

Rewind and reflect

Episode 15

THE
OTHER
SIDE



Summary

Every action, whether we think about it or not, carries weight. The smallest deed, the briefest moment of kindness, the quietest sin—all of it leaves a mark. Some actions may seem insignificant at first, but they ripple through our lives and beyond, shaping our fate in ways we can't always see. This episode reminds us that our choices, no matter how fleeting, have lasting consequences. The rewards and punishments of the hereafter are a direct reflection of what we've sent forth. Just as good deeds can elevate us, they can also be erased by arrogance, envy, and how we treat others. But even with the weight of our mistakes, there is hope. Allah's mercy is vast, greater than any sin. As long as we are on this side, we have the chance to send forth our best.

Discussion question

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "There are people who fast and get nothing from their fast except hunger, and there are those who pray and get nothing from their prayer but a sleepless night." Knowing that fasting goes beyond abstaining from food and drink, how can you protect the rewards for your fasts by ensuring you are living up to the standard set by our Prophet ﷺ?

Application

Apply what you watched in a concrete way to help deepen your understanding.

We heard the story of the father who was denied entry into Paradise because he had not received his neighbor's forgiveness. We wouldn't want to find ourselves in a similar situation. Take a moment to reflect on past arguments and disagreements, are there ways you can make amends? Today, take at least one step toward repairing a strained relationship or seeking forgiveness from someone you have hurt.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Gather family and friends.
2. Watch **The Other Side, Episode 15**.
3. Read through this guide and discuss the questions provided.
4. Reflect, and grow together in faith.
5. Repeat for **all 30 episodes**.

Ihbat al A'mal

Nullifying good deeds.

HISTORICAL FIGURES/EVENTS

Battle of Khaybar

When it was the Day of Khaybar, a group of the Companions of the Prophet ﷺ came there and said, "So-and-so is a martyr, so-and-so is a martyr," till they happened to pass by a man and said, "So-and-so is a martyr." But then the Prophet ﷺ opposed this and said, "No. I have seen him in the Fire for the cloak that he had stolen from the spoils of war" [Muslim #114]. This powerful reminder served as a warning that outward acts of bravery and righteousness are not enough if they are tainted by dishonesty or betrayal. True success in the hereafter is not merely about public perception but about the sincerity and integrity with which one lives and dies.

Storyline connection

How do you think Anwar feels when he reflects on the arguments and rude behavior he had toward his older brother? How can he seek to make amends now that his brother has passed away?

Activity

Intentions and **habit stacking**:

- 1 Think of an action you already do every day (i.e. brushing your teeth), then think about a habit you could “stack” by completing it right after the action you already complete daily. For example, after you brush your teeth, you want to commit to stretching for five minutes.
- 2 Be intentional about the new habit in an effort to increase your good deeds and avoid actions that may nullify them.

Example:

Existing habit: You say *salaam* to someone at the *masjid*.

New habit to stack: After saying *salaam*, follow it up with a short *du'a* for them and for yourself.

Parent tip

When discussing this topic with children, focus on the idea that meeting Allah is a beautiful and joyous reunion, like finally seeing a loved one after a long time apart. Explain that this life is a journey where we try our best to be kind, do good deeds, and prepare for that special day. Reassure them that Allah is the Most Loving and the Most Merciful, and He wants us to live in a way that brings us happiness in this world and the next.

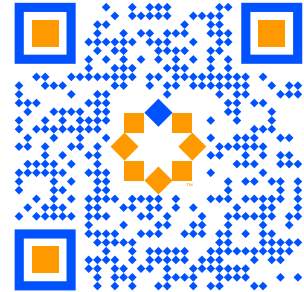
References

The Prophet ﷺ said, “The closest of you to me on the Day of Judgment will be those who have the best character.” [At-Tirmidhi]

“And We shall turn to the deeds they have done and scatter them like dust.” [Qur'an, 25:23]

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