

Rewind and reflect

Episode 22

THE
OTHER
SIDE



Summary

You can't escape pain in this life, but through it, you can reach Paradise. Every hardship, every moment of trial, carries with it a door to Jannah that ease alone could not unlock. Patience isn't just about enduring suffering; it's about elevation. When Allah tests you and grants you patience, He's raising you to a level that your acts of worship couldn't reach on their own.

Think about it, what if the difficulty you're facing right now is the very thing that will bring you closer to Him? The key is patience. Every moment of pain is an opportunity to say *alhamdulillah* and trust that Allah is preparing a greater reward for you. Through patience, you develop a strength that opens doors no other virtue can. And when you finally walk through those doors, you'll realize the beauty and rewards that await.

Discussion questions

- 1 Reflect on the story narrated by Humayd at-Taweel at the beginning of the episode. The man who was considered the most righteous in the graveyard earned that status because of the patience he showed during his trial. Now that he is in the Barzakh, how do you think his hardship appears to him now?
- 2 Patience in hardship unlocks levels in Jannah that ease never could. What can you do during times of ease to build the foundation for patience when hardship comes?

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Gather family and friends.
2. Watch **The Other Side, Episode 22**.
3. Read through this guide and discuss the questions provided.
4. Reflect, and grow together in faith.
5. Repeat for **all 30 episodes**.

Sabr

To restrain or hold back (from complaints and angst); patience.

Shukr

To be grateful in state and word, both in moments of good, and in moments of hardship.

References

The Prophet ﷺ said: "Indeed, Paradise has levels that cannot be attained except by patience in times of trial and gratitude in times of prosperity." [As-Sabr wa ath-Thawab #94]

The Prophet ﷺ said: "You do deeds without knowledge of their significance, and we the dead know how significant they are, yet we are unable to act upon them anymore. To perform a prayer similar to yours would be more beloved to me than the world and all that it contains." [Shu'ab al-Iman #9711]

Peace be with you, because you have remained steadfast. What an excellent reward is this home of yours! [Qur'an, 13:24]

Application

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

Reflect on the difficult moments in your life. How did you react and feel during those times? Did you respond with patience?

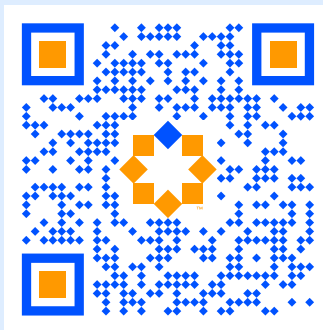
- 1 If you did, list the strategies that helped you remain patient during your trial.
- 2 If you didn't, think about what you could do differently to practice patience if you face a similar challenge in the future.

Storyline connection

How can Anwar demonstrate patience while grieving the loss of his brother? Does crying mean he has lost patience?

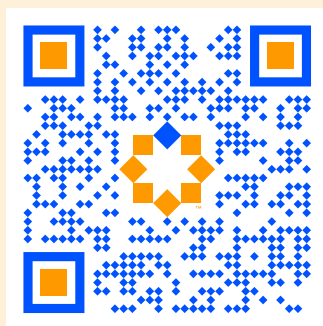
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HISTORICAL FIGURES/EVENTS

Prophet Ayyub

(Patience through adversity example)

Abdullah ibn Muhammad al-Awza'i narrates that Abdullah ibn Muhammad met a man (Abu Qilaba al-Jurmi) who had no hands and legs and he had impaired hearing and sight. He said to the man, "Are you more honourable in the sight of Allah or was Ayyub." Al-Jurmi said, "Of course, Ayyub." Ibn Muhammad said, "Do you know what His Lord did with him? Did He not test him on his wealth, family, and children?" He said, "Yes." Ibn Muhammad said, "And How did (Allah) find him?" Al-Jurmi replied, "He found him patient and grateful."

This exchange highlights that true honor in the sight of Allah comes through patience and gratitude, even in the face of the greatest trials—just as Prophet Ayyub exemplified.

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.