

**Episode:** <u>Setting Boundaries at Work: The #1 Skill to Prevent Burnout and Reset Your Career (Ft. Wendy DuCassé, DSW, LCSW)</u>

**Duration:** 32 min.

#### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

Boundaries are an essential skill for protecting your energy and preventing burnout.

Boundaries function like a doorway into connection—doors let some things in and keep others out, and boundaries help define what's okay and not okay in relationships.

A boundary isn't always a firm "no;" sometimes it's a thoughtful "yes, if..." that clarifies the conditions you need to move forward.

Setting boundaries can feel uncomfortable. Anchoring to your "why" can help you hold steady.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Where do unclear or missing boundaries show up in our team's daily work?
- 2. Which situations tend to stretch us past our limits, and what boundaries would help prevent that?
- 3. Where could we use more "yes, if..." conversations with each other?
- 4. What expectations or norms do we need to clarify so everyone knows what's okay and not okay?
- 5. How can we make it easier for team members to express their needs without fear of judgment or backlash?
- 6. What's one boundary each of us can practice this week that would support our energy, focus, or effectiveness?

### **CHOOSE A CHALLENGE!**

- As a team, identify one area where boundaries are blurry and agree on a shared boundary to pilot for one week.
- Create a simple team agreement defining what's okay and not okay in how you work together—then commit to testing it for the next month.
- Have team members identify one boundary that supports their best work (i.e., focus time, response time, meeting etiquette) and share it with the group.
- Do a "doorways check-in." Ask each team member where they need their door more open, partially open, or closed, and discuss how the team can honor those needs.



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