

# Learning Inspirations

## LEARNING LINK OCT-DEC 23 THE BEST LEADERSHIP MOVIES FOR INSPIRATION

Looking for something to watch over the holidays? Here are a selection of movies which are entertaining (*in fact you may have watched a couple of them*) but each of these movies incorporates a different leadership lesson for you to learn. Some of these are positive and some negative leadership lessons, but all of them effectively get the point across. So why not watch them again with a fresh perspective?



**Invictus** shows what inspiring and effective leadership is and how high an organization can go when its leaders set an example for everyone else to follow. This movie reveals all the secrets of being an effective manager.

### Key Takeaway

Be the change you want to see in the world, and always hold fast to that vision.



**The Social Network** explores Mark Zuckerberg and the founding of Facebook. You see how Zuckerberg and co-founder Eduardo Saverin settled the conflict that helped define the company.

The Social Network does a great job of showing that building relationships is better than burning bridges.

### Key Takeaway

Burning bridges can have negative consequences in the long run, so always value your relationships.



**The Pursuit of Happyness** is based on the true story of Chris Gardner, a down on his luck entrepreneur who finds himself homeless with his son in San Francisco.

There are countless leadership lessons in the movie. But, perhaps the most obvious is persistence and dedication. With the right mindset and a can-do attitude, the real Chris Gardner proved that anything is possible.

### Key Takeaway

No matter how hard your situation gets, dedication and a positive attitude are essential to moving forward and reaching your goals.

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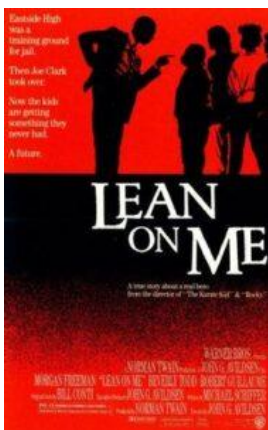


**The Last Castle** is one of the best leadership movies. It follows Eugene Irwin, a disgraced general in prison for disobeying orders.

There are plenty of valuable lessons on leadership throughout this movie. But the one that stands out the most, and that many poor leaders forget, is that the best way to lead is by example.

#### Key Takeaway

If you want the respect of those in your organization, you need to be willing to lead by example and put in the same work.



**Lean On Me** is one of the best leadership movies that depicts a high school torn apart by gangs, drugs, poverty, and depression.

Freeman does an outstanding job of playing a character who demonstrates that self-sacrifice and passion can profoundly impact the people you're leading and help correct course when everything seems lost.

#### Key Takeaway

Solid leadership requires passion and the ability to sacrifice for the betterment of your team.



**Locke** is the story of a family man and successful construction manager on the eve of the biggest challenge of his career.

The main character of Locke does a fantastic job of illustrating that, as a leader, you will make mistakes in your personal and professional life and these are all valuable lessons.

#### Key Takeaway

Leaders make mistakes. However, great leaders own up to them and face the consequences in stride.

This is a solid collection to get you motivated and learn a few leadership lessons. The characters in these movies are incredibly varied, and the stories span various genres. However, each does an excellent job of conveying a different lesson about leadership, both positive and negative.

Using the key takeaways from these films, you can begin implementing leadership lessons in your own life that help you overcome adversity and push your team to new heights, like many of the characters in these films.

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