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Elevator Pitch Template: "Brand You in 30 Seconds"

"Hi, I'm [Name], a [Current Role] known for [Signature Strength or Contribution]. I help [Team/Org/Clients] [Solve Problem or Achieve Outcome] by [Skill/Method/Approach].

I'm passionate about [Industry/Belief/Impact] and currently focused on [Aspirational Goal or Value-Aligned Mission]. I'd love to connect with others interested in [Topic/Area of Growth]."

Example:

"Hi, I'm Jordan, a Learning & Development Manager known for designing inclusive leadership programs that stick. I help mid-level leaders show up with more confidence and clarity by blending research-backed frameworks with real-world coaching. I'm passionate about helping people lead with both heart and strategy—and I'm currently exploring new ways to scale this impact across global teams."

Elevator Pitch Checklist: "Say It Like You Mean It"

✓ Clarity on Who You Are State your name and role (or aspirational role). Add a short, powerful personal title (e.g., "I'm a people-first project manager," or "I help ideas get executed at scale.") ✓ Your Unique Value What's the one skill, strength, or superpower that sets you apart? Frame it with impact: "I'm known for..." or "My team counts on me for..."

▼ The Problem You Solve

☐ Identify the challenge you help your team or org overcome (e.g., chaos, misalignment, disengagement).

Use "I help" or "I make it easier for"
✓ Your Results or Vision
 Add a specific result you've driven OR a vision you believe in. "Because of my leadership, [result]" or "I believe [future-focused belief]"
✓ Call to Action
For networking: "I'm exploring new leadership opportunities in [field/industry]." For visibility: "I'd love to collaborate more cross-functionally—especially around [topic]."
Personal Brand Checklist: "Own Your Narrative"
🔊 Identity & Intent
 Do you know your top 3 brand words? (e.g., Strategic. Grounded. Connector.) Are you clear on how you want to be perceived? (Leader, Expert, Collaborator, etc.) Can you articulate your "why" in leadership?
◎ Strengths & Skills
☐ Have you identified your top 2-3 strengths with examples?☐ Can you share a success story that highlights your strengths?
🗓 Visibility & Voice
 Is your LinkedIn headline aligned with your elevator pitch? Do your emails, meetings, and updates reflect your leadership brand? Are you showing up with consistency across digital platforms?
Positioning for Promotion
 ☐ Have you made your career goals known to your manager or sponsor? ☐ Can you confidently talk about the value you bring at team/org level? ☐ Do you have advocates who can speak on your behalf?