Sahaba Preferring Others Over Themselves

Abu Hurairah (radhiAllahu anhu) narrates that once a poor man came to the Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wa salam) asking for food.

So the Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) asked of his family if they had anything at home to give to this poor man. Unfortunately, they had nothing to offer him.

So the Messenger of Allah announced to the Sahaba, "**Is there anyone who will feed this guest tonight, so that Allah may have mercy upon him?**"

So a man from the Ansar of Madina stood up and said, **"I will take care of him tonight O Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam)!"**

So this Ansari man took the man to his house and told his wife, "**Let us feed the guest of Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) tonight.**"

So she replied, "**By Allah, we have nothing except some food for the children**."

So the Ansari man said, "**That's okay we'll make a plan. When the kids ask for food, then we'll occupy them and then put them to sleep. Then we'll go and put out the lantern so the guest doesn't see us and we'll act like we're eating too.**"

They did this and the guest ate to his full and happily went on his way. In the morning, the following verses of the Noble Quran were revealed to the Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) in their favor,

"…and they give others preference over themselves, even though they themselves are in need. And whosoever is saved from his own greed, then they are the one's who will be the successful." (Surah Hashr; 59:9)

(This story has been narrated by Bukhari, Muslim Tirmizi, Nasa`i and others….)

Lesson #1: We learn from this story the importance of preferring and caring for others more than our selves. This Ansari family won the pleasure of Allah and Rasul by giving up their own desires for the sake of others. They will forever be honored by the words of Allah which were revealed in their favor.

Lesson #2: We learn from this story how much love the Sahaba had for the Prophet (alaihis salam). When they heard Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) make the announcement about his 'guest', they went out of their way to fulfill his request.

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Lesson #4: