

SHRINE LONDON

From
Battlefield to
Boardroom to
Monastery

A Leadership Keynote by Glenn Dobson

*A keynote shaped by lived experience across environments
where responsibility is real and decisions have consequence.*

45-minute keynote | 15-minute Q&A | Senior audiences



A keynote for leaders who value depth, experience, and perspective built over time.

From Battlefield to Boardroom to Monastery is a leadership keynote built entirely from lived experience. Every lesson drawn directly from environments where the stakes were real and the consequences personal. It brings to life the defining moments and hard-won lessons from a career that has moved through environments most leaders will never encounter: military service, high-growth entrepreneurship, major exit, business collapse, insolvency, and time spent as an ordained Buddhist monk in the jungles of Northern Thailand.

Glenn Dobson learned leadership by living it. He built companies and scaled them. He carried responsibility that had real consequence, and when the ground shifted entirely, he walked away from commercial life, spent 2 years on near silence and stillness in a monastery, and returned with something most leadership speakers cannot offer: genuine perspective earned the hard way.

At its heart, From Battlefield to Boardroom to Monastery is about how leaders evolve, and what it takes to remain effective, grounded and clear-headed as complexity builds and the stakes increase. Glenn presents those patterns as a coherent three-part framework, drawn directly from three environments that shaped his own leadership across more than 35 years

Blending unfiltered personal story with grounded leadership insight, the keynote helps senior audiences move into something more durable than motivation. Steadiness, perspective and judgement that holds when conditions are at their most demanding.

The result is a shift in how a leader sees themselves and the responsibility they carry, and that shift lasts long after the keynote ends.

Three environments. One leader.



01 BATTLEFIELD

Discipline, hierarchy, and formation.

Early leadership built under constraint, where clarity of role and the ability to command under pressure shape how a leader first learns to carry responsibility. The military environment strips away ambiguity and replaces it with structure, accountability and the understanding that decisions have direct consequence for the people around you.

02 BOARDROOM

Ownership, scale, and consequence.

Leading through growth, complexity and sustained commercial pressure. Where judgement is tested repeatedly and identity can become deeply tied to performance, title and outward success. This is the environment where leaders discover what they are made of when the stakes are high and the pace leaves little room for reflection.

03 MONASTERY

Stillness, reflection, and recalibration.

Leading beyond role and title. in an environment where silence replaces noise and presence replaces pace. The monastery offers what most leaders never allow themselves: the space to step back from momentum and see clearly. Where perspective is rebuilt from the ground up and decision-making is reshaped by stillness rather than urgency.



What your audience will leave with.

01 Leadership perspective under sustained demand

How leaders adapt their thinking and behaviour as responsibility increases.

02 Decision-making with composure

Insight into how experienced leaders approach judgement when certainty is limited.

03 Identity beyond role and title

Understanding how leadership evolves as external markers change.

04 Recalibration without retreat

How leaders reset direction while remaining engaged and accountable.

05 Long-term leadership steadiness

A deeper appreciation of perspective as a leadership asset over time.

WHO IT IS FOR

Senior audiences who value substance.

- Leaders who have built something and are asking what comes next
- Teams where decisions are real and the standard is high
- Organisations where pace is non-negotiable and leadership quality determines the outcome
- Audiences who have earned their seat and want perspective over motivation
- Senior people who rarely get the space to think

WHY GLENN



Depth, experience, perspective built over time.

Glenn Dobson is the Owner and CEO of Shrine London, a private advisory firm working with owners, leadership teams, and investors navigating growth, complexity, and transition.

With over 35 years in business, Glenn has built, scaled, and exited multiple companies across several sectors. His experience includes leading a business to £1m in under 9 months before exiting as part of a £35m group, alongside advising on more than 60 mergers, acquisitions, and strategic transactions.

After stepping away from commercial life during COVID, Glenn spent time as an ordained Buddhist monk in the jungles of Northern Thailand. That period reshaped how he approaches leadership, responsibility, and decision-making.

Senior audiences trust Glenn because he has lived what he talks about. The perspective he brings to a room is earned, grounded, and built over more than three decades of real consequence.

S H R I N E L O N D O N

Begin the conversation.

This keynote is introduced after an initial conversation where we understand the audience, the room, and the moment in the programme where it will land.

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