

# The Importance of Action

In Bespin an event happened that could have easily spelled disaster for the Rebel Alliance. In all of the movies, the events at Bespin could have the largest impact on the overall effort in the Galactic Civil War. Consider what happened in the Empire Strikes Back – Han Solo, and Leia Organna are held prisoner by Lando Calrissian at the order of Darth Vader. Han Solo was tortured, C-3P0 dismantled, all in an effort to draw out Luke Skywalker. Using the Force Luke is able to see a glimpse of the future...a future where his dear friends might die!



Yoda points out that the Dark Side of the Force clouds everything, and how difficult it really is to tell the future, urging Luke to stay on Dagobah and complete his Jedi training. This brings us to the **IMPORTANCE OF ACTION**. Luke chooses to ignore Yoda's warning, and heads to Dagobah. True, he is unable to save Han Solo (who is frozen in carbonite and shipped to Jabba the Hutt), but he also faces Vader. It is his actions while fighting the Dark Lord in Cloud City that really stand out!



At the point Luke is beaten, Darth Vader reveals that he is Luke's father – Anakin Skywalker. He encourages Luke to give into his anger and hate, become his apprentice, overthrow Lord Palpatine and help Vader rule the galaxy! Luke could have easily given in or allowed himself to be killed, but he chose to fight. Dropping down into the gas pipes of Bespin, eluding capture and remaining true to his mission! How important was that action?

American History could be wildly different if it was not for the actions of certain Americans throughout history. From Paul Revere through George W. Bush, America has been blessed with having leaders who understand the **IMPORTANCE OF ACTION**. At times you just have to start doing something, anything and moving forward! Let's take the case of Paul Revere as an example:

Paul Revere was a silversmith in Boston at the onset of the Revolutionary War. It was decided by Revere and his allies that if the British were to march on the armories at Lexington and Concord (to confiscate militia weapons) they would ride through the country side, alerting the Colonials and raising the militia. It was well documented that the signal was lanterns being hung in the bell tower of Christ Church, one if they were coming by land and two if the British were coming by sea.



Paul Revere was able to alert Samuel Adams and John Hancock of the coming army, and the preparations were made to stand against the British on the Lexington Greens and later at Concord. These were the first battles of the War for American Independence. What would have been the result had Revere chose not to act? How would America be different if Paul Revere didn't understand the **IMPORTANCE OF ACTION?**

It is time for you to consider what this means for you? For heroes and legends it sometimes seems their way was clear. That action was the only choice they had. But what about you as the student? What does understanding the **IMPORTANCE of ACTION** mean to you? For me it means knowing that sometimes you have to act and turn things off...iPods, video games, TV. It means that you have to act and do your homework without being told, study without being reminded.