

THE TORAH OF LEADERSHIP

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Frances Danby, "The Deluge," oil on canvas, 1840, (2845 × 4521 mm), The Tate, London

Genesis 6:5-8

וַיֵּרָא יְהוָה כִּי רַבָּה רָעַת הָאָדָם בְּאָרֶץ וְכָל-יֹצֵר מַחְשַׁבֹת לִבּוֹ בָּק רַע כָּל-הַיּוֹם:

וַיִּנְחַם יְהוָה כִּי-עָשָׂה אֶת-הָאָדָם בְּאָרֶץ וַיִּתְעַצֵּב אֶל-לִבּוֹ:

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֲמַחֶה אֶת-הָאָדָם אֲשֶׁר-בְּרָאתִי מֵעַל פְּנֵי הָאֲדָמָה מֵאָדָם עַד-בְּהֵמָה עַד-רֶמֶשׂ וְעַד-עוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם כִּי גַמְתִּי כִּי עָשִׂיתֶם:

וַיֵּן מִצָּא חֵן בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה

The Lord saw how great was humanity’s wickedness on earth, and how every plan devised by his mind was nothing but evil all the time. And the Lord regretted that He had made humans on earth, and His heart was saddened. The Lord said, “I will blot out from the earth the people whom I created—humans together with beasts, creeping things, and birds of the sky; for I regret that I made them.” But Noah found favor with the Lord.



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Reflective Question

Consider a time you regretted something you created. Describe that regret and what you did in its aftermath.

Leadership Challenge

What speed bumps and mechanisms can you put in place to minimize leadership regrets?

