# Leading through a downturn



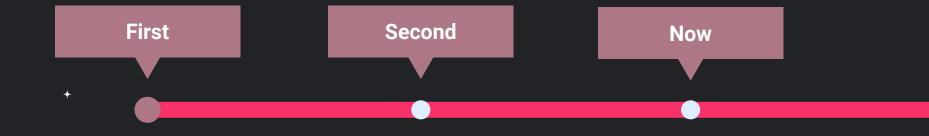
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CUSTOMERS PURCHASED FROM SHOPIFY BUSINESSES

## Personal Experience



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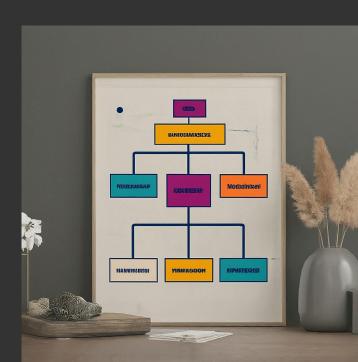


### **Team Structure**

New reality: slower hiring, smaller teams

#### Think of:

- Mentorship opportunities
- Leadership development
- Skill development



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## Always-On Performance Management



## **Support Movement**

- Think of your company, not your team
- Better for everyone to be given the best opportunities and for teams to collaborate



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### **You Got This!**

Focus on what is within your control

## **Thanks**