VOCABULARY + CONDITIONALS

Fill in the blanks using the correct conditional form of the verbs in parentheses and the appropriate words from the box.

brave, heroic, educated, embarrassed, kind, generous, afraid of, selfish, ordinary, fear

The Ethical Dilemma

Michael was the CEO of a successful company. One day, he
faced a difficult decision—his company had the chance to
increase his profits significantly, but it would mean cutting
employee benefits. He knew that if he (be) too
, his employees (lose) trust in him.
His business partner, Sarah, suggested a different approach.
"If we (invest) in employee well-being instead, our
company (become) more respected in the long run,"
she said. Michael admired Sarah's mindset; she
always thought about others before herself.
However, not everyone agreed. Tom, the CFO, was
that reducing costs was the only way to survive in a
competitive market. "If we (not cut) expenses now,
we (struggle) later," he insisted.
Despite the pressure, Michael wanted to be a
leader, not just an businessman. He believed that
success wasn't just about numbers; it was about making the
right choices. If more leaders (act) with
instead of greed, businesses (create) a better
world.
In the end, Michael made his decision. If he (choose)
profit over people, he (feel)
Instead, he decided to implement policies that supported his
employees. It was a risk, but one that could lead to long-term
success.