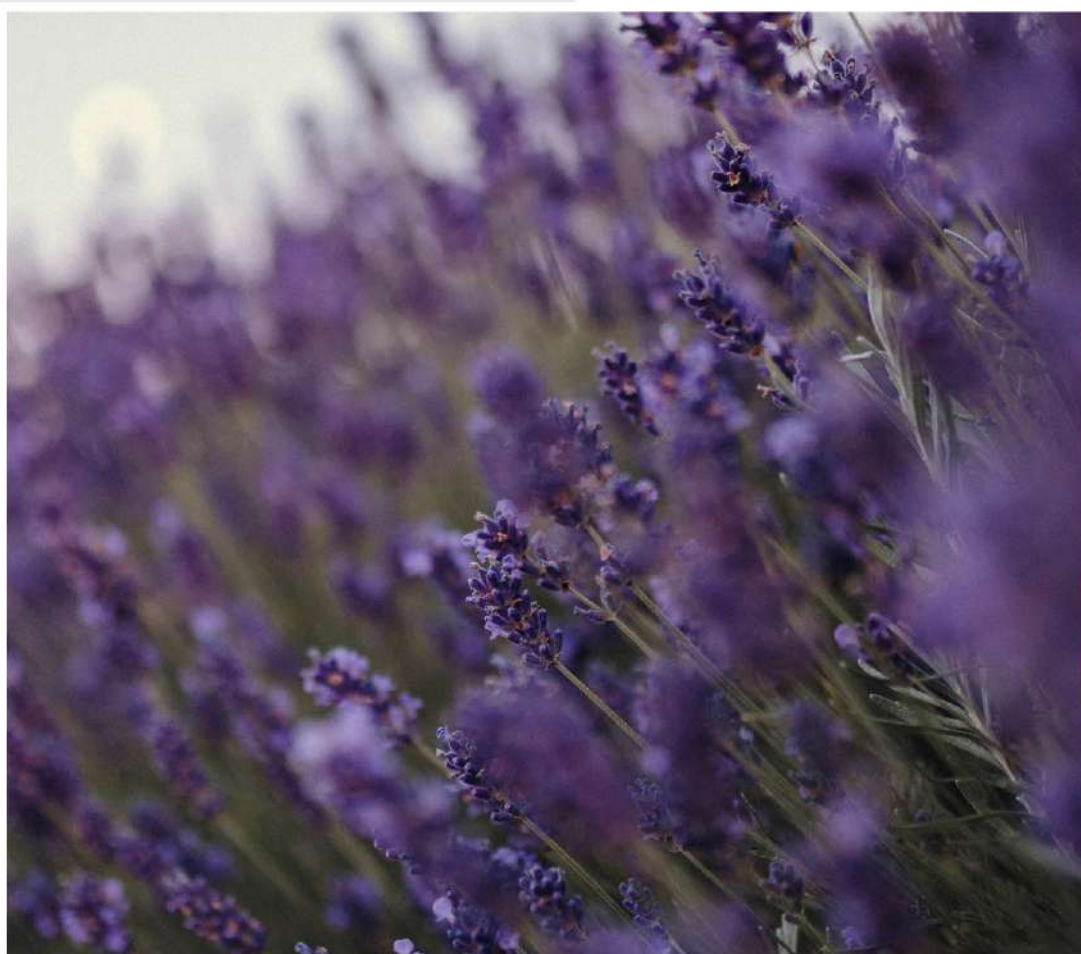
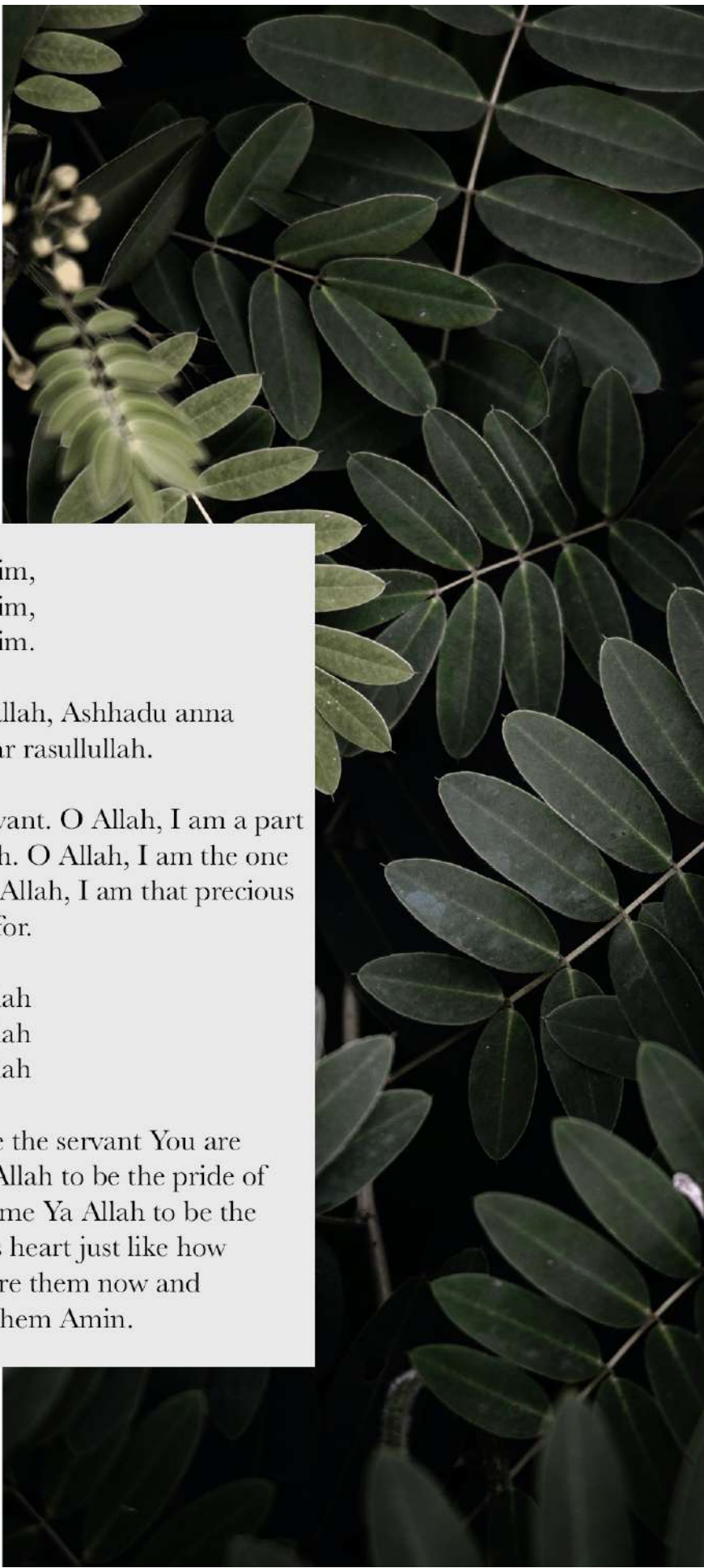


WOMEN AROUND THE MESSENGER

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LESSON 6:
SAYIDA ZAYNAB RA
– THE NOBLE LADY
WHO KNOWS HER WORTH



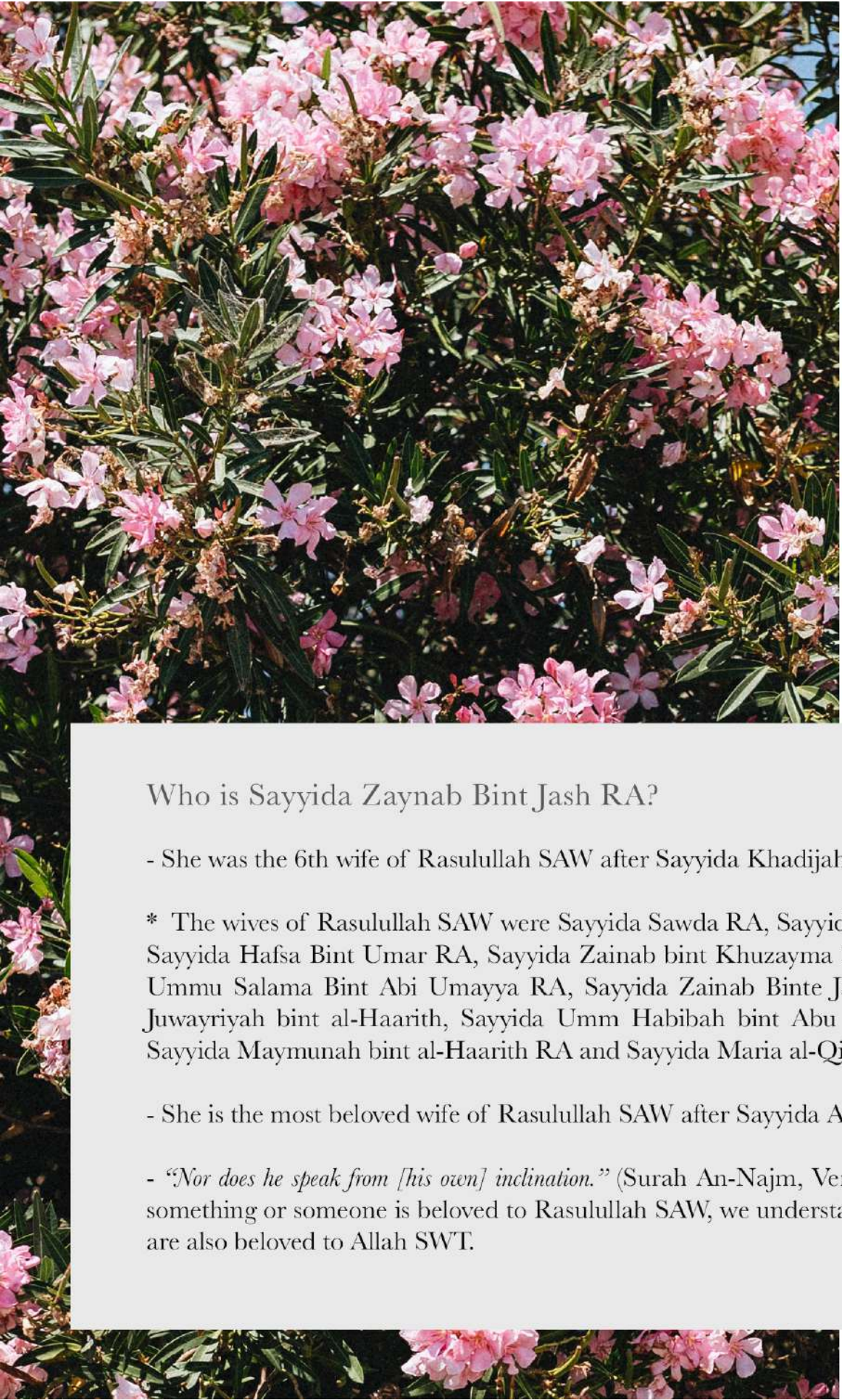
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Ash hadu an la ilaha illallah, Ashhadu anna
Sayyidana muhammadar rasullullah.

O Allah, I am Your Servant. O Allah, I am a part
of your Beloved Ummah. O Allah, I am the one
he SAW had missed. O Allah, I am that precious
one he had made Du'a for.

Allah Allah Allah Ya Allah
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Allow me Ya Allah to be the servant You are
proud of, Allow me Ya Allah to be the pride of
Rasulullah SAW, Allow me Ya Allah to be the
coolness of my mother's heart just like how
You've brought me before them now and
connecting me back to them Amin.



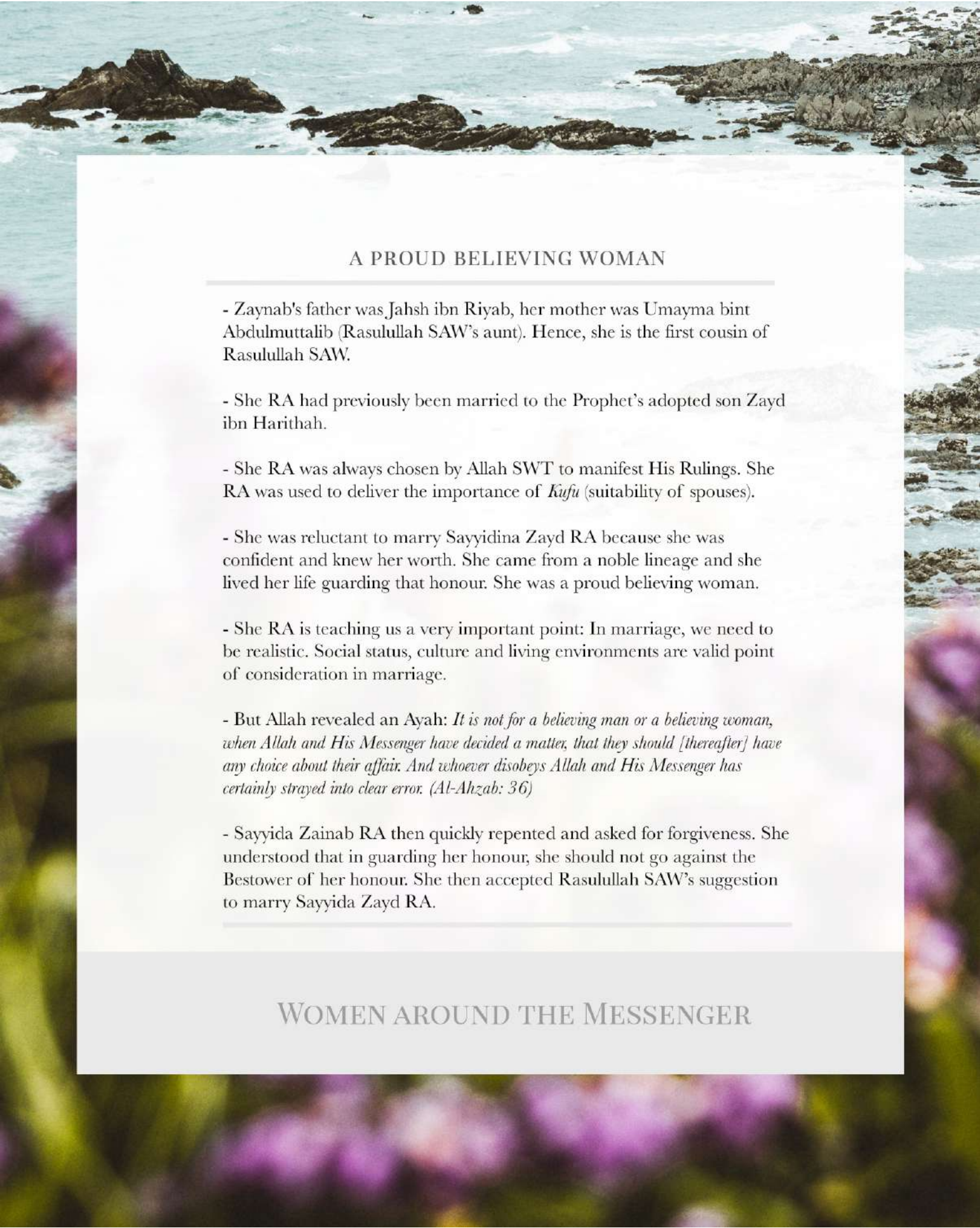
Who is Sayyida Zaynab Bint Jash RA?

- She was the 6th wife of Rasulullah SAW after Sayyida Khadijah RA

- * The wives of Rasulullah SAW were Sayyida Sawda RA, Sayyida Aisha RA, Sayyida Hafsa Bint Umar RA, Sayyida Zainab bint Khuzayma RA, Sayyida Ummu Salama Bint Abi Umayya RA, Sayyida Zainab Binte Jash, Sayyida Juwayriyah bint al-Haarith, Sayyida Umm Habibah bint Abu Sufyan RA, Sayyida Maymunah bint al-Haarith RA and Sayyida Maria al-Qibtiyya RA.

- She is the most beloved wife of Rasulullah SAW after Sayyida Aisha RA.

- *“Nor does he speak from [his own] inclination.”* (Surah An-Najm, Verse 3). When something or someone is beloved to Rasulullah SAW, we understand that they are also beloved to Allah SWT.



A PROUD BELIEVING WOMAN

- Zaynab's father was Jahsh ibn Riyab, her mother was Umayma bint Abdulmuttalib (Rasulullah SAW's aunt). Hence, she is the first cousin of Rasulullah SAW.
 - She RA had previously been married to the Prophet's adopted son Zayd ibn Harithah.
 - She RA was always chosen by Allah SWT to manifest His Rulings. She RA was used to deliver the importance of *Kufu* (suitability of spouses).
 - She was reluctant to marry Sayyidina Zayd RA because she was confident and knew her worth. She came from a noble lineage and she lived her life guarding that honour. She was a proud believing woman.
 - She RA is teaching us a very important point: In marriage, we need to be realistic. Social status, culture and living environments are valid point of consideration in marriage.
 - But Allah revealed an Ayah: *It is not for a believing man or a believing woman, when Allah and His Messenger have decided a matter, that they should [thereafter] have any choice about their affair. And whoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger has certainly strayed into clear error. (Al-Ahzab: 36)*
 - Sayyida Zainab RA then quickly repented and asked for forgiveness. She understood that in guarding her honour, she should not go against the Bestower of her honour. She then accepted Rasulullah SAW's suggestion to marry Sayyida Zayd RA.
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What the Prophet SAW concealed..

And remember, O Prophet, when you said to the one for whom Allah has done a favour and you too have done a favour, "Keep your wife and fear Allah," while concealing within yourself what Allah was going to reveal. And so you were considering the people, whereas Allah was more worthy of your consideration. So when Zaid totally lost interest in keeping his wife, We gave her to you in marriage, so that there would be no blame on the believers for marrying the ex-wives of their adopted sons after their divorce. And Allah's command is totally binding. (Al-Ahzab:37)



LESSONS FROM THE VERSE

- The verse clearly shows Allah SWT reproaching the Prophet SAW for what Rasulullah SAW concealed in his heart SAW.

- **It is important to use the correct lens when learning the Seerah.** If we are going to learn with the perspective that Rasulullah SAW is the same as any other human being, then it's better that we don't read at all. We should be careful of how we perceive the Prophet SAW.

- **Lesson 1:** It shows that the opinion of Allah SWT and Rasulullah SAW should be our priority.

- **Lesson 2:** The Prophet SAW withheld because he is showing that in delivering Allah's message and in upholding His Commands, it is important for us to take note of how people would receive it. It is part of the message to be gentle in delivering the message to the receiver. **He SAW prolonged it but he SAW had no intention to conceal it forever.**

- **Lesson 3:** Not all marriage / relationship last. **Some relationships are meant to deliver you to the next one.** Both Sayyida Zaynab RA and Sayyidina Zayd RA showed sincerity by obeying the command of Allah & His Messenger SAW. They tried their best and they were truthful to Allah SWT and His Prophet SAW. When they knew they could no longer make the marriage be used as a mean of bringing them closer to Allah SWT, they asked for relief from Rasulullah SAW.

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LESSONS FROM THE VERSE

- There was no account of Sayyida Zainab RA complaining about Sayyidina Zayd. No account at all of them speaking about the things that they could not stand about each other nor do we hear them regretting or blaming Rasulullah SAW about their marriage.
 - When the verse came down commanding Rasulullah SAW to marry Sayyida Zaynab RA, Rasulullah SAW sent Sayyidina Zayd RA himself to speak to Sayyida Zaynab RA!
 - Their clear hearts are proof that they've tried their best and that they have sought for nothing else from the marriage and the divorce except for the pleasure of Allah SWT.
 - **Lesson 4:** It is the Law of the Universe that the period of ease is longer than hardship. Sayyida Zaynab RA will be raised in the Hereafter as the Mother of the Believers and Sayyidina Zayd RA continued to serve Rasulullah SAW and became one of the Commanders of the Muslim army. Their period of hardship is only for two years; but their ease will be longer (in the Hereafter).
 - **Lesson 5:** Their marriage is a learning point to all Muslims. Everyone is equal in the eyes of Allah SWT, despite their background or social status. What matters is the taqwa in their heart.
 - **Lesson 6:** Their marriage was also used to introduce the new rulings in Islam.
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The strength of Sayyida Zaynab RA

She never once lamented about the experience. When Sayyidina Zayd RA came to her with the proposal of Rasulullah SAW, she straight away went to the masjid to pray Istikharah. She had a strong dependency on Allah SWT.



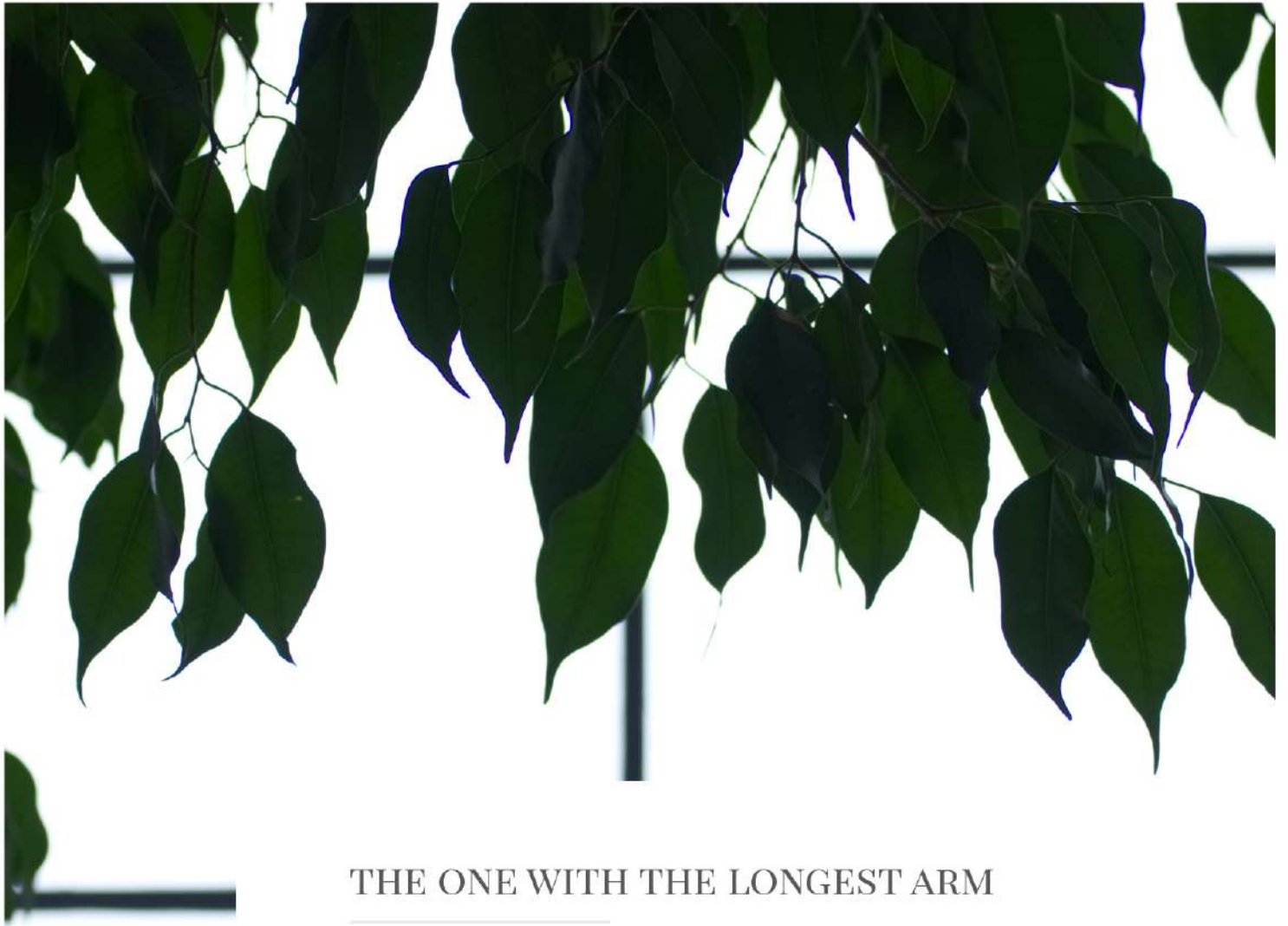
Appreciating Allah's Gifts Upon Us

- "We married her to you" - Rasulullah SAW and Sayyida Zaynab RA were married in the 7th Heaven. When this verse was sent down, Rasulullah SAW entered the house of Sayyida Zaynab RA without asking for permission, to indicate that they are already married.

- *But as for the favor of your Lord, report [it]. (Ad-Dhuha: 11)*

- Being able to appreciate Allah's Gifts upon us. We are contented with having a good job and successful career. How many of us see the value in being close to Rasulullah SAW?

- Perspective: People of the past would boast about being neighbours with Rasulullah SAW, or being of those who get to hold the blessed sandals of Rasulullah SAW.



THE ONE WITH THE LONGEST ARM

- “She was admired by the Messenger of Allah SWT. He enjoyed her company. She was a pious woman who fast much, prayed at night, was skilled with her hands and would give all of her earnings to the poor.” - Umm Salama RA
- Her charity was the most beloved to Allah SWT and His Messenger. She took the effort to earn money by sewing only because she wanted to give to the poor. She did not have the slightest dunya in her heart. She used up all of her efforts just so she could help others (The Story of Her Shroud).
- She was the first wife to pass away after the departure of Rasulullah SAW, and she was still thinking of charity even after her passing.