

LESSONS FROM KARBALA



Book 7

Commitment

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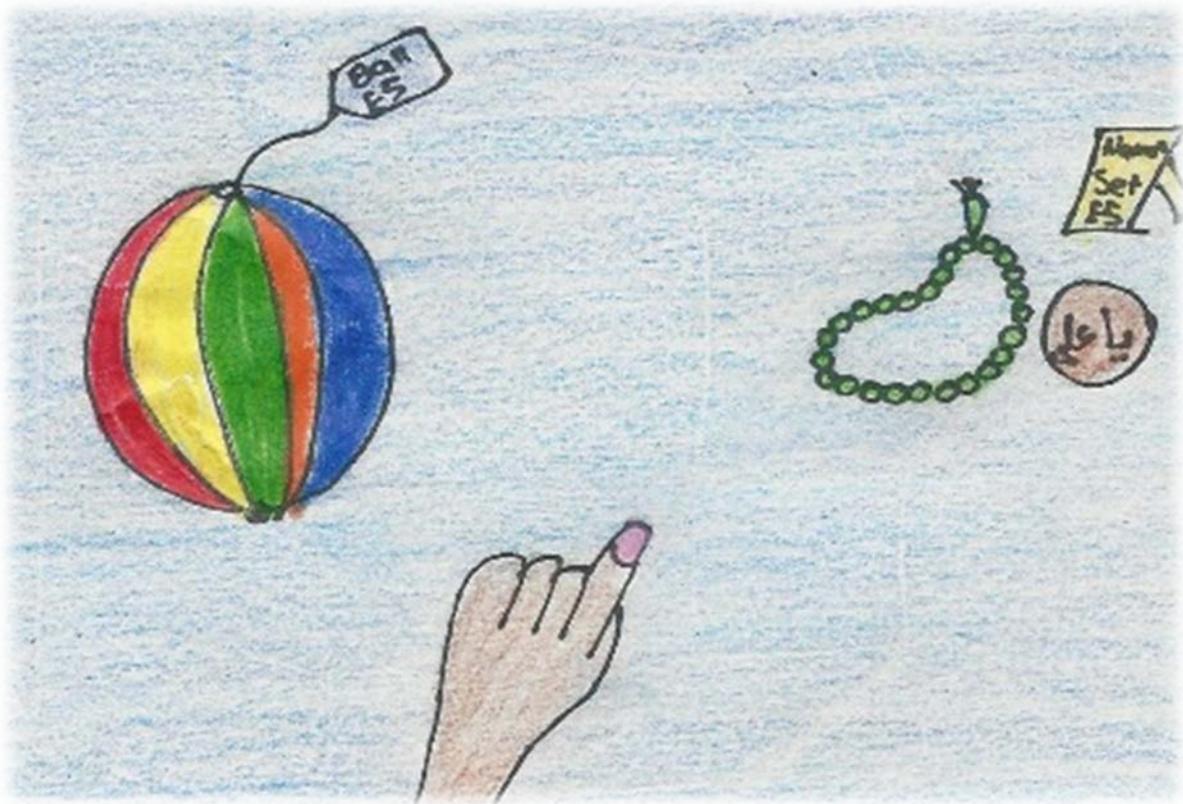
Please recite Surah-e-Fatiha for Syed Nadeem-ul-Hasan
& Mrs. Mehar Jabeen. Dada and Nani Ami, we miss
you!!!



EVERY DAY IS ASHURA
EVERY LAND IS KARBALA
HAL MIN NASIRIN YANSURNA
THE CALL IS STILL IN THE AIR
OUR HEARTS SAY
LABAIK YA HUSSEIN!
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What is Commitment?

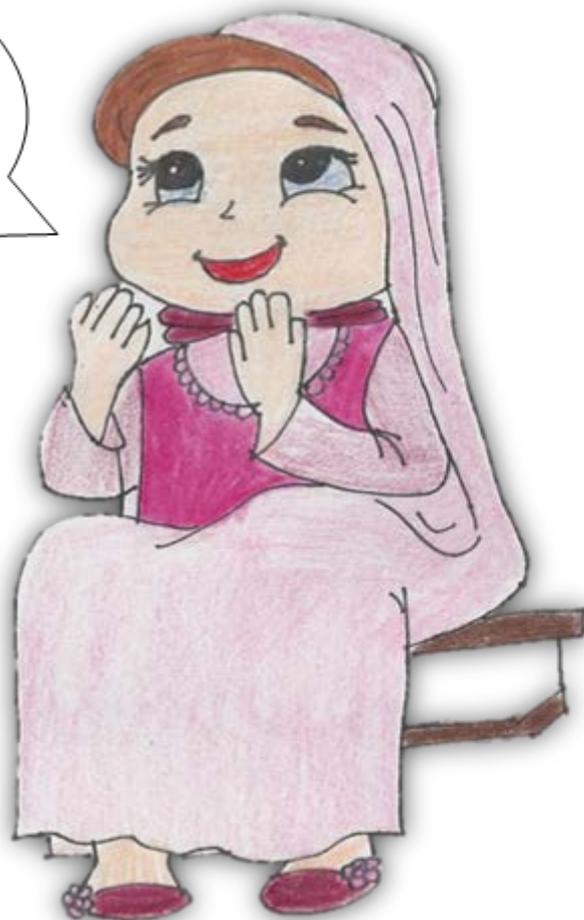
- Commitment is being dedicated to a cause.
- A promise to do or give something.
- A promise to be loyal to someone or something.



How to become Committed?

- Purify your intentions and make sure that whatever you do is for Allah (swt).
- Then work hard to achieve that goal.
- Make all the necessary sacrifices on the way.

**Allah (swt) please
help me fulfill all my
promises...**



How to practice Commitment.....

At Home:-

- By keeping promises that you make; even if you have to sacrifice your free time.
- E.g. promising your mum to help with chores or your younger sibling to play a game of his choice.



At School:-

- By working hard to finish assignments on time keeping in mind that your goal is to become a knowledgeable individual.
- By fulfilling any promises you make to your teachers or friends.



At Public Places:-

- By attending the events hosted by our ulemas knowing that you have to support the right social causes.
- By feeling that every muslim is an ambassador of his or her faith and behave appropriately.

A hand-drawn calendar for November 2014. The calendar is a grid with days of the week (M, T, W, Th, F, S, S) and dates (1-30). Several dates are marked with red 'X's, indicating they are not to be observed. The following table summarizes the content of the calendar:

2014		NOVEMBER					2014	
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S		
	1 HAJIS	2	3	4	5	6		
7	8	9	10	11	12 JULDOS OF IMAM HUSAIN (A)	13		
14	15	16	17 ISLAMIC CONFERENCE	18	19	20		
21 MILAD	22	23	24	25	26	27		

Commitment in Karbala....

- In spite of all the hardships that Imam had to face, he still remained committed to his goal of saving Islam.
- The companions were committed to serving their Imam. Because of this, they chose to stay with him even when they were given the option to leave with the promise of jannat.



Achieving our goals...

All of us have goals
What we want to do
We do whatever it takes
To make them come true.

Commitment is when
You put one goal above the rest
You make compromises to achieve it
You try and do your best.

But we have to be careful
That we are committed to what's right
Anything else would lead us
To a very dangerous plight

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To Karbala we commit...

Karbala is an institute.
You attend
And it constitutes
The basis,
The foundation,
The pillars of your faith

Karbala is where we see
The peak
Of justice,
The height
Of commitment,
And summit of loyalty

Karbala started in the past
Some say
1400 years ago
But it continues to date
For us to play our part

Commitment to our Imam
Just like those
Loyal ones
Years ago
Can strengthen our Iman
And the only way to go.

One step at a time...

Dear Diary,

Hello again! It's me, Manahil! I know it's been a while since I last wrote, but, I was just too busy.

Sorry...

There's something really important that I have to tell you. The reason I was so occupied was that I had gone on a fabulous journey. In fact, the journey is still on-going. My voyage is that of spirituality and my destination being by those who will stand by the Imam (ajtf) Inshallah.

Of course my dreams seem a little far-fetched. Nevertheless, despair is a trait of Shaitan so I remain hopeful.

To solve a puzzle, it is always a good idea to first find out the basic clues and the one for my

predicament was commitment. So I put my focus on that.

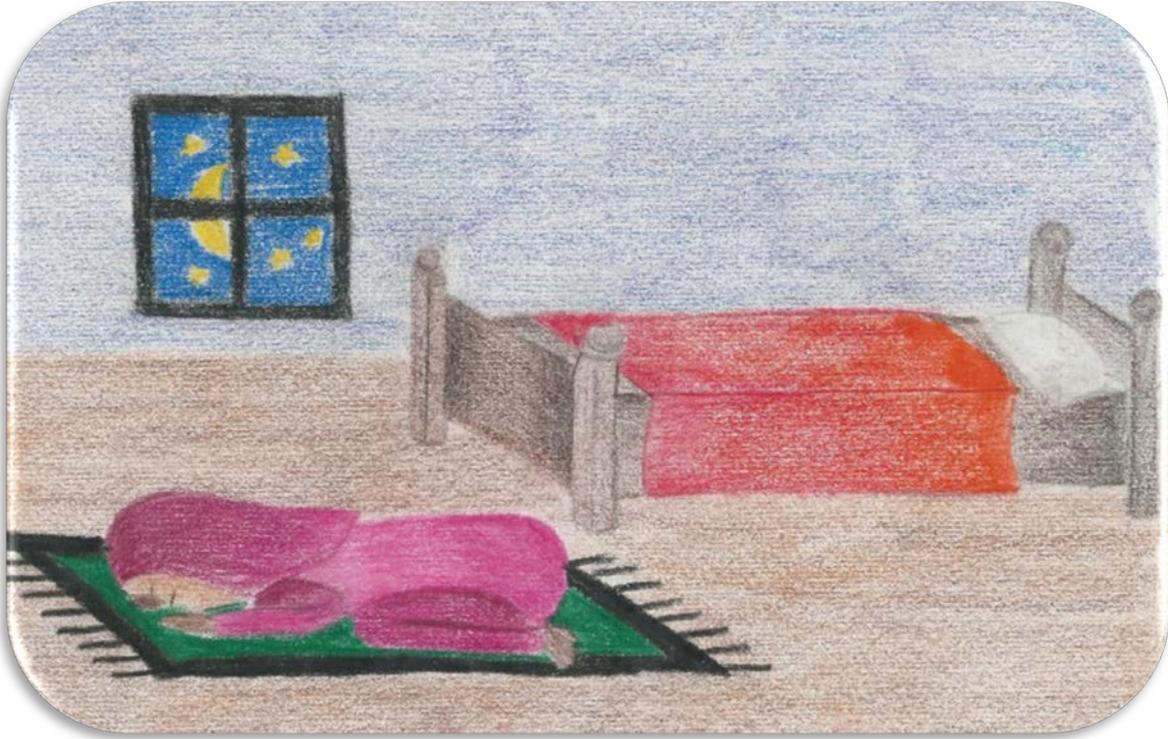
On Monday morning, during science class, our teacher announced a lengthy and important team project that would have a lot of value in our grades. But as Allah (swt) willed, she paired me up with the laziest girl in the class. Being a top marks scoring student, this worried me a lot. At first, everything seemed okay; but on the night before the submission date, she called me and informed me that she hadn't done anything giving some lame excuse about network problems. I was flabbergasted.



But I remembered my promise and stayed committed to the cause of succeeding in academics. Even though I had to stay up all night, the end result was what I desired. I thanked Allah profusely that day for helping me to succeed both in the project and my promise.

After that project, I also realized something else. Staying committed would need a lot of physical, spiritual and mental effort.

I also remember that sometime after that incident, I read about the importance of salaah-ul-Layl. From that day, I promised myself that I would wake up every day, before fajr, to perform this prayer. At first, it was relatively difficult, but, I kept thinking of the hadith from the holy prophet saying that if something is done for forty days then it becomes a habit. Now, Alhamdulillah it is part of my life.



All of these experiences assisted me in my goals, academic and spiritual. I also realized that in comparison to the first time, gradually, things became a lot easier to accomplish . I suppose that This is due to the fact that Allah (swt) says if we take one step towards Him then He will take ten steps towards us.

From these incidents and several more I realized that if we hope to succeed in anything in life then we need to remain committed to it. In our journey of spirituality, we need to first commit ourselves to minor goals and aims, like reciting ziyarat e Ashura every day, or praying salaah e Layl. But in the end all of us should commit ourselves to serve our Imam (ajtf) , Inshallah...

Well, that's all for now... But don't worry diary I'll be back soon to share the new updates regarding my journey of spirituality.

All the best and bye for now!

Words of wisdom

Quran:

And how could you disbelieve while to you are being recited the verses of Allah and among you is His Messenger? And whoever holds firmly to Allah has [indeed] been guided to a straight path.
(Surah Imran 3:101)

Imam Ali:

Clothe yourself with shyness
and armor yourself with loyalty.

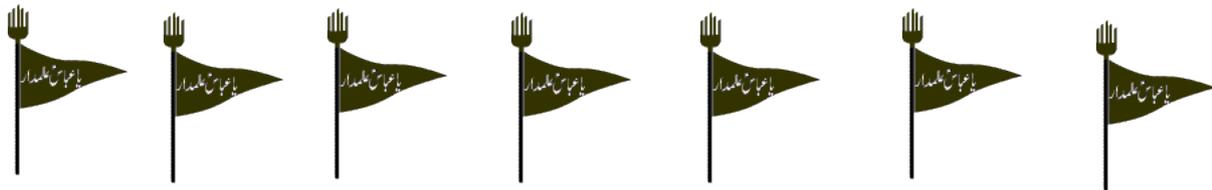
Unscramble the words related to
commitment...

1. TMCNMEOMI _____
2. SOPIREM _____
3. EPEGLD _____
4. VWO _____
5. TNUGREAAE _____
6. NRSAAUSEC _____
7. BLPERTIISYIONS _____
8. TODVEEE _____
9. LECLEAAGIN _____
10. TFDSAESAT _____

1. COMMITMENT
2. PROMISE
3. PLEDGE
4. VOW
5. GUARANTEE
6. ASSURANCE
7. RESPONSIBILITY
8. DEVOTEE
9. ALLEGIANCE1
10. STEADFAST

Spot me!!!

It will be hard but stay committed!!!



Find all eight of us... if you can!!!

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