

Discipline is **“CHOOSING BETWEEN WHAT YOU WANT NOW AND WHAT YOU WANT MOST”**, or the ability to say “no” when yearning to say “yes.”

He was instructed by Allah to migrate. Man by nature prefers the comfort of home, what Ibrahim wanted most was Allah’s pleasure.

He was instructed to leave his suckling son, Isma’il, and his mother, in an uninhabited, barren desert, to construct the Ka’bah, to slaughter his son, and to self-circumcise at the age of 80. Man by his nature prefers closeness to family, freedom from manual labour, warding off the slightest harm from one’s child, and a pain-free life at the senior age of 80. What Ibrahim wanted most however was Allah’s acceptance, and so in a disciplined fashion, he delivered each and every time.

**“when Abraham was tested by his Lord with commandments, fulfilled...”**

Hajj is a yearly reminder of the family of Ibrahim, with each of its rites being a vivid lesson in discipline. **“Whoever commits to performing pilgrimage, let them stay away from intimate relations, foul language, and arguments”**

**JAPANESE DISCIPLINE** - 6<sup>th</sup> August 1945 - By the next day power was restored to 30% of the surviving homes. Four days later, water pumps were repaired. Day days later, the bank reopened, working under open skies in clear weather, and beneath umbrellas when it rained. 16 hr shifts.

**GERMAN DISCIPLINE** - Germany suffered two world war losses within a single generation, having lost around 6 million men in World War II alone. In just ten years, every German industry was operational. A few decades later, German products have the best reputation in the world. Germany is today one of the world's seven largest "advanced" economies.

People, nations did it for themselves or their country. **We do it for Allah – Prophet, the Ummah/Humanity. MUSLIM DISCIPLINE** – None should be better at controlling their impulses, emotions, reactions and behaviour, excelling, working diligently and sincerely than Muslims.

**“Anything you leave for the sake of Allah, He will replace it with better.”**

**YUSUF**, at the prime of his youth, - Disciplined. **SULAYMAN** found himself marvelling at the splendour of his horses during a parade till he had missed the 'Asr salah, his reaction was one of immense discipline, sacrificing each and every horse in repentance.

**MUHAJIRUN** abandoned their homes and livelihoods in search for a place where they could worship their Lord, Allah compensated them with the conquest of the world.

**BE DISCIPLINED IN YOUR AQIDAH, IDENTITY, SALAH, SAWM, ZAKAT, HAJJ, AKHLAQ, TRUTH, INTEGRITY, HIJAB, BUSINESS, ACTIONS, BODILY DESIRES...**