

# Turkey Misfire

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## Gobble, gobble

Chayse, a software developer for JH Kelly, a Longview, WA based construction firm that provides services to commercial facilities, told Session 4 of the Leadership Development Lab™:



'Back in May of 2023, I went on a turkey hunt in Spokane, WA. My friends and I had been self-teaching how to hunt turkey and we had been vastly failing. Each failure taught us a lesson that we applied bring us closer to bagging a turkey on our next hunt.

'This particular hunt, I was on my own. I found a spot where I two gobblers were on opposite sides of me. At one point, a hen walked through clucking, but the gobblers didn't want to come in. Nothing I could do but wait. I ended up reading a book and taking a nap under the tree I'd been leaning against.

'When I woke up, I started calling again. Then, I thought back to an article I had read



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that mentioned if you can figure out what noise the hens are making, try to imitate that. I pulled out my box call and let out some “clucks” that were perfect imitations of the hen that came through. After a short

while, the gobblers were fired up! They seemed jealous of each other and my call was drawing one of them in. I got my shotgun ready.

‘Just as the turkey came into a shooting lane, I pulled the trigger . . . click. The firing pin had dropped but the shell didn’t fire. My stomach sank. I thought for sure I was going to fail again.

‘I kept calm and waited for the bird to get behind some brush, then pulled the slide of my shotgun back ejecting the dud and waited for him to come back into the clearing. As soon as he did, I dropped the slide which loaded another shell and then pulled the trigger . . . BANG! The bird dropped and I ran up to secure my first turkey! All the failures and lessons I went through brought me to this moment and I couldn’t have been prouder!

‘The lesson I learned from this experience is that when I persevere through complications, mishaps, and failure, I achieve my goals – I hit my target.



‘The action I call you to take is to take a fresh look at some of the goals you have given up on due to complications or mishaps and give them another shot . . . BANG! You just might hit your target.

‘The benefit you will gain is fresh awareness.



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