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THE GRIT IS
THE GIFT

*"When the body fasts,
the soul feasts."*

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In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

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your curated weekly spiritual booster delivered straight to your Inbox

*Mid-Ramadhan
Reminder:
Seek Allah SWT,
not the “feels”.*

Assalamualaikum my Champions,
(You truly are, thank you for showing up today!)

I pray you are all well, and always under the most perfect, complete and gentle protection of ar-Rahman. ❤️

I'm writing today's Closer email in between all of our Calls that we have been having on T.O.M, Alhamdulillah, and I have... maybe 30 minutes till the next one, In Sha Allah, but I want to share with you guys something important really quickly.

If you haven't cried, or have the intimate "heart to heart" with Allah SWT, or you haven't felt the feels yet this Ramadhan, but you've been showing up, bit by bit, slowly and steadily, and you are doing your best... then keep on keeping on. Even if it's a minute of Dua / Zikir / Quran here and there, it all adds up.

And perhaps it is this gentle grit and this steady perseverance that might be the gift. Not the emotional water-works that we ***thought*** we should be having.

Champs, let's remind one another that we are showing up for Allah SWT.

To seek Allah SWT.

To gain the pleasure of Allah SWT.

To feel closer to Allah SWT.

Not for anything else, but Allah SWT.

So let's keep walking / crawling to Him.

And hold on to His Promise:

"When you come to Me walking, I come to you *running*".

a beautiful dua

Ya Allah,
hold my
heart tight.

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#abeautifuldua

Isn't this Du'a so beautiful? To the Champ who wrote it, thank **you**. Ya Rabb, please hold on to my heart. Please carry my heart, protect it, heal it, strengthen it, purify it, uplift it, beautify it, and make it only want You and be attached to only You.

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ramadhan reflections



This Ramadhan, I have seen how time will expand when I invest it in the people and the causes I love most as Allah SWT, the Owner of Time Himself, stretches my time whenever I serve for His sake. Which was why my heart smiled when I read this Hadith where Rasulullah ﷺ said, "He who likes that his sustenance should be expanded and his age may be lengthened should join the tie of kinship" ([Muslim](#)). So Champs, if your Ramadhan this year has been a Ramadhan of service, of family, of kinship, then In Sha Allah, not only will you have your Rizq increased, but it stretches your time (and your life) as well!

noble niyyahs



Ramadhan

/siyyam/

I intend to mindfully and gratefully soak the blessings of this blessed month by worshipping, remembering, praising and glorifying Him every chance I get. I intend to do this by striving to do one more good deed at a time, making one more prayer at a time, reciting one more Ayah of the Quran at a time, lengthening my Sujud one more second at a time, giving and serving to one more servant of Allah SWT at a time, with full awareness that there is no guarantee that I will get to witness another Ramadhan. I intend to come out of this Ramadhan better than how I have entered it: with a purified heart, a sharper mind, softer mannerisms, and a rested soul.

As we are reaching the mid-mark of this blessed month, it's time to reset and renew our intentions! Bringing this back as a reminder to myself first and foremost to keep showing up and to keep doing one more good deed at a time. :)

fiqh corner



**Can we pray our
qadha' prayers
behind an imam
who is praying
terawih?**

**Yes,
you may!**

(shafiee)

Imam Nawawi said in his book, Al-Majmu': our mazhab is: it is valid if a sunnah prayer is prayed following an imam praying fardhu prayer and vice versa (praying fardhu prayer behind an imam praying sunnah).

- In the case of terawih, it is sunnah and a qadha prayer is a fardhu.
- So, for eg. while the imam prays 2 rakaah of terawih, we can join the jemaah with the intention of 2 rakaahs of qadha subuh. **This is valid and you get the reward of jemaah.**

This is based upon the Hadith:

*Jabir b. 'Abdullah RA reported:
Mu'adh b. Jabal prayed the isyak
prayer with the Messenger of Allah ﷺ
and then returned to his people and
then led them in this prayer.*

(Muslim)

His first prayer with Rasulullah ﷺ was fardhu and his
second prayer with his people as an Imam was sunnah.



But...

**what if the
number of
rakaah is
different?...**

It is also **valid** to pray a fardhu following an imam praying a prayer that has lesser rakaahs.

eg. praying qadha zuhr behind an imam praying terawih is valid. You would just have to complete your prayer after the imam give salam such as how one who enters a prayer late would do.

But, praying qadha fajr following an imam praying fardhu zuhr is invalid. This is because you enter the jemaah prayer with the intention to not follow through till the end.

This is all valid as long as the actions in the respective prayers are the same.

eg. praying fardhu subuh following an imam praying solat jenazah is **invalid**. This is because the steps for praying solat jenazah (intention, 4 takbirs while standing, giving salam) is different from our normal fardhu prayers.

والله أعلم بالصواب
Allah knows best

This question is often asked every single Ramadhan, so I'm super grateful that Ustazah Maghfirah is covering it for our Fiqh Corner this week :) PS: We lengthened the duration for each slide so that you can read through the explanations with ease, In Sha Allah!

to ponder



In one of our Twilight Tilawah Sessions, we discussed the Ayah in Surah Baqarah where Allah SWT says, **"Those who spend their wealth in charity day and night, secretly and openly—their reward is with their Lord, and there will be no fear for them, nor will they grieve."** What a beautiful trade! When we give

the wealth that **Allah SWT Himself** has given to us in charity, Allah SWT will then give us not just an undisclosed amount of reward (!!!)

but He also promised that there will be no fear nor grieve for us, Subhanallah! May we be from the people who keep on giving as an investment for our Akhirah, Amin. On that note, if you are looking for

an honourable cause to give to, do consider giving to **AAXNisa**, a charity that my family and I run to support the elderly, widows, single mothers and vulnerable women of Morocco. [You can see how we have channelled the funds from the previous year here!](#)

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