# Transcript: Motivational Minute - EP 17 - You Are A Leader - Sean Jensen

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Speaker #1 (Narrator):

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Speaker #2 (Sean Jensen):

Hello, this is Sean Jensen with your Motivational Minute. John Quincy Adams said, “If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." I spoke with a new student today for one of our intro calls. When I asked him why he is pursuing this degree, he said something I found very powerful. He said that he is doing this as an example to his 18-month-old son. He wants his son to see that education is important and valued in their home. He wants that example to influence his son when he gets old enough to see it as such. That is what I call leadership. Remember that making choices in our lives is an exercise in being a leader. I have had students tell me that they are doing this as examples to those they work with or for those who work for them. I have had others tell me that they are doing this partially as examples to other friends and family. Have you ever thought about who is watching you and the things you do? Have you ever wondered if you've inspired others by your actions and decisions? I think most of the time we go through life not really thinking about how we are affecting those around us. But would guess what? We do play a part in the lives of others, perhaps more than we know. So part of being successful as a student is remembering that you are a leader in your own life and therefore in some way, a leader in the lives of others as well in both small and maybe great ways. You are doing the right thing and you are inspiring others knowingly or unknowingly to improve their own lives. You are dreaming, learning, doing and becoming more, which is helping others to be inspired as well. Your example is needed, your leadership is needed, so keep being who you are. That's it for today. Remember impossible is just an opinion, so go make it happen.

Speaker #1 (Narrator):

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