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5 Keys & 5 Steps

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يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا لَقِيتُمْ فِئَةً فَاثْبُتُوا وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا لَّعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ
وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَا تَنَازَعُوا فَتَفْشَلُوا وَتَذْهَبَ رِيحُكُمْ وَاصْبِرُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ

“O you who have **BELIEVED**, when you **ENCOUNTER** a company/opponent, **STAND FIRM** and **REMEMBER ALLAH MUCH** that you may be successful. And **OBEY ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER**, and **DO NOT DISPUTE** and [thus] lose courage and [then] your strength would depart; **AND BE PATIENT**. Indeed, Allah is with the patient. (8:45-46)

Allah ﷻ has given us the **STEPS & KEYS** to all forms of success & victory

Yet we are still failing and losing – because we don't seek or use them!

You Truly Believed – You Physically Got Up – You Went Out – You Did Something!

You Didn't Avoid – You Didn't Ignore – You Didn't Sit on Your Sofa!

You Showed You Were Alive With Your Heart, Mind & Body

How many of us have done anything physical, tangible, real? Or just clicking/swiping?

5 STEPS TO VICTORY & SUCCESS

1. BE STEADFAST – Do Not Run – Do Not Hide – Do Not Fear – Do Not Be Overwhelmed – Do Not Leave The Cause – Do Not Leave The Fight – Do Not Stop

ثبات – Stability – Steadfastness – Persistence – Firmness – Determination – Endurance is only from Allah ﷻ – for Allah ﷻ

Every battle Qur'an teaches us **ثبات** in order to succeed and triumph!

وَلَمَّا بَرَزُوا لِجَالُوتَ وَجُنُودِهِ قَالُوا رَبَّنَا أَفْرِغْ عَلَيْنَا صَبْرًا وَثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَنَا وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ

And when they went forth to [face] Goliath and his soldiers, they said, "Our Lord, pour upon us patience and plant firmly our feet and give us victory over the disbelieving people.

So they defeated them by permission of Allah. (2:251-252)

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الثَّبَاتَ فِي الْأَمْرِ وَالْعَزِيمَةَ عَلَى الرَّشْدِ

"O Allah, I ask You for steadfastness in all my affairs and determination in following the right path (Nasa'i)

اللَّهُمَّ يَا مُقَلِّبَ الْقُلُوبِ، ثَبِّتْ قَلْبِي عَلَى دِينِكَ

"O Allah, O changer/turner of hearts, make my heart firm in Your Deen." (Tirmidhi)

2. REMEMBER ALLAH ﷻ – Even in battlefield – At Work – At Home – In Community – In
Protests – In All Situations of Difficulty & Ease – Remember Allah ﷻ

The Takbeer of the Companions would be so loud & powerful it would scare enemies.

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ - الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ - اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

- How often do we genuinely remember Allah ﷻ? Sick, Death, Difficulty?
- True Moimeneen are constantly remembering Allah ﷻ - thus get strength from Him!
- The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ would encourage others and constantly keep his tongue and body busy throughout the day with the Dhikr of Allah ﷻ

3. OBEY ALLAH ﷻ & HIS MESSENGER ﷺ – in the Family – Community – Society – Lives –
Business – Economy – IN EVERYTHING – If you want SUCCESS & VICTORY

We are failing because we have **STOPPED TOTAL OBEDIENCE!** We only do obligations and forget prohibitions. We have narrowed the Deen to Praying, Fasting & Charity.

My Wedding Unislamic, Funeral Excessive, Business, Job, Clothing, Food, Lifestyle...

Obey Allah ﷻ in everything – Obey the Messenger in **EVERYTHING!!!**

أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ - أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَاحْذَرُوا - أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَلَا تُبْطِلُوا أَعْمَالَكُمْ

“Obey Allah and obey the Messenger and do not invalidate your deeds”

“Obey Allah and the Messenger that you may obtain mercy”

“Obey Allah and obey the Messenger and beware”

4. DO NOT DISPUTE AMONGST ONE ANOTHER – Do Not fight, Do Not Argue

Why isn't my Shaykh here – Why wasn't this leader invited – We want a Pakistani Khalifah

We want an Arab Khalifah – We want them to come to us

All this bickering, arguing, fighting, disputing leads to us – فَتَفْشَلُوا وَتَذْهَبَ رِيحُكُمْ

DO NOT DISPUTE and [thus] lose courage and [then] your strength would depart

Allah ﷻ is saying this **YOU WILL LOSE IF YOU DISPUTE** - وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا

All the Muslims are arguing, bickering, blaming, disputing – who gets to lead or is right!?

We will lose all our energy, courage bravery, strength, success & victory & become weak.

What happens when spouses, families, communities constantly argue?

5. BE PATIENT – Last Advice – the previous 4 steps must ALL be sealed with Patience!

We are upset, we want to do something, we must first do all 4 steps and then be patient!

SABR – victory needs sacrifice - we must be patient and persevere

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اصْبِرُوا وَصَابِرُوا وَرَابِطُوا وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ

O you who have believed, persevere and endure and remain stationed and fear Allah that you may be successful. (3:200)

The victory is coming – The victory is Qareeb – we must prepare & await it patiently

إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ - مَتَى نَصْرُ اللَّهِ أَلَّا إِنَّ نَصْرَ اللَّهِ قَرِيبٌ

إِذْ جَاءُوكُم مِّن فَوْقِكُمْ وَمِنْ أَسْفَلَ مِنكُمْ وَإِذْ زَاغَتِ الْأَبْصَارُ وَبَلَغَتِ الْقُلُوبُ الْحَنَاجِرَ وَتَظُنُّونَ بِاللَّهِ الظُّنُونَا
هُنَالِكَ ابْتُلِيَ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَزُلْزِلُوا زِلْزَالًا شَدِيدًا

Remember when they came at you from above you and from below you, and when eyes shifted [in fear], and hearts reached the throats and you assumed about Allah [various] assumptions. There the believers were tested and shaken with a severe shaking. (33:10-11)

Believers were shaken severely but they remained steadfast and patient. They continued all 5 Divine steps of Success & Victory. Don't assume you won't be shaken & tested as well!

ALL 5 THINGS ARE ABOUT YOU

1. **YOU** Be Steadfast
2. **YOU** Remember Allah
3. **YOU** Obey Allah & His Prophet
4. **YOU** - Do Not Dispute
5. **YOU** Be Patient

- Nothing in this verse mentioned the power or strength of the enemy
- **YOU CHANGE** - All about **YOU** changing
- This is where we having a problem we don't want to change
- We want to see change, but we don't want to change???
- We must change first for our situation to change, then and only then will the success & victory come from Allah ﷻ

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