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## Five for Friday Show Notes

### Teaser:

I have big plans for my greenhouse:

- Rainwater collection system
- Automated watering
- 55-gallon drums full of water to act as thermal batteries
- Inside trim to look nicer
- More shelving

It will be so awesome!

But this is only one of many things. How do I decide? What's my next step? Stay tuned.

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Insert intro

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Today's episode of Five for Friday recaps the strategic leadership emails for the week of May 8-12, 2023.

Celebrations: Garden planted out! New AP (1 & 2) mentoring program progress!

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Monday:

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Takeaway: So many things can go wrong:

- Initial steps fail
- We stumble around, overwhelmed by so many needs



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- We rush to action, treating symptoms, instead of investing in identifying problems
- Spend time on what we like to do versus investing time into what we need to do

Remember that strategic leaders:

- Put people before purpose
- Focus on the important, not the urgent
- Identify problems instead of treating symptoms
- Understand that progress is different from action

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That is this week's Five for Friday rendition of The Assistant Principal Podcast.

I look forward to seeing you again next Tuesday when we feature my interview with Tequilla Lamar about imposter syndrome. Tequilla is the Education for Social Impact Program Manager for Google and a former principal. More importantly, Tequilla is a magical human being. We had never met before this interview but connected instantly. The show was recorded in mid-March and I have been dying to release it – this might be the best show we have done so far. Please stay tuned and consider promoting the episode with your colleagues, it is so powerful.

Speaking of powerful, what would it be like to have your own small group of professionals walking with you on your AP journey? Colleagues from other districts and sates, but who are going through the same challenges you are? A private group where you don't need to be afraid to ask a question or be vulnerable. A group that meets regularly to check in, to solve problems, and to hold each other accountable. We haven't begun actively recruiting yet, but as our mentoring program takes shape we are connecting with people. If you are going to be a new or second year AP next school year, consider emailing me at [frederick@frederickbuskey.com](mailto:frederick@frederickbuskey.com) and I'll share some information about what we are doing. No pressure, no sales, just a sneak peek at where we are heading.

I'm Frederick Buskey and thank you again for joining me on this episode of the Assistant Principal Podcast. Remember to subscribe so you don't miss a single episode. Cheers!

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