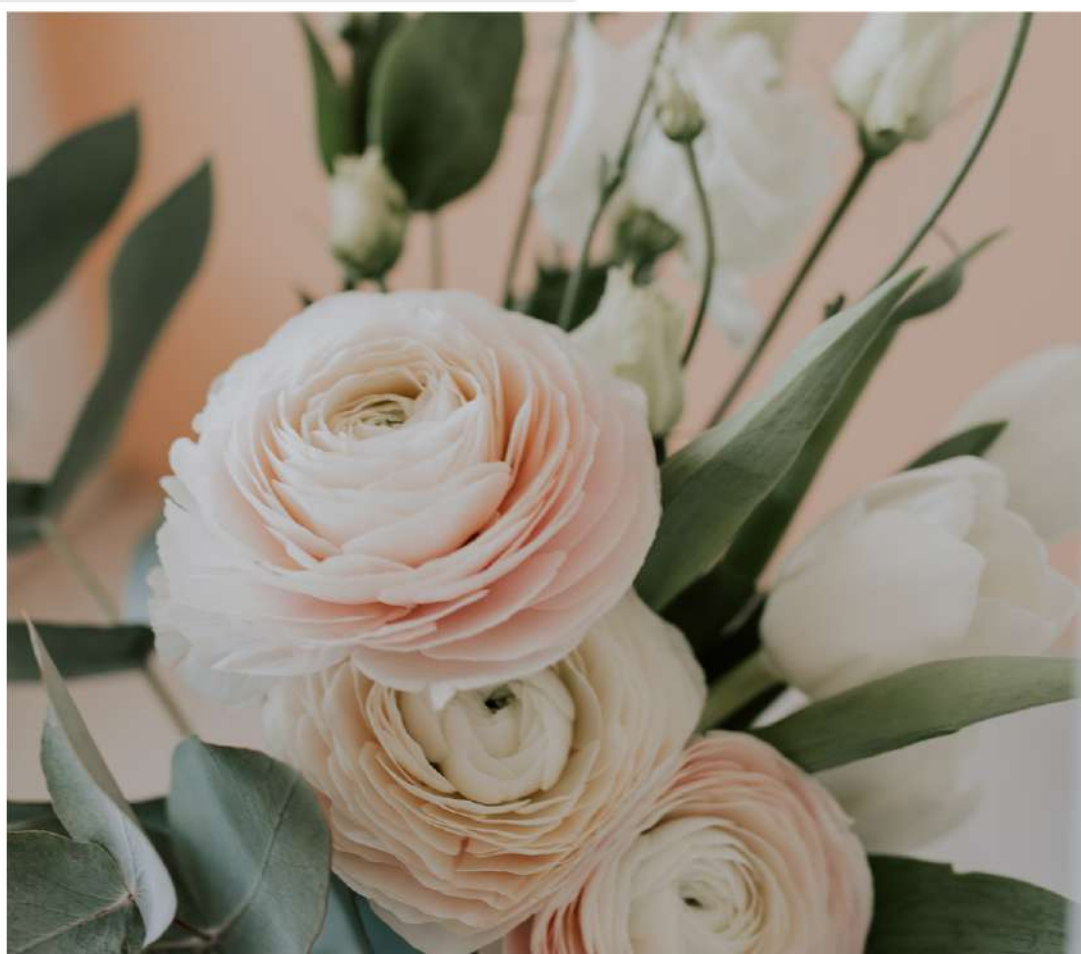


WOMEN AROUND THE MESSENGER

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LESSON 5:
SAYIDA SAWDA RA
- THE LIGHT-
HEARTED WIFE



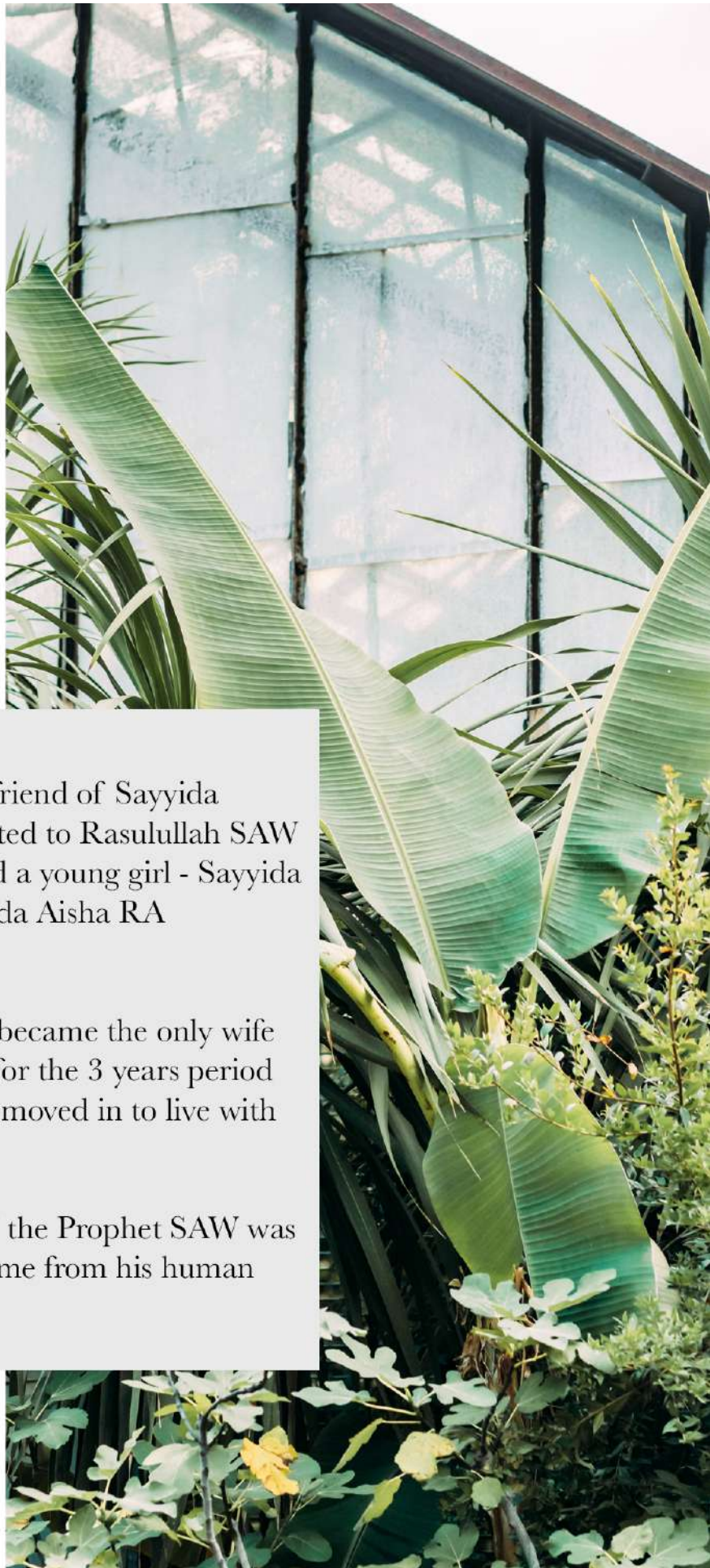
WHO IS SHE?

- She is **Sayyida Sawda binte Zam'a** and she was the first wife of Rasulullah SAW after Sayyidatina Khadijah RA. Both her and the Prophet SAW shares the same lineage.
- She RA was married to As-Sakran ibn Amr. They were both one of the first few to declare their faith to Rasulullah SAW, and saw the sacrifices and hardships faced by the early Muslims. They themselves suffered and had to leave their homes to join the Muslims to migrate to Abyssinia.

Dreaming of Rasulullah SAW

She once saw Rasulullah SAW came walking to her in a dream. Other reports said Rasulullah SAW had his foot to her neck. Sayyida Sawda's husband, As-Sakran ibn Amr said to her that if her dream was true, she would be married to Rasulullah SAW after he died. Some reports also stated that she saw the moon fell into her lap in a subsequent dream.





- Sayyida Khawla, a friend of Sayyida Khadijah RA, suggested to Rasulullah SAW to marry a widow and a young girl - Sayyida Sawda RA and Sayyida Aisha RA respectively..

- Sayyida Sawda RA became the only wife of the prophet SAW for the 3 years period before Sayyida Aisha moved in to live with the Prophet SAW.

- All the marriages of the Prophet SAW was divine and did not come from his human desires.

SHE WAS A SELFLESS PERSON

- The Companions see the need for the Prophet SAW to remarry because of his great responsibility.
 - We've been fed by false perception that people who lost their spouses should not remarry out of being faithful to their previous partner. Islam places the duty of a wife that no one can replace them.
 - The Companions couldn't figure out who can replace the great Sayyida Khadijah RA who was perfect in every aspect. It was the wisdom of Sayyida Khawla that bravely suggested Sayyida Sawda RA to Rasulullah SAW.
 - Sayyida Sawda RA became the central personality in the Prophetic Household. A maternal figure not only to the Prophet SAW's children but also to the wives of the Prophet SAW.
 - Sayyida Aisha RA even said that she wanted to be someone like Sayyida Sawda RA if given a choice.
 - She RA was someone who only knows how to give endlessly. She RA had a pure heart filled with overflowing love of Allah SWT that it's impossible not to feel that being near to her.
 - Rasulullah SAW is telling us how the action of caring and loving our family is enough to earn a spot beside him SAW.
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Sayyida Sawda's overflowing love

- We should always fill our heart with nothing but the love of Allah SWT and ask Allah for nothing except for the love of Allah SWT.
- If you are a mother, you would need that overflowing love in your heart so that you can become a source of goodness to everyone around you, just like Sayyida Sawda RA.
- No pain was greater than the loss of Sayyida Khadijah RA, but it was healed by the overflowing love of Sayyida Sawda RA. She was cheerful, joyful and lighthearted.
- There were not many stories about her but this shows that there are people that Allah choose to hide away, but they will be shown in the Hereafter.

A close-up photograph of lavender flowers in bloom, showing clusters of small purple blossoms on green stems. The flowers are the central focus of the image, with some in sharp focus and others blurred in the background.

SPECIAL AGENT OF ALLAH SWT

- We have lost this desire to be the special agent of Allah SWT, where no one knows you **but everything is happening because of you.**
- Many women protest for their contributions and their sacrifices to be appreciated and acknowledged and they just throw away the gift to be Allah SWT's special agent.
- *If we can't be like Sayyida Sawda RA who brought joy to the Prophet SAW, at the very least we should not be someone who bring tears to his eyes SAW.*

THE GREATEST DESIRE

- It was reported that Rasulullah SAW wanted to divorce Sayyida Sawda RA so as not to burden her. When she came to know of this intention, she came to Rasulullah SAW crying and said, *“Oh Rasulullah SAW, I no longer have any desire with men. But it is my utmost wish to be resurrected in the Hereafter as your wife.”*
 - Our greatest desire/ intention / wish/ goal is to be with him SAW in Jannah. And for that, we have to live like her, giving and living for no other reason but for him till we are reunited with him under the pleasure of Allah SWT.
 - Sayyida Sawda RA was lighthearted and joyful because she had no attachment to the world. She RA had no reasons to be angry, to have grudges or to feel sad. Even if she cried, it was because of Rasulullah SAW.
 - When we are feeling angry or sad, and experiencing the ups and downs of our emotions, it is because we are affected by our surroundings and situations. Therefore, the emotions that we feel is a burden. It will only hurt us because we are keeping the hatred in our heart.
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Our different path

- The reason she was the chosen wife after Sayyidatina Khadijah RA was because she shared a similar trait as Sayyidatina Khadijah RA - they were finding the truth and Allah, and Allah presented them with Rasulullah SAW.

- There's wisdom behind the Ummahatul Mukmineen - they are all different in their own ways and yet they are all special and important in the history of Islam and also in teaching us that **there is no one way** to bring joy to the Prophet SAW, and thus Allah SWT.

If Allah has chosen you to go a certain path, then that's your direction. But if Allah has chosen you to be like Sayyida Sawda RA, to be a mother, to be that light-hearted, simple but extremely important, like the glue to the family, then that is your calling. **Whatever Allah has chosen for you, is the best for you.**