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### **“An elephant does not die from one broken rib”**

In your professional journey as a leader, you will undoubtedly encounter obstacles in your path. Some of these problems will be mere speed bumps or small potholes in the road that will cause you no concern, but others will be large or significant enough to stop you in your tracks. It is in these latter situations that it is worth considering this ancient Kenyan wisdom.

*An elephant does not die from one broken rib -- Ancient Kenyan proverb*

Whether it's almost all your staff calling in sick on the busiest day of the month, or a two-day loss of financial data due to a system failure; whether it's a noticeable drop in sales in the past quarter, or an ongoing problem with an insubordinate employee, remember that each of these are just single bones in a much larger skeleton. When trouble comes (and it will), it may seem easier to just give up and throw in the towel ... but don't! Instead, think of yourself as an elephant – strong, intelligent, steady and determined. Even with a broken rib, an elephant will persevere, because it has enough other abilities to draw strength from. True, a broken rib can be painful to an elephant, just as an unexpected setback can be difficult or cause costly delays for you. But just as an elephant won't let a single broken rib impede its progress, so you too cannot let one or two obstacles hold you back from overall success. Instead, it's up to you to find an interim solution to tape up the fracture, and focus on your longer journey towards your ultimate goal.