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## BreakThrough Conflict ${ }^{\text {tm }}$

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## Intent does not equal impact. INTENT $\neq$ IMPACT

## Every message has two levels:

## CONTENT

## RELATIONSHIP

## Selective Perception

## "As If " Principle

## Silence and Avoidance

## A Model for Responding to Criticism

1. Active Listening - Nonverbal curiosity and paraphrasing
2. Ask for Details - Request clarifying information
3. Guess - when the critic can't think of a specific example, you come up with one
4. Agree with Facts
5. Acknowledge the Critic's Perception

## A Model for Raising Delicate Issues

1. Opener - Psychological agreement to have the conversation

- I-Feeling Language
- Edit Accusatives


## Accusative Phrase:



## A Model for Raising Delicate Issues

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2. Pinpoint Details
3. Acknowledge Your Part
4. Agree on a Solution

- "Here's what I can do to help make this work..."
- "Is there anything else you' d like me to do?"
- "It would help me if you would..."


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