

Surah 93: Ad-Duha

"The Surah of Sunshine"

Studying the Qur'an
(As normal people)



Important Vocab



Tadhakkur

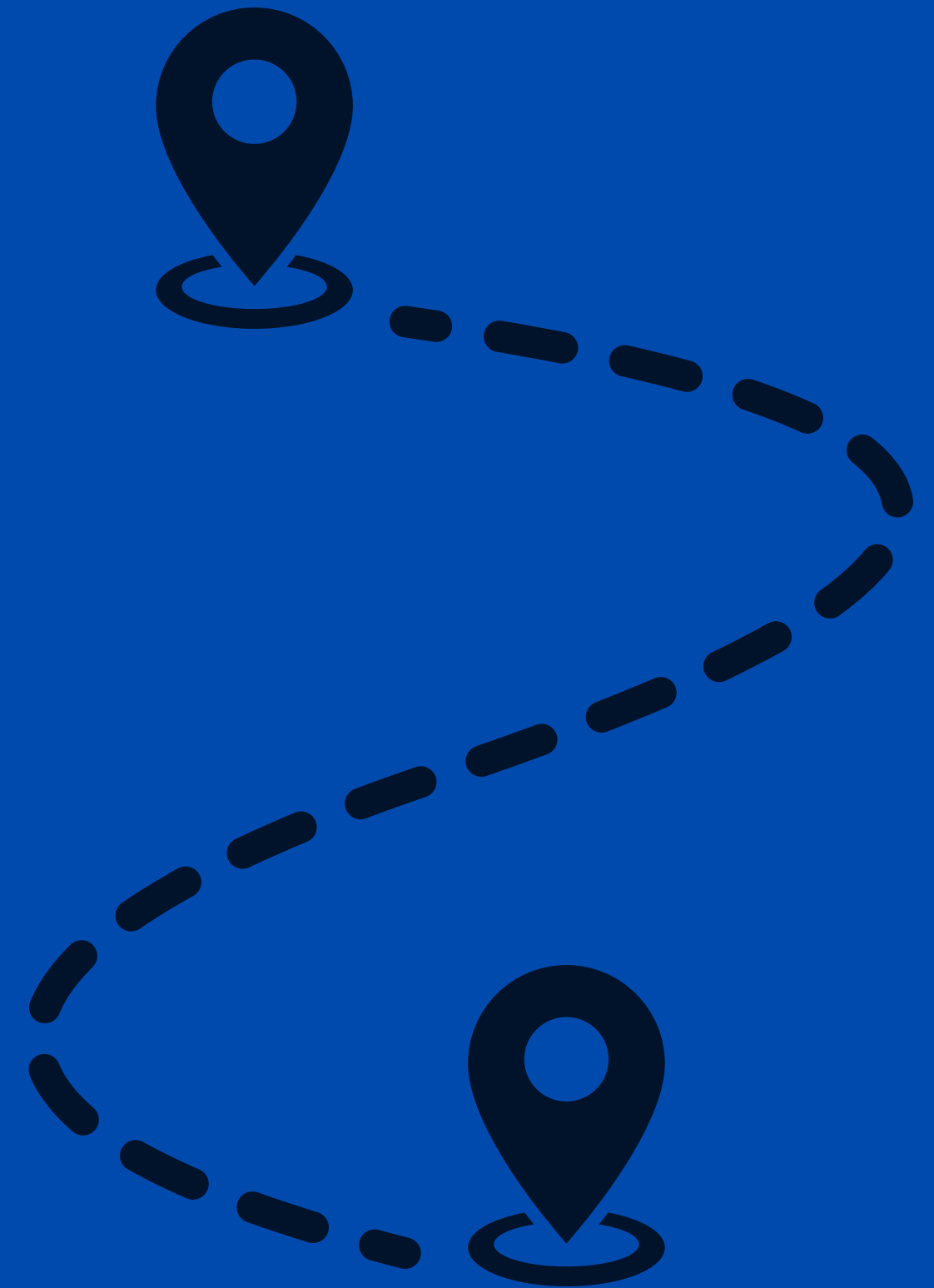
- General messages of the quran, taking them to heart, living them
- Doesn't require sophisticated scholarship, accessible to everyone
- The essential purpose of the Quran

Tadabbur

- Deeper, more complex understanding
- Grammar, lexical
- Underlying unity, central ideas
- Requires more sophisticated tools

One way to study a surah is...

1. Context
2. Literal meaning + themes
3. Break it down
4. Important words + phrases*
5. What does this mean for us?*



Context of Al-Duha:

- Asbab al-Nuzul = specific circumstances that revelation came for
- Injured, revelation had paused
- Mocking from the Quraysh
- Surah Ad-Duha is a Surah of **comfort**



وَالضُّحَىٰ

By the morning sunlight,

وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا سَجَىٰ

and the night when it falls still!

مَا وَدَّعَكَ رَبُّكَ وَمَا قَلَىٰ

Your Lord 'O Prophet' has not abandoned you, nor has He become hateful 'of you'.

وَلَلْآخِرَةُ خَيْرٌ لَّكَ مِنَ الْأُولَىٰ

and the future will be better for you than the past;

وَلَسَوْفَ يُعْطِيكَ رَبُّكَ فَتَرْضَىٰ

And 'surely' your Lord will give so much to you that you will be pleased.

أَلَمْ يَجِدْكَ يَتِيمًا فَآوَىٰ

Did He not find you as an orphan then sheltered you?

وَوَجَدَكَ ضَالًّا فَهَدَىٰ

Did He not find you lost and then guided you?

وَوَجَدَكَ عَائِلًا فَأَغْنَىٰ

And did He not find you needy then satisfied your
needs?

فَأَمَّا الْيَتِيمَ فَلَا تَقْهَرْ

So do not oppress the orphan,

وَأَمَّا السَّائِلَ فَلَا تَنْهَرْ

nor repulse the beggar

وَأَمَّا بِنِعْمَةِ رَبِّكَ فَحَدِّثْ

And proclaim the blessings of your Lord.

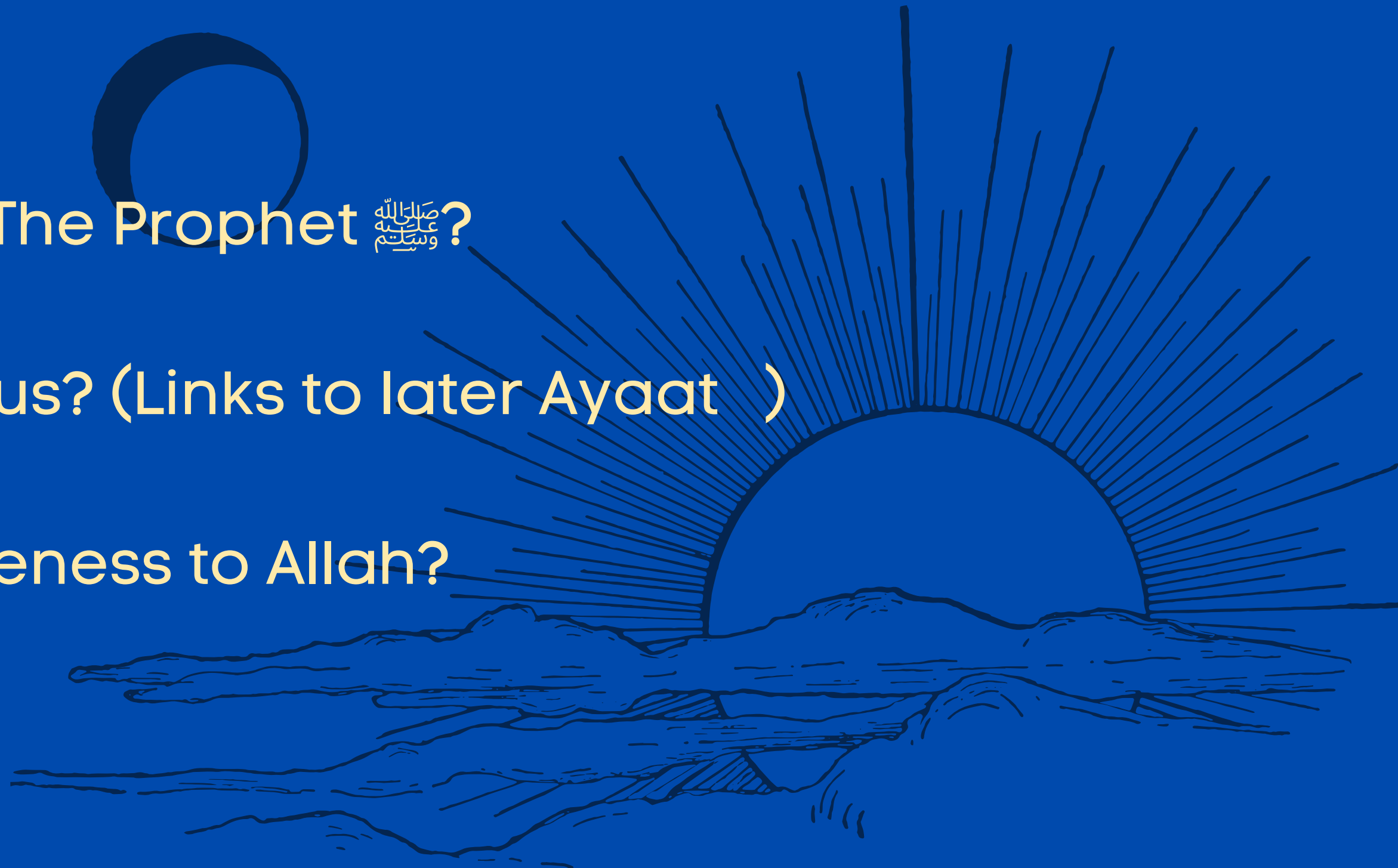
Themes?

Breaking it Down:



1. The Miracles

- Why does Allah swear by aspects of his creation in the Qur'an? - Sunshine and Darkness
- What did this mean for The Prophet ﷺ?
- What can this mean for us? (Links to later Ayaat)
 - Hardship + Ease?
 - Level of Emaan/closeness to Allah?



2. The Promises Allah makes

First Denies 2 things - giving comfort in the present:



Something
that you
discard after
use (soap)



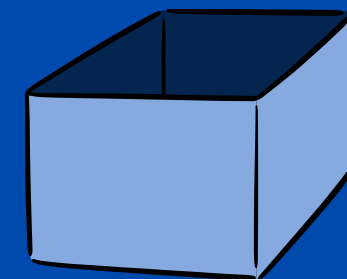
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Correcting



Your Lord 'O Prophet' has not abandoned you, nor has He become hateful 'of you'.



Then he promises us 2 things - giving comfort and hope for the future:

A: The Hereafter

B: The Prophet's ﷺ legacy in this world

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that you will be pleased.

A: Content materialistically - true richness

B: Contentment with his legacy

Breaking it Down:



3. The blessings Allah has already given us (3)

- **"Did He not find you as an orphan then sheltered you?"**
 - The Prophet ﷺ's History.
 - Broken homes don't define you.
- **"Did He not find you lost and then guided you?"**
 - Who was the Prophet before Islam (he wasn't misguided)
 - **BIG LINK** to the start of the surah (I'll get to that)
- **And did He not find you needy then satisfied your needs?**
 - Link to the last Ayaat - about what is true richness & satisfaction.
 - Allah wants us to be happy!



"Did He not find you lost and then guided you?"



• **Being Lost:**

- When we've wandered away from our closeness with Allah
- When we're going through a very difficult time
- Like the darkness and stillness of the night (Ayaat 1+2)
- Feeling cut off and abandoned, like Allah must hate us (Ayaah 3)

• **Being Guided:**

- Who is our source of light when we come out of that night into the morning sunlight? (Ayaat 1+2).
- Allah has not abandoned us and he doesn't hate us.
- He has so much goodness ready and waiting for us - we just have to take the first step. This is the test of life (Ayaah 4+5) and how to do this (later Ayaah).

"Did He not find you lost and then guided you?"



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Ibn al-Qayyim: ‘A person may commit a sin and enter Paradise because of it, or he may do an act of worship and enter Hell because of it.’

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- How do we come back from our mistakes?
- Plants need periods of light and darkness to grow strong - our hearts are the same.



4. How do we use those blessings?

- Islam is a practical religion - the Dunyah is a physical test, so we need to show physical action.
- Gratitude is 3 dimensional.
- Humility - do these blessings belong to me?
- Paying forward in our dunyah for the goodness we've been promised in the Akhirah (Ayaah 4).

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odd one out?



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**Why not: "When you find someone lost
guide them?"**

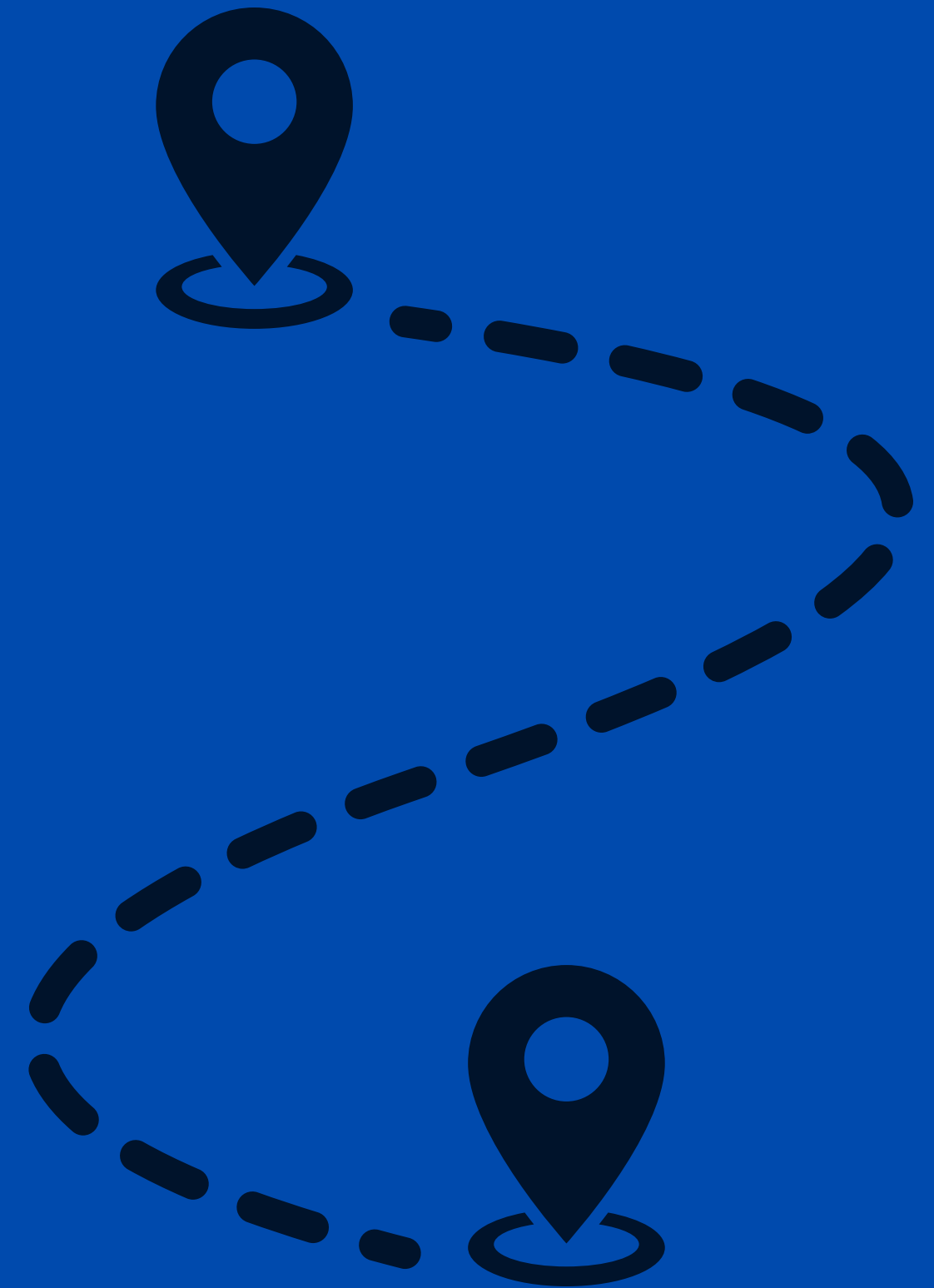
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