

Rewind and reflect

Episode 26

THE
OTHER
SIDE



Summary

The impact of your *du'a* doesn't end in this world, it travels to the Barzakh, reaching the souls of those who've passed on. On the nights when the gates of mercy are wide open, don't forget those who can no longer make *du'a* for themselves. Your *du'a* becomes a gift of light in their grave, of comfort in their waiting, of elevation in their rank. Far greater than anything you could have given them in this life. So as you raise your hands on the most sacred nights, remember the ones who once walked beside you, and those whose names you may never know but whose souls long for your prayer.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Gather family and friends.
2. Watch **The Other Side, Episode 26**.
3. Read through this guide and discuss the questions provided.
4. Reflect, and grow together in faith.
5. Repeat for **all 30 episodes**.

Sadaqah jariyah

A continuous charity that keeps benefiting others and earning reward for you even after your death.

Discussion questions

- 1 The impact of your *du'a* can go beyond this world, and change someone else's world in the Barzakh. How does knowing this change the way you might make *du'a* for others?
- 2 If *du'a* is the weapon of the believer, how can you use it to bring about positive change in your own life, in the lives of others, and in the world around you?

Application

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

- 1 Imagine your *du'a* as a beautifully wrapped gift sent across to someone waiting in the Barzakh.
- 2 In these final, blessed nights of Ramadan, take a moment to remember those who have passed. Picture your prayer reaching them like a gift of light and mercy, unwrapped with joy in a place where nothing else from this world can reach. Take a moment today and remember to be generous in your gift giving through your *du'a*.

References

Amr ibn Jareer said: When one supplicates for his deceased brother, an angel comes to his grave with the supplication and says: "O occupant of the grave, this is a gift from a brother who cares about you." [Kitab Ar-Ruh]

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: Among the good deeds that continue to benefit a believer after death are: a knowledge that he taught and disseminated, a righteous child who lived after him, a mushaf that he left as inheritance, a masjid that he built, a house that he built for the wayfarers, or a stream that he ran, or a charity that he gave from his wealth during his lifetime while he was healthy. [Sunan Ibn Majah #242]

We shall certainly bring the dead back to life, and We record what they send ahead of them as well as what they leave behind: We keep an account of everything in a clear Record. [Qur'an, 36:12]

Activity

Set up a *sadaqah jariyah*:

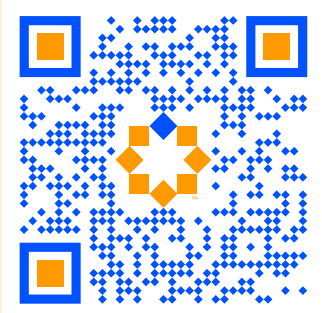
- 1 Think of someone you love. It could be a parent, a friend, a teacher, or someone who impacted your life in a meaningful way. Now imagine giving them a gift that continues to benefit them, not just in this life, but long after it.
- 2 Set up a *sadaqah jariyah* on their behalf. It could be planting a tree, sponsoring an orphan, contributing to the construction of a *masjid* or a school.
- 3 If you don't have the means to give financially, don't let that stop you. Join hands with your family or your community. Volunteer your time. Help plant the trees. Because every act done with sincerity carries the potential to become a legacy that never stops giving.

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.

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