	75.86



Add legend on what is Type A, Type B, Type C and Type D

Note: M = mean score of SME ratings on a 100-point scale. Colors call attention to ratings of importance, within each mission type. Adapted from Barrett et al., 2015.

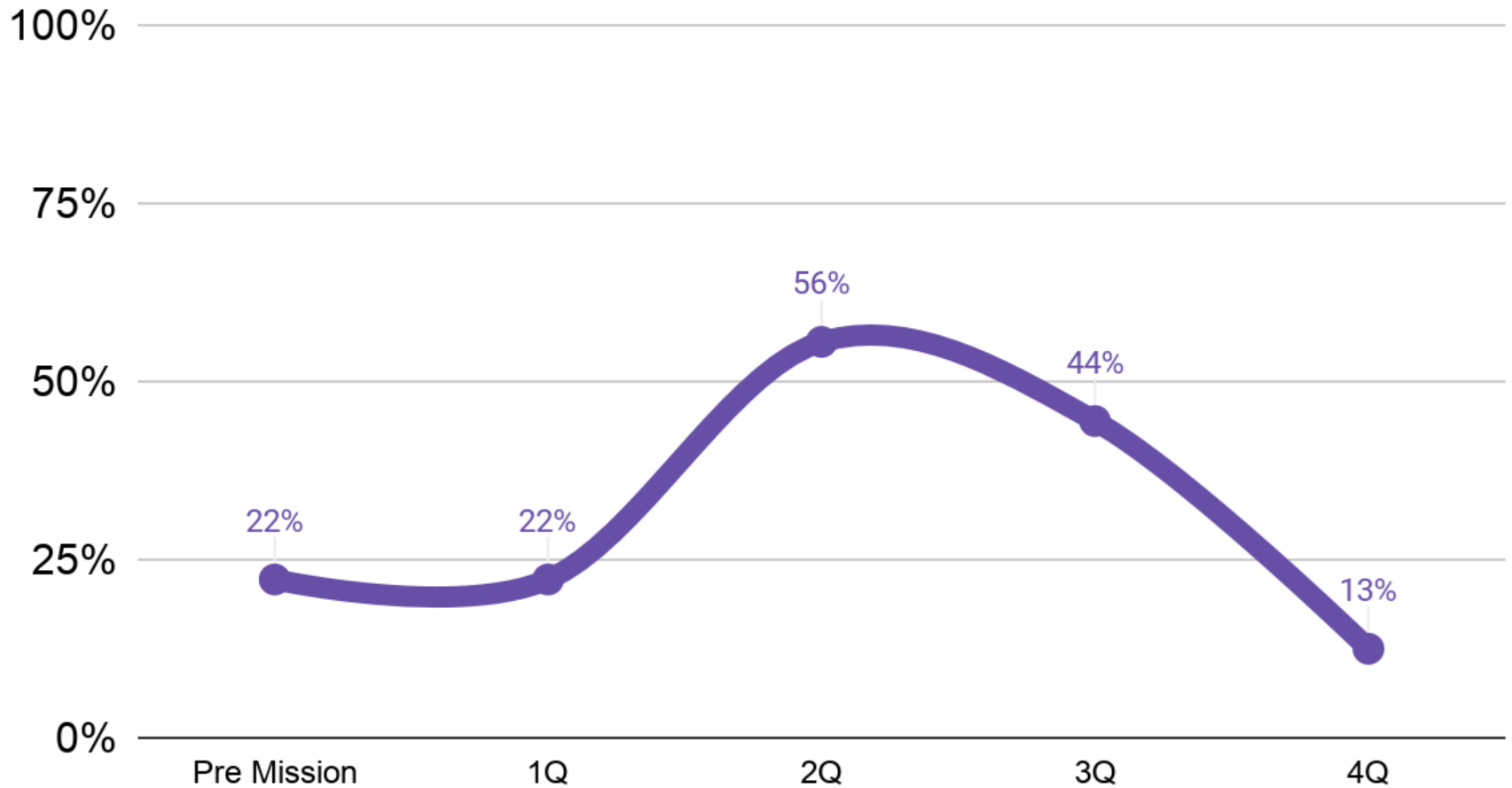
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Lesson 3.

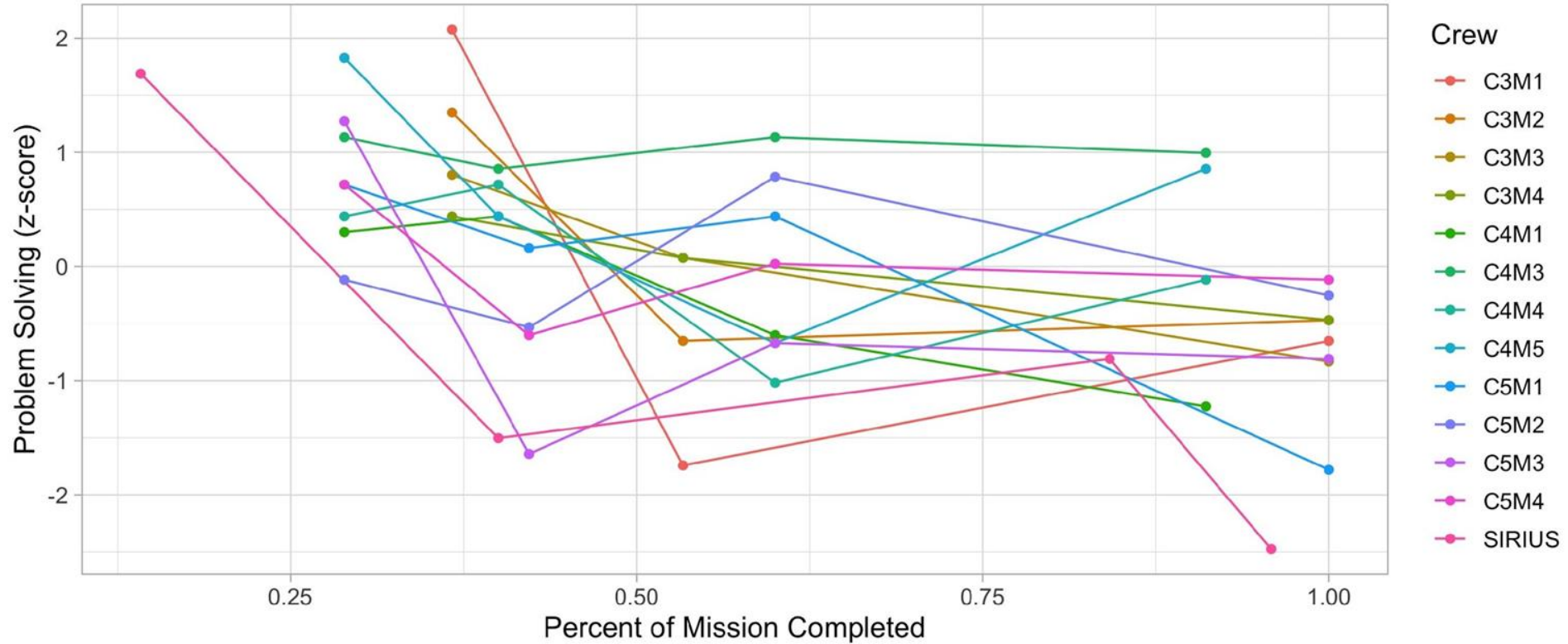
The third-quarter phenomenon



Decision Accuracy by Mission Phase (5 Phases)



Problem Solving Task Performance





Lesson 4.

Create structure & meaningful routines





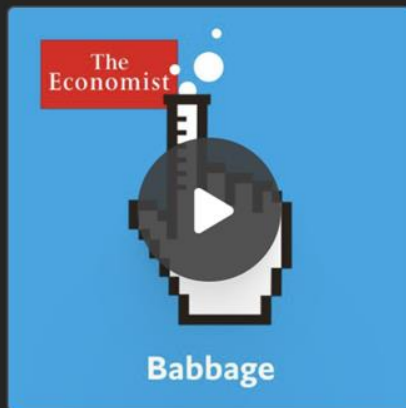
Shackleton's Crew



Lesson 5.
Humor is a coping style



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Humans
will become an
interplanetary
species...but first



**They will learn to
collaborate
virtually from all
over the globe.**

Teaming in a Virtual World

1. Re-pair your team
2. Promote positive small-group living
3. Manage the third quarter
4. Create structure & meaningful routines
5. Remember that humor is a coping style



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