

Rewind and reflect

Episode 24

THE
OTHER
SIDE



Summary

The friends you choose in this life may be the very ones waiting for you in the Barzakh, shaping your journey in the hereafter. The Prophet ﷺ said, “A person is upon the religion of their close friend” [*Sunan Abi Dawud #4833*], reminding us that our companions shape our path. Some friendships draw us closer to Allah, while others quietly lead us away. Choose friends who remind you of Allah, uplift your faith, and help you stay grounded in prayer. Because the people you walk with today may be the ones who stand with you, or against you in the Barzakh.

Discussion questions

- 1 If, as the Prophet ﷺ said, “You are upon the religion of your close friend,” take a moment to reflect: What do your current friendships say about your relationship with Allah?
- 2 Are the people closest to you helping you grow in faith—or pulling you away from it? Think about your circle, and ask yourself: Are we walking together toward Paradise?

Application

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

A friend who brings you closer to Allah is one of the greatest blessings He can give. Take a moment to reflect on the friends in your life who strengthen your faith. Show gratitude to Allah for their presence, and express appreciation to them as well. Call or text them today—let them know you love them for the sake of Allah and are grateful for their companionship. Sometimes a small gesture can mean everything.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Gather family and friends.
2. Watch **The Other Side, Episode 24**.
3. Read through this guide and discuss the questions provided.
4. Reflect, and grow together in faith.
5. Repeat for **all 30 episodes**.

References

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said, “A person will be with whom he loves.” [Sahih al-Bukhari #3688]

The believers, both men and women, support each other; they order what is right and forbid what is wrong; they keep up the prayer and pay the prescribed alms; they obey Allah and His Messenger. Allah will give His mercy to such people: Allah is Almighty and Wise. [Qur'an, 9:71]

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.

Storyline connection

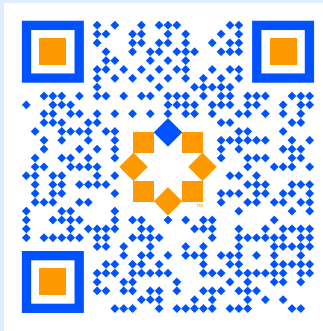
How can the death of Muneer and his mother motivate Anwar to keep good company in this life?

Activity

- 1 Create a list of things you can do to come together with friends for the sake of Allah. (i.e. working on a *dawah* project, attending a protest together, feeding the homeless, etc).
- 2 Gather friends and set a date to complete some of the items listed.

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