

## Summarised Friday Sermon

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### RAMADAN BUILDS RESILIENT YOUTHS

- Month of Ramadan is full of blessings and also a reminder for those who have forgotten. The Prophet S.A.W. said: On the first day of Ramadan, Satan and djins are chained. The doors of Hell are closed and not one door will be opened. The doors of Heaven will be opened and not one will be closed. Then, a voice will call out: O those who desire good! Continue doing your good deeds! And O you who desire evil! Stop your wrongdoing. Truly, every night, there will be those released from the tortures of Hellfire.
- Ramadan gives us strength. By fasting we shore our defenses. The strength of faith, purity of character and strength of mind are all our defenses. Defenses in facing all of life's challenges.
- Umair, brother to Sa'ad bin Abi Waqqash was a formidable Companion. During the battle of Badr, which took place in Ramadan, he followed his older brother, Sa'ad, to war even though he was still very young. In fact, he had just reached the age of majority. His sword was tied to his shoulder, as his body was still small. He died as a syahid at Badr.
- Zaid Bin Thabit also asked Rasullulah to allow him to participate in the battle. At the time, he was not even 13 years of age. Judging him too young, the Prophet did not allow him to go. However, Rasulallah s.a.w. have never disappointed anyone. When he noticed that Zaid bin Thabit had a quick mind and could memorise the Quran quickly and accurately, Rasulallah told him to study.
- There are even more examples of youths who were the pillars of the religion, like Muadz Bin Jabal, Ali Bin Abi Thalib, Abdullah Bin Abbas R.A. The youths are the hope for the future. Their success would mean success for us all, and should they not succeed, it also means we all do not succeed.
- Strong youths can bring about blessings to all. Resilient youths will be able to help us overcome our challenges. To ensure that our youths are strong, it is very important for us to continually be with them and guide them. Our guidance needs to be tempered with love and kindness. Advice and guidance need to be given with patience and truthfully.
- Be confident and courageous when you face life's challenges for only with courage can you achieve success. Should you not succeed in your initial attempts, don't give up. Instead, try again harder you will succeed one day. Youth, are our future leaders, let's arm yourselves with knowledge that increases your iman and knowledge that sharpens your mind.



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