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Early in the April lockdown period in South Africa, I was forced to let go of a legacy family media business of 38 years. It was one of the most difficult decisions of my career. The next few months were a big adjustment and difficult times – as has been the case for everyone on a global scale. But coming out of this experience, I feel incredibly liberated and enthused about the opportunities to refresh and start again from scratch with a new view and a new mindset. The many learnings from this incredibly tough year have left us all with a new sense of reinvention. Anyone who is an ‘opportunistic thinker’ will do very well in 2021!



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In as much as there have been many challenges, 2020 has also been a year when some people have thrived. We have seen young people come up with viable solutions to help counter or address the challenges we find ourselves in. Specifically, I'm impressed by a group of young innovators in Kenya who built a ventilator from scratch! These difficult times have also showcased our high level of adaptability and agility. They have shown us that we are capable of thinking out of the box and reinventing ourselves to continually meet our goals, despite the challenging odds. And this resilience and grit is what we need to carry on in 2021.



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Personally, 2020 gave me the opportunity to slow down, reflect, and take more time to be present. In 2021, exercise gratitude and try to stay present. We often chase tomorrow, the next big goal, the next big dream or the next promotion at work, without giving ourselves the chance to appreciate the present and maximise the opportunities that surround us in every moment with each new day. Three years ago, I dreamed of having the relationships, career opportunities and friendships I have today. Let's continue to dream big and set goals; however, let's also give ourselves more time to be present.

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Keep hope alive and have a positive mindset. I like to quote Georgia Bamber, the success coach and author of *Achieve Anything You Want*, who said: “The key to entering a new year is to have plans and goals and a positive outlook, but to remain flexible and willing to adapt to circumstances as they change.”

