

SCENE: Abu Talib - Uncle - Deathbed - Prophet ﷺ next to him, other side were Abu Talib's two close friends - Abu Jahl & Abdullah bin Umayyah.

Prophet ﷺ is asking him to say the Shahadah - so I can intercede for you!
Other side, two evil friends saying **أترغب عن ملة عبد المطلب؟**

Will you leave & abandon your father's religion?

Abu Talib's last words **علي دين عبد المطلب – Upon the religion of my father!**

Prophet ﷺ loved him dearly **سأستغفر لك** – I will ask Allah ﷻ to forgive you,
but Allah ﷻ said no, even though he's your Uncle/Friend.

مَا كَانَ لِلنَّبِيِّ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْ يَسْتَغْفِرُوا لِلْمُشْرِكِينَ وَلَوْ كَانُوا أُولِي قُرْبَىٰ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُمْ أَنَّهُمْ أَصْحَابُ الْجَحِيمِ

It is not for the Prophet and those who have believed to ask forgiveness for the polytheists, even if they were relatives, after it has become clear to them that they are companions of Hellfire. (9:113)

FRIENDSHIPS: Lead to Pits of Hellfire **OR** lead to Pulpits of Noor.

Starting school, university, exposed to many new people. Pressure, to join, choose a friend or friends. Choose wisely for Dunya & Akhirah!

Friends of Abu Talib ruined his Dunya & Akhirah. An evil friend can lead you to Hell, even if on the other side the best man is a Prophet.

الصاحب صاحب – The Friend Pulls. Friends will pull you to Allah or Shaytan. Pull you either to Masjid & obedience of Allah **OR** Dunya & disobedience.

Ask anyone who got addicted to alcohol, pornography, drugs, smoking, how did they start? It was a friend who told me to try it, be cool!

الرَّجُلُ عَلَى دِينِ خَلِيلِهِ فَلْيَنْظُرْ أَحَدَكُمْ مَنِ يُخَالِلُ

The person is on the path of his best – so check who is your best friend.

DAY OF JUDGMENT TWO GROUPS: الْأَخْلَاءُ يَوْمَئِذٍ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ إِلَّا الْمُتَّقِينَ

GROUP 1: Close friends, that Day, will be enemies to each other, except for the righteous (43:67)

Allah ﷻ didn't say - **Sahib, Sadeeq, Zameel, Rafeeq**, but **Khaleel**, Closest, Best, Intimate, Influential Friend. He's now your worst enemy.

Ya Allah, he's the one who took me to that Bar, taught me to Smoke, Flirt, deal with Riba. They Fight, Argue, Blame. EXCEPT if your best friend is a Muttaqi, Righteous.

GROUP 2: Went into Jannah, excited, enjoying mansions, rivers, fruits; but then look around & cant see their best friend. Ya Allah where are they?

These people will go to Allah ﷻ & say كانوا يصلون معنا و يصومون معنا و يعملون معنا

They used to **Pray, Fast, Visit Sick, Sadaqah, Good Deeds** with us. Ya Allah allow us to bring them into Jannah with us. (Ibn Majah)

Allah ﷻ will say go & take them out of Hellfire & into Jannah with you!

THINK: Do you have someone in your life who will check that you're missing? Who will fight, plead & come looking for you?

THINK CAREFULLY OF THAT PERSON, THEN STICK TO THEM!

Are your friends into Music, Smoking, Vulgarities, Instagram, Tik Tok, Gossip, Cheating, Lying? Are they going to ask or intercede for me?

Don't surround yourselves with these people, or be recognised via them.

يَا وَيْلَتَى لَيْتَنِي لَمْ أَتَّخِذْ فُلَانًا خَلِيلًا - لَقَدْ أَضَلَّنِي عَنِ الذِّكْرِ بَعْدَ إِذْ جَاءَنِي وَكَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ لِلْإِنْسَانِ خَذُولًا

Oh, woe to me! I wish I had not taken that one as a friend. He led me away from the remembrance after it had come to me. And Satan to man is a deserter." (25:28-29)

Your friends can make your Dunya & Akhirah or Destroy it.

The friends & people you love, are those that you are raised with.

أَنْتَ مَعَ مَنْ أَحْبَبْتَ - who do you love?

Beyoncé, Elon, Dwayne, Angelina, Ronaldo? You dress, behave follow, aspire to be like them, then you'll will be raised with them.

Beg Allah for good friends & for your children. One friend can de-rail & ruin 16-20 years of hard work Tarbiyyah.

And keep yourself patient [by being] with those who call upon their Lord in the morning and the evening, seeking His countenance. And let not your eyes pass beyond them, desiring adornments of the worldly life, and do not obey one whose heart We have made heedless of Our remembrance and who follows his desire and whose affair is ever [in] neglect. (18:28)

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD FRIEND:

- 1. Loves you for the sake of Allah**
- 2. Obedient to Allah – keeping you away from Haraam**
- 3. When you see them, they remind you of Allah**
- 4. They rejoice at your success & are sad when you are sad**
- 5. Overlook your shortcomings & do not search for faults in you**
- 6. Defends you in your absence – source of safety**
- 7. Forgiving, Merciful, Gentle – Good Character**
- 8. Never reminds you of the favours they have done to you**
- 9. Increases your Iman, Islam & Ihsaan**

YOUR FRIEND WILL AFFECT YOUR RELATIONSHIP ALLAH, HUMANITY & FUTURE – SO CHOOSE WISELY