

Brotherhood and Sisterhood

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The hadith of the Prophet (peace be upon him) teaches us about being brothers and sisters.

Hadith 1

عَنْ أَبِي مُوسَى عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ
إِنَّ الْمُؤْمِنَ لِلْمُؤْمِنِ كَالْبُنْيَانِ يَشُدُّ بَعْضُهُ بَعْضًا وَشَبَّكَ أَصَابِعَهُ

Abu Musa reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said,

“Verily, the believers are like bricks of a building, each part strengthening the other,” and the Prophet clasped his fingers together.

(Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 481, Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2585)

What did the Prophet do when he arrived at the city of Madinah?

Built the mosque

The entry into Madina was followed by the building of the mosque. It was important for Muslims who now gather, pray, learn the Qur'an and Islam. The building was soon constructed of clay and tree trunks with palm leaves serving as a thatched roof. The Messenger of Allah himself took part in the construction.

Made the Ansar and Muhajiroon brothers

The second important step taken by the Prophet in Madina was making the 'Muhajireen' (Makkan Immigrants) brothers with the 'Ansar' (Madinite Helpers). The Muhajireen as the name suggests were the Muslim emigrants from Makkah who had followed the Prophet of Madina to safeguard their faith and to escape persecution. They had embraced Islam in its early formative years and most of them had steadfastly endured severe pain and hardship in the way of liberty, truth and justice.

On the other hand, the Ansar were the indigenous inhabitants of Madina, who believed in the Message of Islam and rallied to the help of the Prophet. They

welcomed him to their city, and fought alongside him against the pagans of Arabia. It was their faith and selfless devotion which cemented Islamic unity and brought many a glorious victory for Islam.

At the time of the Hijra, most of the Muhajireen were poor and possessed nothing, but the Ansar displaying the finest example of Islamic brotherhood, provided them with their needs such as houses, money and food. Example of Abdur-Rahman bin Auf in not taking advantage of his Ansari brother and preferring to use his ability and skills to trade in the market.

Hadith 2

An-Nu'man ibn Basheer reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

مَثَلُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ فِي تَوَادُّهِمْ وَتَرَاحُمِهِمْ وَنِعَاطُفِهِمْ مَثَلُ الْجَسَدِ إِذَا اشْتَكَى مِنْهُ عُضْوٌ تَدَاعَى لَهُ سَائِرُ الْجَسَدِ بِالسَّهْرِ وَالْحَمَى

“The parable of the believers in their affection, mercy, and compassion for each other is that of a body. When any limb aches, the whole body reacts with sleeplessness and fever.”

(Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 5665)

How do you know if are sick? You feel unwell. Something changes in your body to the worse.

But we could also be feeling good, and it is nice to share that with others.

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Practice noticing how other people change their faces and bodies when they are not feeling good so you can comfort them, and when they are happy so you can celebrate them.

Conclusion

Brotherhood and sisterhood are very important in Islam. It is the first thing the Prophet (pbuh) did after he built the masjid in Madinah. It is not just about our brothers and sisters from mum and dad but also our brothers in Islam and in humanity. To be a good brother and sister, notice how others are and be kind and gentle. Also, share that happiness with them if they are happy or proud.

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