



Towards the Top

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Introduction

- As we go towards the top, it becomes steeper and we need to follow our coach. A coach is a role model whom by his example he's telling us what to do. And our coach is our Prophet (ﷺ).

Follow your Coach – Follow the Prophet (ﷺ)

- The Prophet (ﷺ) went through many situations and there are priorities in the two spheres of his life:
 1. Dawah and message
 2. His general life

Priorities in the dawah and message:

- Leaders are the ones who begin the journey and set forth a path for others to follow. No one can do what the Prophet (ﷺ) did. His prophethood lasted for 23 years but his impact remains until the Day of Judgement and his followers will increase every day, subhan Allah.
- As a result a person cannot go to the top without following the Prophet (ﷺ). There is no person greater than him, and there is no one better who will come after him.
- **Priority of building before fighting in Makkah:** in Makkah, the believers were persecuted, but he built them up as believers and not fighting those who persecuted them. One of the companions told the Prophet (ﷺ): 'before Islam we had honor and no one would dare touch us and after accepting Islam we've been humiliated. The Prophet (ﷺ) told him, 'I've been commanded to pardon so do not fight'. The priority is to build the people and not to fight.

Surah An Nisa'a 77: (أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ قِيلَ لَهُمْ كُفُّوا أَيْدِيَكُمْ وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ فَلَمَّا كُتِبَ عَلَيْهِمُ الْقِتَالُ إِذَا فَرِيقٌ مِنْهُمْ يَخْشَوْنَ النَّاسَ)
 (كَخَشِيَةِ اللَّهِ أَوْ أَشَدَّ خَشْيَةً ۗ وَقَالُوا رَبَّنَا لِمَ كَتَبْتَ عَلَيْنَا الْقِتَالَ لَوْلَا أَخَّرْتَنَا إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ قَرِيبٍ ۗ قُلْ مَتَاعَ الدُّنْيَا قَلِيلٌ وَالْآخِرَةُ خَيْرٌ لِّمَنِ اتَّقَىٰ وَلَا يُظْلَمُونَ فَتِيلًا)
(Have you not seen those who were told to hold back their hands (from fighting) and perform As-Salat (Iqamat-as-Salat), and give Zakat but when the fighting was ordained for them, behold! a section of them fear men as they fear Allah or even more. They say: "Our Lord! Why have you



ordained for us fighting? Would that You had granted us respite for a short period?" Say: "Short is the enjoyment of this world. The Hereafter is (far) better for him who fears Allah, and you shall not be dealt with unjustly even equal to a scallid thread in the long slit of a date-stone.)

- **Priority of the Prophet (ﷺ) is to strategize and study the situation.** He doesn't just take actions randomly, but he studies the situation and then commands and makes a move.
- When it was time to migrate, he didn't select Abyssinia randomly but because he knew the king there would not persecute them and he was from the people of the book.
- **Priority of the dawah is to benefit the general people than one person.** When the Prophet (ﷺ) divided the slave girls after a battle, Juwairyah bint Harith رضي الله عنها was amongst the group to be given to one of the companions. She didn't want to be with the person but wanted to make a contract to give money and free herself. She went to the Prophet (ﷺ) to tell him and he told her, 'I will fulfill your contract and marry you'. Juwairyah رضي الله عنها was the daughter of a leader and with her marriage many people entered Islam and this is an example of benefiting many.
- **Priority of changing rules because situations change.** A person can't be always stiff. In one battle, there were people who had newly accepted Islam and so the Prophet (ﷺ) gave them more booty than the Ansar. The Ansar took it personal and news reached the Prophet (ﷺ) so he called them in. He was quick to clarify any doubts. He said, 'what's wrong with you that you have something against me?'. He said, 'didn't I come to you while you were misguided and Allah guided you by me, were you not poor and Allah enriched you by me?.'. They said, 'you have all favors upon us'. Then the Prophet (ﷺ) said, 'you might have wanted to say, we were belied by the people so we believed in you, we were humiliated and gave you victory'. He said, 'if you wish to say this then I will believe you'. He said, 'I gave little of the duniya so their hearts may come closer to Islam because they're new in faith while you are established in faith'. Then he said made dua for them and they all cried saying, 'we are pleased with the Prophet (ﷺ) and the share given to us'.
- **Priority of something more preferable than something less preferable.** When there was the option to demolish the Ka'aba and rebuild it or keep it as it is, he chose to not demolish it but keep it because there were New Muslims and he didn't want to take a big action that can cause confusion and fitna for the people. It's not about the deed itself but the impact when basing a decision. Sometimes we have two options and one is better but we choose the lesser option to avoid any kind of fitna which can arise.



- **Priority of building a masjid.** When entering the Medina, the Prophet (ﷺ) first built a masjid in order to have a centralized place.

Surah Al Anbiya 107-112:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

And We have sent you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): not but as a mercy for the 'Alamin (mankind, jinn and all that exists).

قُلْ إِنَّمَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ أَنَّمَا إِلَهُكُمُ إِلَٰهٌ وَاحِدٌ ۚ فَمَن كَانَ مِنكُمْ مِّن مَّا شَاءَ فَلْيُصَلِّ لِحُكْمِ رَبِّهِ ۚ إِنَّهُ لَا يُعَذِّبُكَ بِذُنُوبِهِمْ ۚ إِنَّكَ إِذْ تُدْعَىٰ إِلَيْهِمْ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لِدَعْوَةِ رَبِّهِمْ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُتَّقُونَ

Say (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): "It is revealed to me that your Ilah (God) is only one Ilah (God - Allah). Will you then submit to His Will (become Muslims and stop worshipping others besides Allah)?"

فَإِن تَوَلَّوْا فَقُلْ أَدْبَرْتُكُمْ عَلَىٰ سَوَاءٍ ۚ وَإِن أَذْرِي أَقْرَبٌ أَمْ بَعِيدٌ مَّا تُوعَدُونَ

But if they (disbelievers, idolaters, Jews, Christians, polytheists) turn away (from Islamic Monotheism) say (to them O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): "I give you a notice (of war as) to be known to us all alike. And I know not whether that which you are promised (i.e. the torment or the Day of Resurrection) is near or far. "

إِنَّهُ يَعْلَمُ الْجَهْرَ مِنَ الْقَوْلِ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا تَكْتُمُونَ

(Say O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): Verily, He (Allah) knows that which is spoken aloud (openly) and that which you conceal.

وَإِن أَذْرِي لَعَلَّهُ فِتْنَةٌ لَّكُمْ وَمَتَاعٌ إِلَىٰ حِينٍ

And I know not, perhaps it may be a trial for you, and an enjoyment for a while.

قَالَ رَبِّ احْكُم بِالْحَقِّ ۗ وَرَبُّنَا الرَّحْمَنُ الْمُسْتَعَانُ عَلَىٰ مَا تَصِفُونَ

He (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) said: "My Lord! Judge You in truth! Our Lord is the Most Gracious, Whose Help is to be sought against that which you attribute (unto Allah that He has offspring, and unto Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم that he is a sorcerer, and unto the Qur'an that it is poetry)!"

How do we apply what we learned and change for the better?

- Follow the Prophet (ﷺ)
- Make decisions based on positive impacts

May Allah (ﷻ) guide us to the best. Ameen.