

it's over /6/ **fight** or flight

I convinced my uncle to chip in, and later **convinced** my old boss to chip in a lot of money, and then convinced our future president to chip in, and invited him to join us for the ride. Just _____ time, as it turns _____, _____ all kinds of things to go _____: I made some **bad decisions** early _____ concerning the viability of video on the Internet; I burned up development time on a project that we would eventually replace with something smarter, but _____ before _____ months of _____; leads kept drying up for future financing; the **sneaking suspicion** began to _____ me that if I was an _____ CEO, I'd know what to do, but instead I _____ paralyzed as we slowly _____ out of money.

I had known all _____ this was the _____; most companies _____ in their first year, and when **dotcoms started collapsing** all around us, my fight-or-flight instincts started _____ me out. The technical people who work for us have been _____ away. Our director of software development said to me a week and a half ago, "I don't want to **look back** on this and realize there was something more I could have _____." I don't have any such way to focus; the things I think I know how to do at this point _____ money I don't have to _____.

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