

True Friends Rare – Irreplaceable – Sayyidna Abu Bakr Siddiq رضي الله عنه the best, most noble & illustrious friend of Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم - How are our friends?

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If the Imaan of Abu Bakr was put on one side of the scale and the Imaan of this entire Ummah on the other, Abu Bakr’s Imaan would outweigh it.

“Abu-Bakr has favoured me much with his property and company. If I were to take a Khalil from mankind It would certainly be him.” (Bukhari)

In the Qur’an, in the Seerah, in life, we see that Allah سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ & the Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم befriend people. Allah سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ tasked Musa عليه السلام to confront Pharoah.

“Go to Pharaoh. Indeed, he has transgressed.” (20:24)

Musa عليه السلام doesn’t abandon the task that his Lord has given him, rather he asks for Allah’s assistance, first and foremost. Then Musa عليه السلام does something profound, that we often overlook

**قَالَ رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِي صَدْرِي وَيَسِّرْ لِي أَمْرِي وَاحْلُلْ عُقْدَةً مِنْ لِسَانِي يَفْقَهُوا قَوْلِي وَاجْعَلْ لِي وَزِيرًا مِنْ أَهْلِي
هَارُونَ أَخِي اشْدُدْ بِهِ أَزْرِي وَأَشْرِكْهُ فِي أَمْرِي كَيْ نُسَبِّحَكَ كَثِيرًا وَنَذْكُرَكَ كَثِيرًا إِنَّكَ كُنْتَ بِنَا بَصِيرًا قَالَ قَدْ أُوتِيتَ
سُؤْلَكَ يَا مُوسَى (20:29-36)**

What does Musa عليه السلام do? He asks for a **COMPANION** which tells us exactly what a **TRUE FRIEND** is. Often times we try to ride the waves of life alone, or we depend too much on our friends. But just like everything else in this religion, the middle ground is needed. Look at the qualities that Musa عليه السلام recommended for a **CLOSE COMPANION**:

“And appoint for me a minister from my family. Aaron, my brother.

You only truly know those who you spend time with, dine, travel, deal with one another to see their worth.

“Increase, through him, my strength”

Our friends should make us stronger human beings. They should be someone that we trust will help us when we are at our low points and that we won't feel self-conscious with when seeking help.

“And let him share my task”

Often we do things alone, or lay all the burden on others. True friends should be people that are Capable and Willing to *Share* in our tasks. That enhance, enable and empower us. They should be people we can trust to bounce ideas off of and to help us along the way.

“That we may exalt You much and remember you much. Indeed, You are of us ever Seeing.”

Musa عليه السلام ends his request with the most important point, the purpose of companionship and friendship. He asks Allah سبحانه وتعالى to grant Him his brother as his companion so that they would **Exalt Him & Remember Him.**

In essence, he is asking that his companion bring Him **Closer To God**, encourages him to remember **God**, and that in this companionship they **Never Forget That Allah سبحانه وتعالى is Watching Them.**

This is the most essential part of any friendship. True friendship should bring us closer to God, never farther. The companionship should encourage us to do more good for the sake of Allah سبحانه وتعالى, never distract us from it. And throughout these friendships, in good and bad moments, **We Should Never Forget That Allah سبحانه وتعالى is Always Watching Us And Can See Our Every Move.**

**Review Your Friendships, Relationships, Befriend Allah - Qur'an
Prophet - Sunnah - Sahabah - Ulama - Ilm - Righteous - Friend - Truthful**