

A Story From the Life of Abu Bakr Siddeeq (radhiAllahu anhu)

In the early days of Islam, when the Muslims were few in number and were only about 38 people in total, Abu Bakr (radhiAllahu Anhu) insisted that the Muslims come out of hiding and openly call the people to Islam.

The Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) told him that this is too dangerous due to the fact that the Muslims were few in number and if they do this, then they will surely be persecuted. But the brave Abu Bakr Siddeeq (radhiAllahu anhu) insisted until the Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) agreed that they should call the people to Islam openly. The Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) agreed to this and the Muslims spread out to all four corners of the Masjidul Haram to call their tribes to Islam.

Then Abu Bakr (radhiAllahu anhu) fearlessly stood up to give his sermon and call to *Tauheed* (the oneness of Allah), while the Messenger of Allah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) sat down besides him. When the idol-worshippers of Makkah heard this call to *Tauheed* (the oneness of Allah) they all rushed at Abu Bakr and the Muslims and started to beat them up severely.

Abu Bakr (radhiAllahu anhu) was so severely beaten up that he was trampled upon by feet and kicked in the face and stomach. One evil man, Utbah ibn Rab`iah, even started to beat Abu Bakr in the face with his shoes made of hard leather. He was beaten so badly that his face could not even be recognized anymore.

Then the tribe of Banu Taym who were the relatives of Abu Bakr came dragging him out of the Masjidul Haram saying, "If Abu Bakr dies, then we have no choice but to punish Utbah ibn Rab`iah for this crime!"

Abu Bakr's father, Abu Quhafah and people from his tribe started to speak to him to bring him back to his senses. He finally spoke and said, **"Tell me, how is Rasulallah? Is he safe?"**

They all blamed and reprimanded him saying, "Because of him you are in this pitiful situation!"

Then they called his mother Ummul Khayr to try and make him eat or drink something. When she came to him, he refused to eat, and asked the same thing: **"Tell me, how is Rasulallah?"**

She said, **"I have no news of your friend."**

Then Abu Bakr told her, **"Go to Umm Jameel, the daughter of al-Khattab, she will know."**

So Abu Bakr's mother went to Umm Jameel to ask about Rasulallah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam).

When Abu Bakr's mother came to Umm Jameel and asked her about Rasulallah she replied, **"I don't know these people you are talking about, but if you like, we can go together to visit your son, perhaps he might feel better."**

So when they came to visit Abu Bakr, Umm Jameel became very sad when she saw him so severely beaten and said, **"How bad are those people who did this to you!"**

Abu Bakr had nothing else to say to her except, **"...how is Rasulallah?"**

So Umm Jameel answered, **"Your mother is here and she's listening."**

Abu Bakr said, **“Let her listen, just tell me how is Rasulullah!”**

So she said, **“He is doing well and he is safe. He is in the house of Arqam”**

He replied, **“By Allah, I will not eat or drink anything until I see Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi was sallam).”**

So at nightfall, when all the people went to their homes, two people carried Abu Bakr to the house of Arqam. When the door opened and Rasulullah (salallahu alaihi wa sallam) saw Abu Bakr being carried by two people, he rushed to him crying and embraced him. Seeing this emotional state of affairs, all the Muslims started to cry.

Abu Bakr then said, **“By Allah, O Prophet of Allah, I am alright except for the fact that my face has been severely injured. My main concern is my mother...Please make du`a for my mother that she accept Islam.”**

So Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) made du`a for Abu Bakr’s mother and she also accepted Islam by the will of Allah and du`a of Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam).

Lesson #1: We learn from this story of how much Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) and the Sahaba suffered due to their faith in the early days of Islam.

Lesson #2: We learn that we should be brave in the way of Allah like Abu Bakr (radhiAllah anhu).

Lesson#3: We learn from this story of Abu Bakr how much love we should have for Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam).