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Monika Korra’s lecture both reaffirmed beliefs I held regarding leadership as well as gave me entirely new viewpoints I hadn’t previously considered. The most impactful part of her lecture was her elements for healing. Korra states that openness, hope, justice, passion, and forgiveness were the main aspects that helped her overcome tragedy.

Korra emphasized the importance of having people around to support you through pain and hardship. She shared a quote, “Together we are stronger”. I already believed a leader is only as strong as the people he or she is leading, but she provided me with a real-life example of how imperative this principle truly is. Korra also made a point to stress that the future is what lies before us, and that is the only thing we can change. One thing she said that really stood out to me was a challenge to be an ambassador of hope. A leader must be an ambassador of hope, especially during difficult times, to have an impact on their followers and encourage them to pursue through hardship.

Korra discussed the elements of passion and forgiveness in detail. She noted how she shifted her focus to achieving goals in what she loved; running. One quote that I really appreciated from Korra was “We lose ourselves in the things we love; we find ourselves there too”. In leadership, passion can bring someone a long way. Investing oneself honestly and emotionally in a mission provides endless possibilities for growth and success. Forgiveness is another important aspect of leadership. Korra had an interesting idea of leadership, describing it as “finding peace through letting go”. The ability to let go as a leader is imperative because people are not perfect and will mess up. The true test of a leader is how he or she responds to failure, and without forgiveness, effective leadership is not possible.

Korra mentioned how her belief that everything happens for a reason was a key factor in helping her overcome her hardship. As a Christian, it is comforting to see leaders such as Korra emphasize the importance of combining your personal values and ethics with leadership. This lecture strengthened my belief that a leader is only as strong as his or her personal values.

I will apply what I’ve learned from this lecture by holding onto Korra’s words, specifically her five elements for healing. Understanding and practicing openness, hope, justice, passion, and forgiveness will help me to grow and thrive as a leader. Korra concluded her lecture by stating, “I don’t want to spend my energy on being angry or hate” and followed it with a suggestion to spend our energy on the people we love. I think this is fantastic advice, as it focuses on driving out the negative by embracing the positive. Monika Korra taught me a great deal about leadership, and I look forward to implementing her strategies in the future.