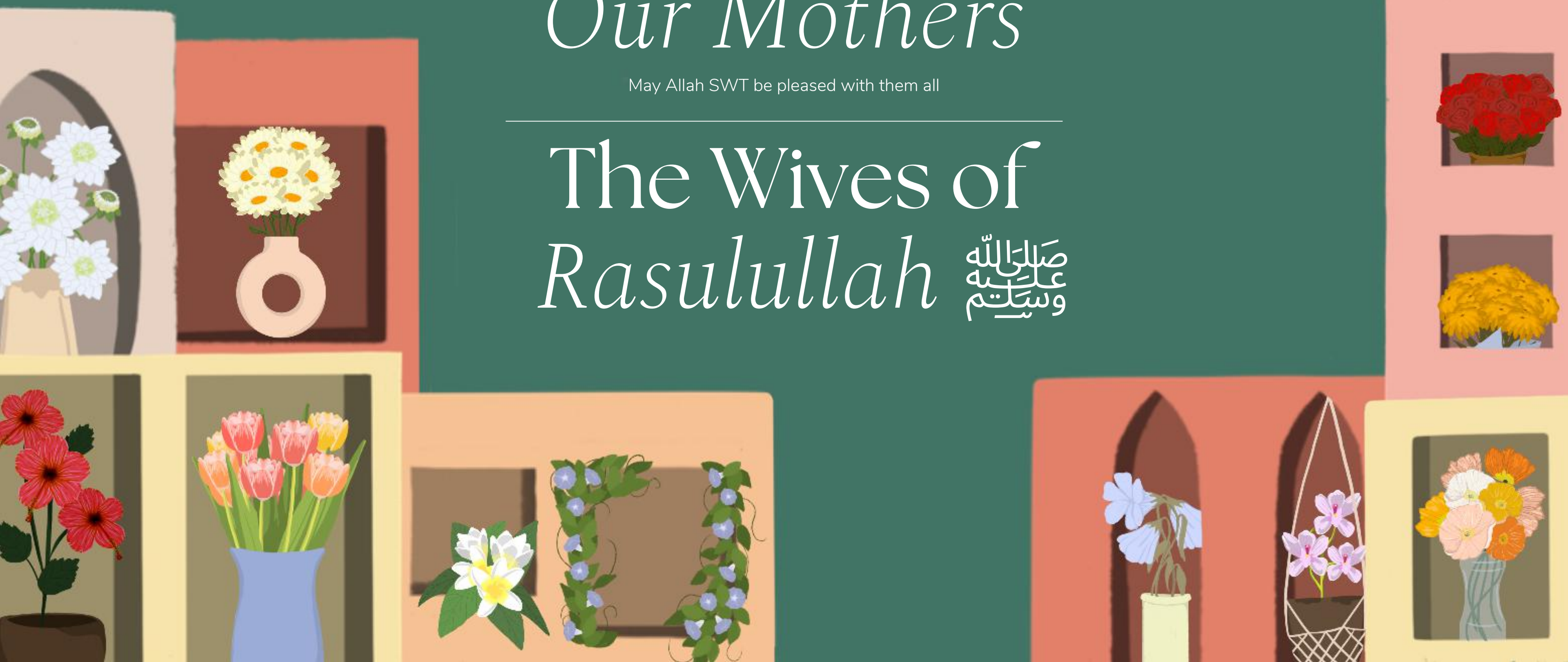


Getting To Know *Our Mothers*

May Allah SWT be pleased with them all

The Wives of *Rasulullah* ﷺ



النَّبِيُّ أَوْلَىٰ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ مِنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ وَأَزْوَاجُهُ أُمَّهَاتُهُمْ وَأُولُو الْأَرْحَامِ بَعْضُهُمْ
أَوْلَىٰ بِبَعْضٍ فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُهَاجِرِينَ إِلَّا أَنْ تَفْعَلُوا
إِلَىٰ أَوْلِيَاءِكُمْ مَّعْرُوفًا كَانَ فِي الْكِتَابِ مَسْطُورًا ﴿٦﴾

(Al-Ahzab : 6)

The Prophet is more worthy of the believers than themselves (he () is more worthy of their obedience and loyalty and is more concerned for them than they are for one another), and his wives are [in the position of] their mothers. And those of [blood] relationship are more entitled [to inheritance] in the decree of Allāh than the [other] believers and the emigrants, except that you may do to your close associates a kindness [through bequest]. That was in the Book inscribed.

يَأَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ قُلْ لِأَزْوَاجِكَ إِن كُنْتُمْ تُرِيدْنَ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا وَزِينَتَهَا
فَنَعَالَيْنَ أُمَتِّعْكُنَّ وَأُسَرِّحْكُنَّ سَرَاحًا جَمِيلًا ﴿٢٨﴾

O Prophet! Say to your wives, “If you desire the life of this world and its luxury, then come, I will give you a ‘suitable’ compensation ‘for divorce’ and let you go graciously.

وَإِن كُنْتُمْ تُرِيدْنَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ، وَالْدارَ الْآخِرَةَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ أَعَدَّ
لِلْمُحْسِنَاتِ مِنْكُنَّ أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٢٩﴾

But if you desire Allah and His Messenger and the ‘everlasting’ Home of the Hereafter, then Surely Allah has prepared a great reward for those of you who do good.”

(Al-Ahzab : 28-29)



Our Mother,
Sayyidatina Khadijah
bint Khuwaylid RA

His First Love



Anas RA narrated:

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"Sufficient for you among the women of mankind are
Mariam bint 'Imran, Khadijah bint Khuwailid,
Fatimah bint Muhammad and Asiyah the wife of Fir'awn."

at-Tirmidhi 3878



Sayyidatina A'ishah bint Abu Bakr RA narrated:

Never did I feel jealous of the wives of the Prophet ﷺ
but in case of Khadija, although I did not see her.
Whenever the Prophet ﷺ slaughtered a sheep, he said:
Send it to the companions of Khadija. I annoyed him
one day and said: (It is) Khadija only who always prevails
upon your mind. Thereupon the Prophet ﷺ said:
Her love had been nurtured in my heart by Allah Himself.

Sahih Muslim 783b



رَبِّي قَدْ رَزَقْتُ حُبَّهَا

Sahih Muslim 783b



*Our Mother,
Sayyidatina Khadijah
was the First of Firsts.*

Prophet ﷺ First Wife

Prophet ﷺ First Love

The First Muslim

The First to Receive Glad Tidings of Jannah

The First to Receive Salaam from Allah SWT

The First to Receive Salaam from Jibril AS



The wives of Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) in sequence of marriage
after the passing of Sayyidatina Khadijah RA



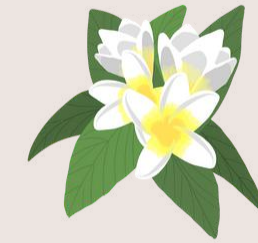
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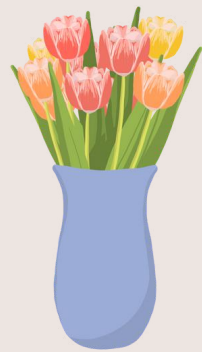
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*Sayyida
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Sayyidatina A'ishah bint Abu Bakr RA narrated:

The wives of Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)
were in two groups.

Bukhari 2581

One group consisted of:



*Sayyida
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The other group consisted of:



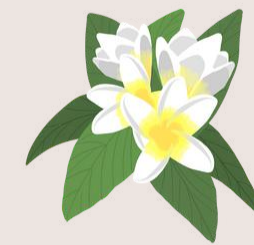
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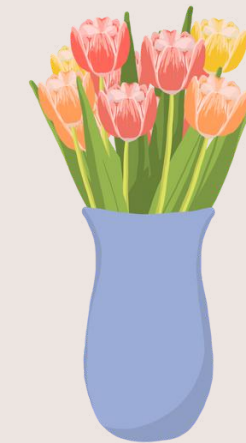
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*Sayyida
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The Muslims knew that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) loved `Aisha, so if any of them had a gift and wished to give to Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) he would delay it, till Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) had come to `Aisha's home and then he would send his gift to Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) in her home.

The group of Um Salama discussed the matter together and decided that Um Salama should request Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) to tell the people to send their gifts to him in whatever wife's house he was.

Um Salama told Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) of what they had said, but he did not reply. Then they (those wives) asked Um Salama about it. She said, "He did not say anything to me." They asked her to talk to him again.

[Bukhari 2581]



She talked to him again when she met him on her day, but he gave no reply. When they asked her, she replied that he had given no reply. They said to her, "Talk to him till he gives you a reply."

When it was her turn, she talked to him again. He then said to her, "Do not hurt me regarding Aisha, as the Divine Inspirations do not come to me on any of the beds except that of Aisha." On that Um Salama said, "I repent to Allah for hurting you."

[Bukhari 2581]



Then the group of Um Salama called Fatima, the daughter of Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) and sent her to Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) to say to him, "Your wives request to treat them and the daughter of Abu Bakr on equal terms."

Then Fatima conveyed the message to him. The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "O my daughter! Don't you love whom I love?" She replied in the affirmative and returned and told them of the situation. They requested her to go to him again but she refused.

[Bukhari 2581]



They then sent Zainab bint Jahsh who went to him and used harsh words saying, "Your wives request you to treat them and the daughter of Ibn Abu Quhafa on equal terms." On that she raised her voice and abused `Aisha to her face so much so that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) looked at `Aisha to see whether she would retort.

`Aisha started replying to Zainab till she silenced her. The Prophet (ﷺ) then looked at `Aisha and said, "She is really the daughter of Abu Bakr."

[Bukhari 2581]



*Are you ready to
meet your Mothers?*





Our Mother,
Sayyidatina Sawda
bint Zam'a RA
The Light-Hearted, Joyful One



She is known to be someone who
maintains privacy.

Doesn't leave home much after the death
of Rasulullah ﷺ.

When anything came of her portion,
she gives in Sadaqah.

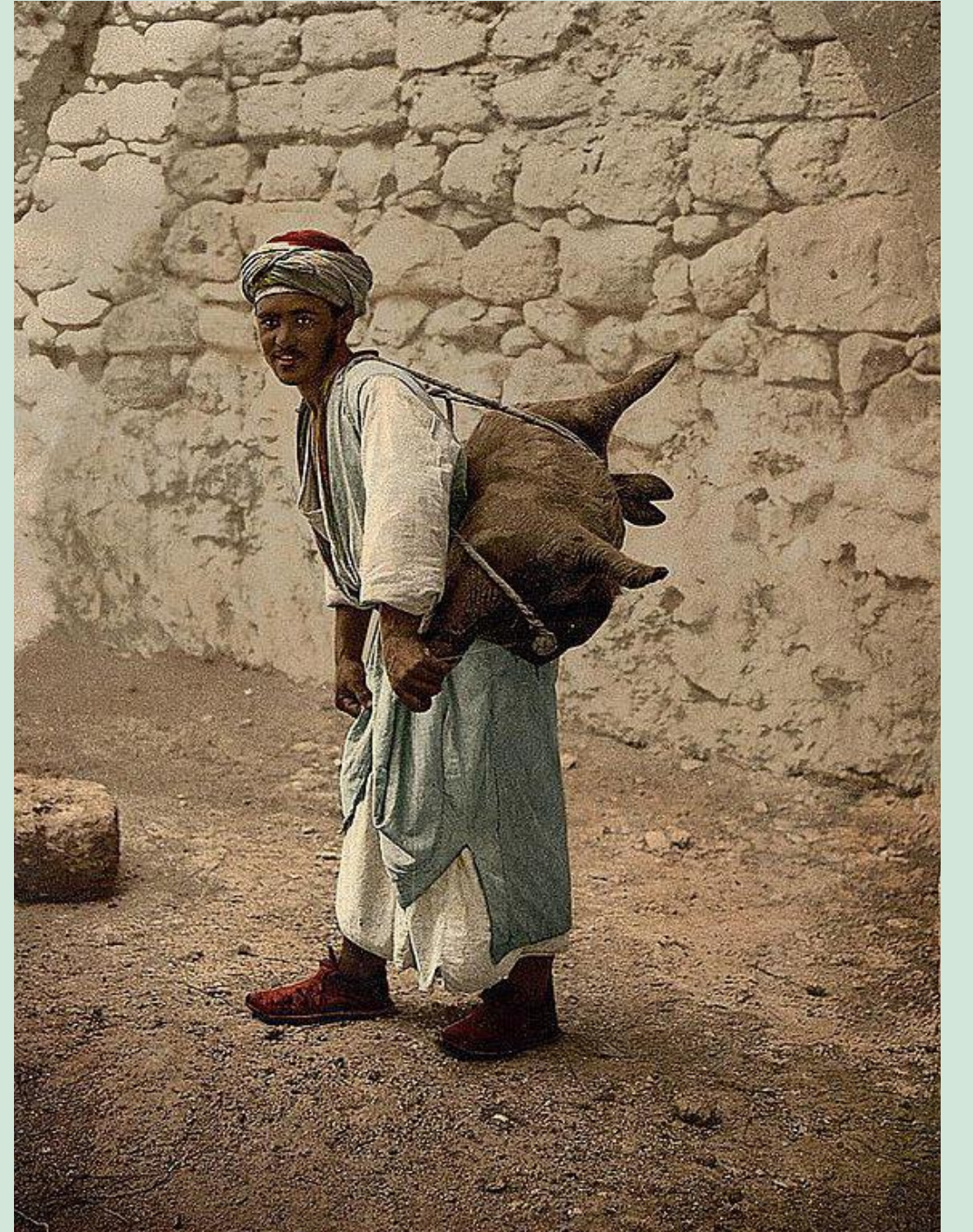


Sayyidatina Sawda bint Zam'a RA narrated:

One of our sheep died and
we tanned its skin and kept on infusing dates
in it till it was a worn out water skin.

Bukhari 6686





My favourite attribute of our Ummi Sawda RA:

She was generous in her spirits
and in her joyfulness.





Our Mother,
Sayyidatina A'ishah
bint Abu Bakr RA

The one on whose lap he breathed his last



Sayyidatina A'ishah bint Abu Bakr RA narrated:

"The two rak'ahs at dawn are better than this world and what it contains."

Sahih Muslim 725a



Sayyidatina A'ishah bint Abu Bakr RA narrated:

"The acts most pleasing to Allah are those which are done continuously, even if they are small."

Sahih Muslim 783b



Our Mother,

Sayyidatina Hafsa bint
Umar ibn Al-Khattab RA

Widowed by a Martyr,

Re-married by the Best of Men



'Umar bin Al-Khattab, may Allah be pleased with him, narrated:

"Hafsah bint 'Umar became single when (her husband) Khunais bin Hudhafah As-Sahmi (died). He was one of the Companions of the Prophet, and he died in Al-Madinah." Umar said: "I went to 'Uthman bin 'Affan and offered Hafsah in marriage to him. I said: 'If you wish, I will marry you to Hafsah bint 'Umar.' He said: 'I will think about it.' A few days passed, then I met him and he said: 'It seems that I do not want to get married at the moment.'" 'Umar said: "Then I met Abu Bakr As-Siddiq, may Allah be pleased with him, and said: 'If you wish, I will marry Hafsah bint 'Umar to you.' Abu Bakr remained silent, and did not give me any answer, and I felt more upset with him than I had with 'Uthman. Several days passed, then the Messenger of Allah proposed marriage to her and I married her to him. Abu Bakr met me and said: 'Perhaps you felt upset with me when you offered Hafsah in marriage to me, and I did not give you any answer?' I said: 'Yes.' He said: 'Nothing prevented me from giving you an answer when you made the offer to me, except the fact that I had heard the Messenger of Allah speak of her, and I did not want to disclose the secret of the Messenger of Allah. If he had left her, then I would have married her.'" "

Sunan an-Nasa'i 3259



Sayyidatina Hafsa bint Umar ibn Al-Khattab RA narrated:

When the call for Subh prayer was given, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ would pray two brief rak'ahs before going to the prayer.

Sunan an-Nasai 1760



Sayyidatina Hafsa bint Umar ibn Al-Khattab RA narrated:

When the Messenger of Allah ﷺ would lie down,
he would place his right hand under his right cheek,
and he used to fast on Mondays and Thursday.

Abu Dawud and At-Tirmidhi





Of Ummi A'isha RA +
Ummi Hafsa RA

(and relatable family squabbles)



Sayyidatina A'ishah bint Abu Bakr RA narrated:

Rasulullah ﷺ said: "Order Abu Bakr to lead the people in Salat."

'Aishah said: "O Messenger of Allah! If Abu Bakr takes your place, the people will not be able to hear due to his crying, so order 'Umar to lead the people in Salat." Rasulallah ﷺ repeated, 'Order Abu Bakr to lead the people in Salat.'" 'Aishah said: "So I said to Hafsa:

'Tell him that if Abu Bakr takes your place, then the people will not be able to hear due to his crying, so order 'Umar to lead the people in Salat.'

Upon this Hafsa did it. So the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, "Indeed you are but like the companions of Yusuf! Order Abu Bakr to lead the people in Salat." So Hafsa said to 'Aishah:

"I never received any good from you."





Surah at-Tahrim : 3-5

But what happens if it's laid out in the Quran?



‘Remember’ when the Prophet had ‘once’ confided something to one of his wives, then when she disclosed it ‘to another wife’ and Allah made it known to him, he presented ‘to her’ part of what was disclosed and overlooked a part. So when he informed her of it, she exclaimed, “Who told you this?” He replied, “I was informed by the All-Knowing, All-Aware”. ‘It will be better’ if you ‘wives’ both turn to Allah in repentance, for your hearts have certainly faltered. But if you ‘continue to’ collaborate against him, then ‘know that’ Allah Himself is his Guardian. And Gabriel, the righteous believers, and the angels are ‘all’ his supporters as well. Perhaps, if he were to divorce you ‘all’, his Lord would replace you with better wives who are submissive ‘to Allah’, faithful ‘to Him’, devout, repentant, dedicated to worship and fasting—previously married or virgins.

(At-Tahrim : 3-5)



Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

I intended to ask `Umar so I said, "Who were those two ladies who tried to back each other against the Prophet?" I hardly finished my speech when he said, "They were `Aisha and Hafsa."

Sahih al-Bukhari 4914





Our Mother,

Safiyyah binti Huyayy RA

*Singled out by others for her lineage, singled out by
the Prophet ﷺ with special care and affection*



Narrated Anas RA: said:

It reached Safiyyah that Hafsah said: "The daughter of a Jew" so she wept. Then the Prophet (ﷺ) entered upon her while she was crying, so he (ﷺ) said: "What makes you cry?" She said: "Hafsah said to me that I am the daughter of a Jew." So the Prophet (ﷺ) said: "And you are the daughter of a Prophet, and your uncle is a Prophet, and you are married to a Prophet, so what is she boasting to you about?" Then he (ﷺ) said: "Fear Allah, O Hafsah."

[Jami` at-Tirmidhi 3894]



Sayyidatina Safiyyah bint Huyayy ibn Akhtab RA narrated that:

While Allah's Messenger ﷺ was in I`tikaf, I called on him at night and having had a talk with him, I got up to depart. He got up also to accompany me to my dwelling place, which was then in the house of Usama bin Zaid.

Two Ansari men passed by, and when they saw the Prophet ﷺ they hastened away. The Prophet said (to them). "Don't hurry! It is Safiya, the daughter of Huyay (i.e. my wife)." They said, "Glorified be Allah! O Allah's Messenger ﷺ! (How dare we suspect you?)" He said, "Satan circulates in the human mind as blood circulates in it, and I was afraid that Satan might throw an evil thought (or something) into your hearts."

Sahih al-Bukhari 3281



My favourite attribute of our Ummi Safiyyah RA:

Despite being doubted her whole life,
she was still kind and forgiving to the
people who insulted her.





Our Mother,
Ummu Salamah RA,
Hind Binti Abu Umayyah Al-Makhzumiah
One of the Firsts to Embrace Islam



It was narrated from Umm Salamah, that when her 'Iddah had ended, Abu Bakr sent word to her proposing marriage to her, but she did not marry him. Then the Messenger of Allah sent 'Umar bin Al-Khattab with a proposal of marriage. She said:

"Tell the Messenger of Allah that I am a jealous woman and that I have sons, and none of my guardians are present." He went to the Messenger of Allah and told him that. He said: "Go back to her and tell her: As for your saying that you are a jealous woman, I will pray to Allah for you to take away your jealousy. As for your saying that you have sons, your sons will be taken care of. And as for your saying that none of your guardians are present, none of your guardians, present or absent, would object to that." She said to her son: "O 'Umar, get up and perform the marriage to the Messenger of Allah," so he performed the marriage.

Sunan an-Nasa'i 3254



She narrated more than 300 hadiths,
second to Ummi A'ishah RA



Umm Salamah (May Allah be pleased with her) reported:

I heard the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

"When a person suffers from a calamity and utters: 'Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un. Allahumma ujurni fi musibati, wakhluḥ li khairan minha (We belong to Allah and to Him we shall return. O Allah! Compensate me in my affliction, recompense my loss and give me something better in exchange for it), then Allah surely compensates him with reward and better substitute." Umm Salamah (May Allah be pleased with her) said: When Abu Salamah (May Allah be pleased with him) died, I repeated the same supplication as the Messenger of Allah."

Riyad as-Salihin 921



*Ummu Salamah RA narrated that
Rasulullah ﷺ said:*

“Any woman who dies when
her husband is pleased with her will enter paradise.”

Tirmidhi



My favourite attribute of our Ummi Umm Salamah RA:

She was our spokesperson for us women.





Our Mother,

Ummu Habibah

Ramlah Binti Abi Sufyan RA

The one who's wedding was sponsored by a King



She has a special friendship with Umm Salamah and bonded over their times in Abyssinia.

She once asked Rasulallah ﷺ if he would marry her sister as it is an honour to do so. But he declined as it is haraam to be married to sisters, and he marries based on Allah's Divine instructions.



*Ummu Habibah RA narrated that
Rasulullah ﷺ said:*

If anyone prays in a day and a night twelve rak'ahs
voluntarily (supererogatory prayer),
a house will be built from him in Paradise
on account of these (rak'ahs).

Abi Dawud 1250



My favourite attribute of our Ummi Umm Habibah RA:

Her humility and her love
of sharing good deeds.



Our Mother,
Zaynab Binti Jahsh RA

"We married you to her"



وَإِذْ تَقُولُ لِلَّذِي أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَأَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِ أَمْسِكْ عَلَيْكَ زَوْجَكَ وَاتَّقِ اللَّهَ وَتُخْفِي فِي نَفْسِكَ مَا
اللَّهُ مُبْدِيهِ وَتَخْشَى النَّاسَ وَاللَّهُ أَحَقُّ أَنْ تَخْشَاهُ فَلَمَّا قَضَى زَيْدٌ مِنْهَا وَطَرًا زَوَّجْنَاكَهَا لِكَيْ لَا يَكُونَ عَلَى
الْمُؤْمِنِينَ حَرَجٌ فِي أَزْوَاجِ أَدْعِيَائِهِمْ إِذَا قَضَوْا مِنْهُنَّ وَطَرًا وَكَانَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ مَفْعُولًا ﴿٣٧﴾

(Al-Ahzab : 37)

And 'remember, O Prophet,' when you said to the one for whom Allah has done a favour and you 'too' have done a favour, "Keep your wife and fear Allah," while concealing within yourself what Allah was going to reveal. And 'so' you were considering the people, whereas Allah was more worthy of your consideration. So when Zaid totally lost interest in 'keeping' his wife, We gave her to you in marriage, so that there would be no blame on the believers for marrying the ex-wives of their adopted sons after their divorce. And Allah's command is totally binding.



Sayyidatina Zaynab bint Jahsh RA narrated that:

She had a tub of brass. She said:

"I used to comb the hair of the Messenger of Allah in it."

Sunan Ibn Majah 472



*Sayyidatina A'ishah Binte Abu Bakr RA narrated
that Rasulullah ﷺ said:*

One who has the longest hands amongst you would meet me most immediately. She further said: They (the wives of Allah's Apostle) used to measure the hands as to whose hand was the longest and it was the hand of Zainab that was the longest amongst them, as she used to work with her hand and spend (that income) on charity.

Sahih Muslim 2452



My favourite attribute of our Ummi Zaynab RA:

Her God-Consciousness.





Our Mother,
Sayyidatina Zaynab
bint Khuzaymah RA



Known as Umm al-Masākīn
Mother of the Poor, as she was most generous

Little is known of her but:

She was previously married to others, but the most notable one was to Abdullah Ibn Jahash RA, who was martyred in the Battle of Uhud.

The Prophet ﷺ married her after the Battle of Uhud, which set an example for other companions to marry widows of Martyrs.

However....



Ummi Zaynab RA passed away shortly
a few months later.

She was the first Ummahatul Mukmineen
to be buried in Jannatul-Baqi.

And she was also the only wife after Ummi Khadijah RA
who passed away during the life of Rasulullah ﷺ



My favourite attribute of our Ummi Zaynab RA:

Her extraordinary generosity.

She was known for it even before she
became a Muslim.





Our Mother,

Juwairiyah Binti Al-Harith RA

The bride whose dowry was the freedom of her people





Sayyida Juwairiyah bint Al-Harith RA
was the daughter of the chief of Banu Mustaliq,
a princess with high status and wealth.

Banu Mustaliq was a powerful Quraysh tribe
and planned a surprise attack against the Prophet ﷺ ,
but he ﷺ found out and confronted them with his army.
They lost and her people were then held as captives.

She braved herself and came directly to the Prophet ﷺ
to ransom herself out of captivity, but she became a Muslim
and married the Prophet ﷺ instead.





*Her people were freed because of their marriage
and Aisha RA narrated:*

'I don't know of a single woman that
was a greater blessing to her people
than Juwairiyah'.





Juwairiyah Binti Al-Harith RA narrated that:

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ passed by her after he prayed the morning prayer, and she was remembering Allah. He came back when the sun had risen" - or at midday - and she was still doing that. He said: 'I have said four words, three times, since I left you, and they are greater and weigh more heavily than what you have said. They are: Subhan-Allahi wa bihamdihi 'adada khalqihi, wa ridha nafsihi, wa zinata 'arshihi, wa midada kalimatihi (Glory is to Allah and praise is to Him, by the multitude of His creation, by His Pleasure, by the weight of His Throne, and by the extent of His words)."





Juwairiyah bint Al-Harith (May Allah be pleased with her), the Mother of the Believers, said that the Prophet ﷺ visited her on a Friday and she was observing fast.

He asked, "Did you observe fast yesterday?" She said, "No."

He asked, "Do you intend to observe fast tomorrow?" She said, "No." He said, "In that case, give up your fast today."

Ibn Majah 3808





My favourite attribute of our Juwairiyah RA:

Her sacrifice for Islam -
leaving the Dunia for the Deen.





Our Mother,

Maimunah Binti Al-Harith Al-Hilaliyah RA

The one Prophet ﷺ married while he was in Ihram



Some of the Scholars of Tafsiirs have the opinion that Allah SWT spoke about Ummi Maymunah RA in the Quran:

"Also allowed for marriage is a believing woman who offers herself to the Prophet without dowry if he is interested in marrying her—this is exclusively for you, not for the rest of the believers."

Quran 33:50



*Maimunah Binti Al-Harith narrated that
Rasulullah ﷺ said:*

"One prayer in this Masjid of mine is better
than a thousand prayers in any other Masjid
except Al-Masjid Al-Haram."

Sunan an-Nasa'i 2898



Maimunah Binti Al-Harith narrated that:

"I and Allah's Messenger would perform Ghusl for Janabah from one vessel."

Jami' at-Tirmidhi 62



*May we all
reunite with
Rasulullah ﷺ
and Our Mothers!*

