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Accelerate Change or Lose: Adapting to a Dynamic and Uncertain World In this compelling keynote, General CQ Brown, Jr., offers a rare, first-hand perspective on how the global security environment has evolved—from the Cold War to today's era of strategic competition. Drawing on his responsibilities as the 21st Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he examines how shifting alliances, emerging technologies, and the pace of change across diplomatic, information, military, and economic sectors demand greater integration and adaptability to navigate today's dynamic and uncertain world.

CQ's Thoughts on Leadership: Lead Yourself, Before Leading Others In this candid and personally revealing talk, General CQ Brown, Jr. shares hard-earned lessons from nearly four decades of military service, emphasizing that self-reflection and personal growth are the foundation of effective leadership. Framed around five powerful points of advice, General Brown weaves together personal stories, practical wisdom, and memorable insights to inspire leaders at every level. Whether you're leading ten or tens of thousands, his message underscores that leadership begins with leading yourself—and ends with impact—because what you do, and how you lead, truly matters.