

RAMADAN

IMMERSION



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- Loss will always be there - life will have its lows and this is a reality.
- The Muslims suffered the most loss during the Battle of Uhud.
 - Almost every home in Madinah had a male who became a martyr in the battle.
 - Everyone was going through difficulty at the same time, with no one to comfort them.
 - The Prophet ﷺ changed the people's perspective on loss.
 - He ﷺ looked at mount Uhud and said:

هَذَا جَبَلٌ يُحِبُّنَا وَنُحِبُّهُ

'This is a mountain that loves us and is loved by us' (Sahih Al Bukhari)

- The Prophet ﷺ, despite the agony attached with this mountain, used it as a source of healing.
- His love for it in turn made the Sahaba love the mountain and seeing it would bring fondness in them rather than remorse.
- The angle that you are looking at your loss with is not the angle that matters.
 - The angle that Allah is looking at it is the one that truly matters.
 - Through our lens, the breath of a fasting person may make us uncomfortable. But the lens Allah tells us to look at it through shows us that it is beloved to him and is sweeter than musk.
 - A second example of this is taken from the hadith:

رُبَّ أَشْعَثِ أَغْبَرِ مَدْفُوعٍ بِالْأَبْوَابِ ، لَوْ أَقْسَمَ عَلَى اللَّهِ لِأَبْرَهُ رَابِطَ الْمَوْضُوعِ

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "Many a person with shaggy and dusty hair, dusty and driven away from doors (because of their poverty and shabby clothes) were to swear by Allah (that something would happen), Allah will certainly make it happen". (Muslim)

- When we lose a loved one and we realize that we won't see them again in this world, we think of the dirt that we're burying them in. But the Prophet ﷺ tells us in a hadith:

مَا مِنْ بَيْتٍ خَيْرٌ لِلْمُؤْمِنِ مِنْ لَحْدٍ ، قَدْ اسْتَرَاحَ
مِنْ هُمُومِ الدُّنْيَا ، وَأَمِنَ مِنْ عَذَابِ اللَّهِ

There is not a better place for a believer than the grave where he can be far from the sadness of the world.

- The sahaba that fell, seemed as if they were the ones that had lost. But Allah, through revelation, showed that really they are the successful ones because they left as martyrs.
 - There are several narrations about companions who, as they were being martyred, were shouting that they have won.
- The greatest people are those who sacrifice those who are closest to them.
 - We see repeatedly through the life of the Prophet ﷺ that he sent those who were closest to him to far places for the betterment of Islam.
- Muadh RA was the only sahaba to whom the Prophet ﷺ said 'I love you for the sake of Allah'.
 - Despite this closeness it was Muadh RA who the Prophet ﷺ sent to Yemen when the need arose. He held his hand, walking with him, giving him advice. Finally he said to him, it is very likely that when you come back to Madina you may not find me here and you may walk past my grave.

- The Prophet loved Jaafar ibn Abi Talib RA so much. He said to him, "You resemble my appearance and you resemble my character." He sent Jaafar RA to Abyssinia and years later when he returned to meet the Prophet ﷺ, he said to Jaafar, "I don't know what I am more excited about securing Khaybar or finally meeting you again." Jaafar RA went to fight in the battle of Mutta and he died as a martyr during the battle. The Prophet ﷺ was grieved by this, but Allah revealed that Ja'fars arms had become wings in Jannah and that all those who follow in his footsteps and become martyrs will also be flying in Jannah.
 - When we are able to change our viewpoint, we are able to better deal with our grief.

A Change In Outlook

قال رسول الله (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم): الموت غنيمة

The Prophet ﷺ said: Death is a spoil of war.

- The Prophet ﷺ would make the dua;

اللَّهُمَّ أَصْلِحْ لِي دِينِي الَّذِي هُوَ عِصْمَةٌ أَمْرِي،
وَأَصْلِحْ لِي دُنْيَايَ الَّتِي فِيهَا مَعَاشِي،
وَأَصْلِحْ لِي آخِرَتِي الَّتِي فِيهَا مَعَادِي
وَأَجْعَلِ الْحَيَاةَ زِيَادَةً لِي فِي كُلِّ خَيْرٍ
وَأَجْعَلِ الْمَوْتَ رَاحَةً لِي مِنْ كُلِّ شَرٍّ

O Allah, set right my religion, which is the safeguard of my affairs;
and set right my world, wherein is my living;
and set right my next life, to which is my return,
And make life for me an increase in all good
and make death a relief for me from every evil (Muslim)

- Aisha RA said: A sudden death is comfort for the believer and understanding this becomes a source of healing for the believer.
- When Hajjaj bin Yusuf was going to kill Abdullah bin Zubair RA, he was afraid of his body being dishonoured.

- He complained of this to his mother, Asma bint Abi Bakr RA, who told him that just as a slaughtered animal does not feel the pain after the knife has come to its throat, neither will you feel any pain after you're martyred. Rather, these people will assume they are causing you pain, whilst you will be in Jannah.
- A person came to Abu Abdullah and said: "May Allah give you good health and cure" to which he replied that he would rather be with the one of whom he has faith in His Mercy rather than be with those who have given nothing but bad.

ليس للمؤمن راحة دون لقاء الله

There is not peace for a believer before meeting Allah