

Reflecting to Move Forward

Like most Next Gens, Jonathan had a complicated relationship with wealth, the family business, and what he really wanted to do with his future. When he first came to KORE Venture, he was struggling to decide between working with his brother on projects he enjoyed and working with his father on larger opportunities. On top of that conundrum, he was uncomfortable with being an inheritor.

“I’ve always had a hard time with this concept of just being ‘given’ wealth,” says Jonathan. “And coming into KV that was definitely one of my biggest struggles...It’s a weird thing.”

Working through these questions takes time and space, and that is what Jonathan found participating in KORE Venture. It is easy to get caught up in the demands of the week and end up just living in a default mode. Reflection became a key tool for Jonathan for addressing questions. But reflection is not just sitting quietly and staring at the wall as you think about life. It can be journaling, it can be conversations with peers, it can be finding tools to learn more about yourself to gain more data points.

“KORE Venture was such a powerful experience of getting to step away from the commitments of life and reflect in ways that I had never really done to that depth,” Jonathan says. “I learned how important it was to taking time away for self-reflection and life planning. Looking down from that 50,000 ft. perspective. Because it’s so easy to get caught up in the day-to-day grind...It so easily gets overwhelming, and I still struggle with that.”





Part of what Jonathan learned through stepping back, was that he was a peace maker and so disagreements were challenging. It helped him understand why certain conversations were difficult for him. And in turn, it highlighted areas of growth and where he needed to challenge himself.

One of those areas was navigating the question between working full-time with his brother or committing to collaborating with his dad. After pondering the situation with a KV coach and peers in the experience, he came up with a solution that allowed him to do both. At the same time, he was able to set up healthy expectations around the commitments. But that doesn't mean it was easy.

"I definitely had to have some difficult conversations, that are not in my nature to have," says Jonathan.

Jonathan is still working through some of the same questions he wrestled with at KORE Venture, but he also has the tools to work through them. Taking time away from his life to reflect is tough, but Jonathan says he still tries to make space for it.

"Between KV and learning more about my personality, I became more self-aware. KV helped me understand my personality better which allowed me to understand some of my family dynamics better as well," says Jonathan. "I believe it helped me to have important realizations about myself that then helped enable me to have important conversations with my family that then led to changes with my work in a positive direction."