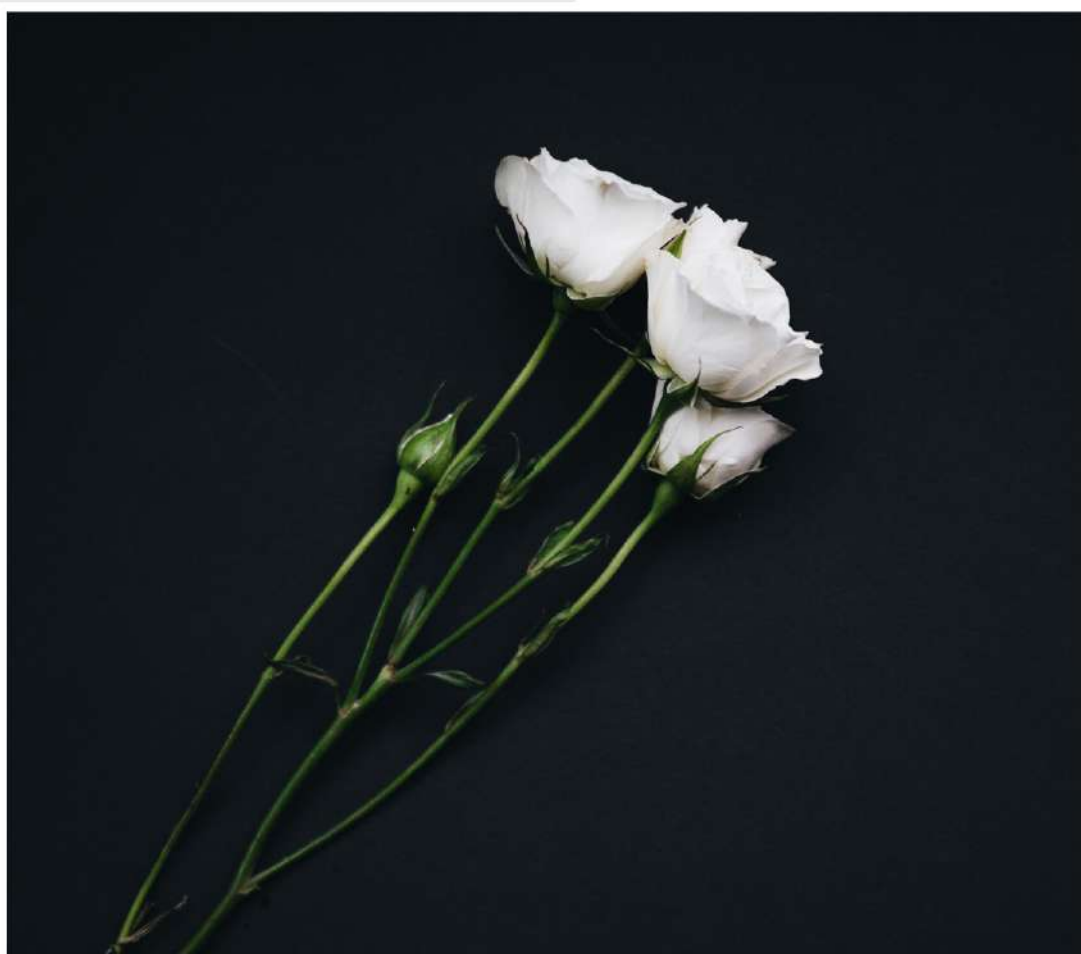


WOMEN AROUND THE MESSENGER

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LESSON 3:
SAYIDA KHADIJAH RA
– THE FIRST BELIEVER
& HER QUEST FOR ALLAH

A Truth-seeker

She was given the honour of being Rasulullah's SAW wife because she was always looking for Allah. When people were worshipping Pagan idols, her heart was always in a quest to find the Truth and Allah SWT. Her sincerity in finding her Rabb beats all other reasons as to why she is our Ummahatul Mukminin.



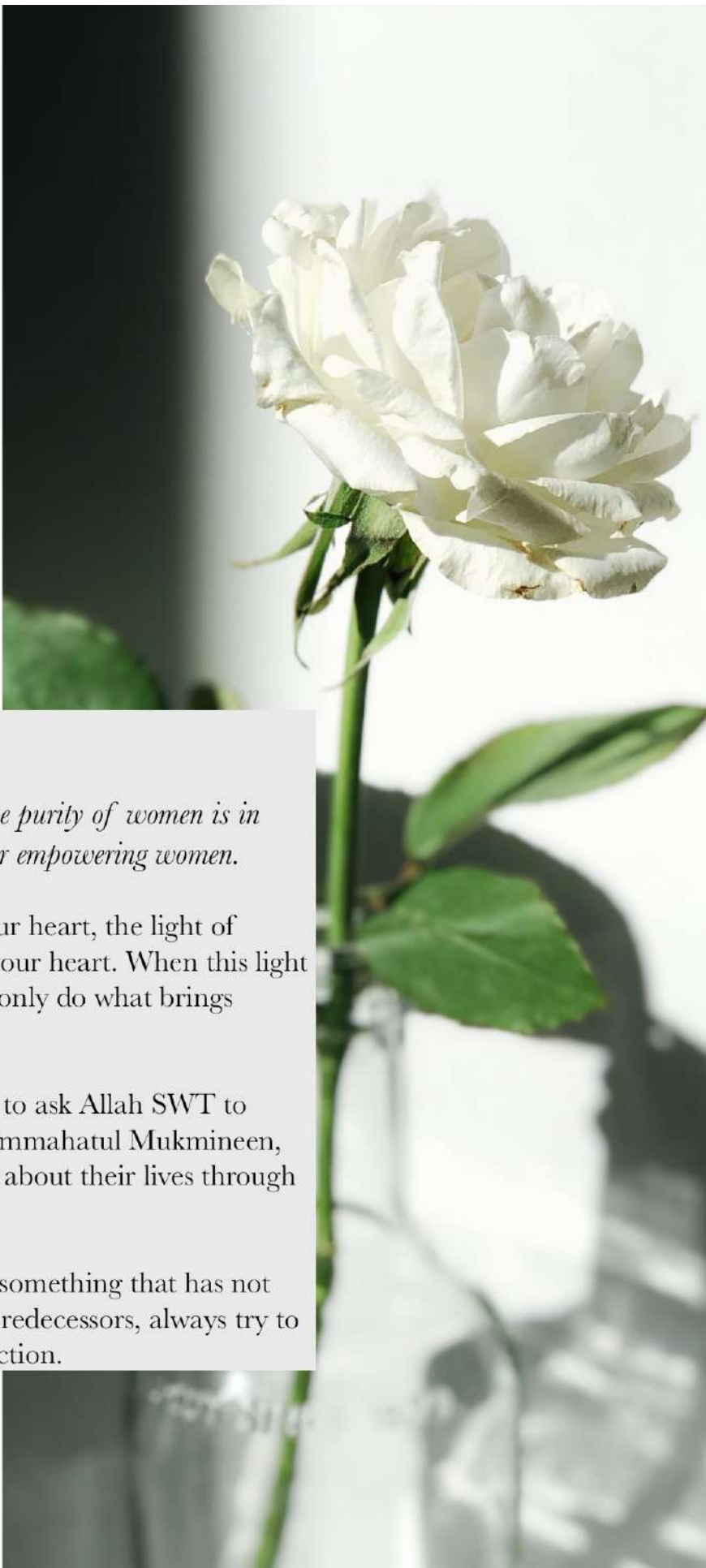
‘THE’ WIFE

- We need to look out for who, and what, brings joy to Rasulullah SAW. We should and will only be truly happy with which that brings happiness to Rasulullah SAW. Because his happiness is **the real happiness** that brings us success in this life and in the hereafter, In Sha Allah
- She should be addressed as THE wife, not as the first wife of the Prophet SAW. The rest of the Prophet’s wives can be referred to as first, second, third wife and so on after Sayyidatina Khadijah RA.
- The union of Rasulullah SAW and Sayyidatina Khadijah RA is the **best union of all times**, followed by the union of Fatimah and Ali RA.



Protecting our honour and purity

- Learning about the Ummahatul Mukmineen without first going through the door of Sayyidatina Khadijah RA would only result in a lot of loopholes.
- She RA was called 'at-Thohiroh' (The Pure) by the people of her time. This shows the amount of respect she RA received from her community at that time.
- She RA had an empire. Her business dealings were so big that no other Arab businesses at that time were bigger than hers. Many men work for her and under her, RA. At a time when women had no to little rights, she RA was honoured and respected.
- Similar to Sayyidatina Maryam RA who guarded her chastity, Allah SWT presented Sayyidatina Khadijah RA with a gift (of Truth and Rasulullah SAW). This is a reminder to us to protect our purity & honour as a woman.
Through that, Allah will move the people around us to respect us and He will protect us.



Seeking His Pleasure

- *Anyone who is against the purity of women is in actual fact not honouring or empowering women.*
- When Allah purifies your heart, the light of Rasulullah SAW enters your heart. When this light enters our heart, we will only do what brings pleasure to Allah SWT.
- We are all taking a step to ask Allah SWT to connect us back to the Ummahatul Mukmineen, by listening and learning about their lives through the lens of the scholars.
- Even if you need to do something that has not been done by the pious predecessors, always try to take in the spirit of the action.

THEIR LOVE STORY

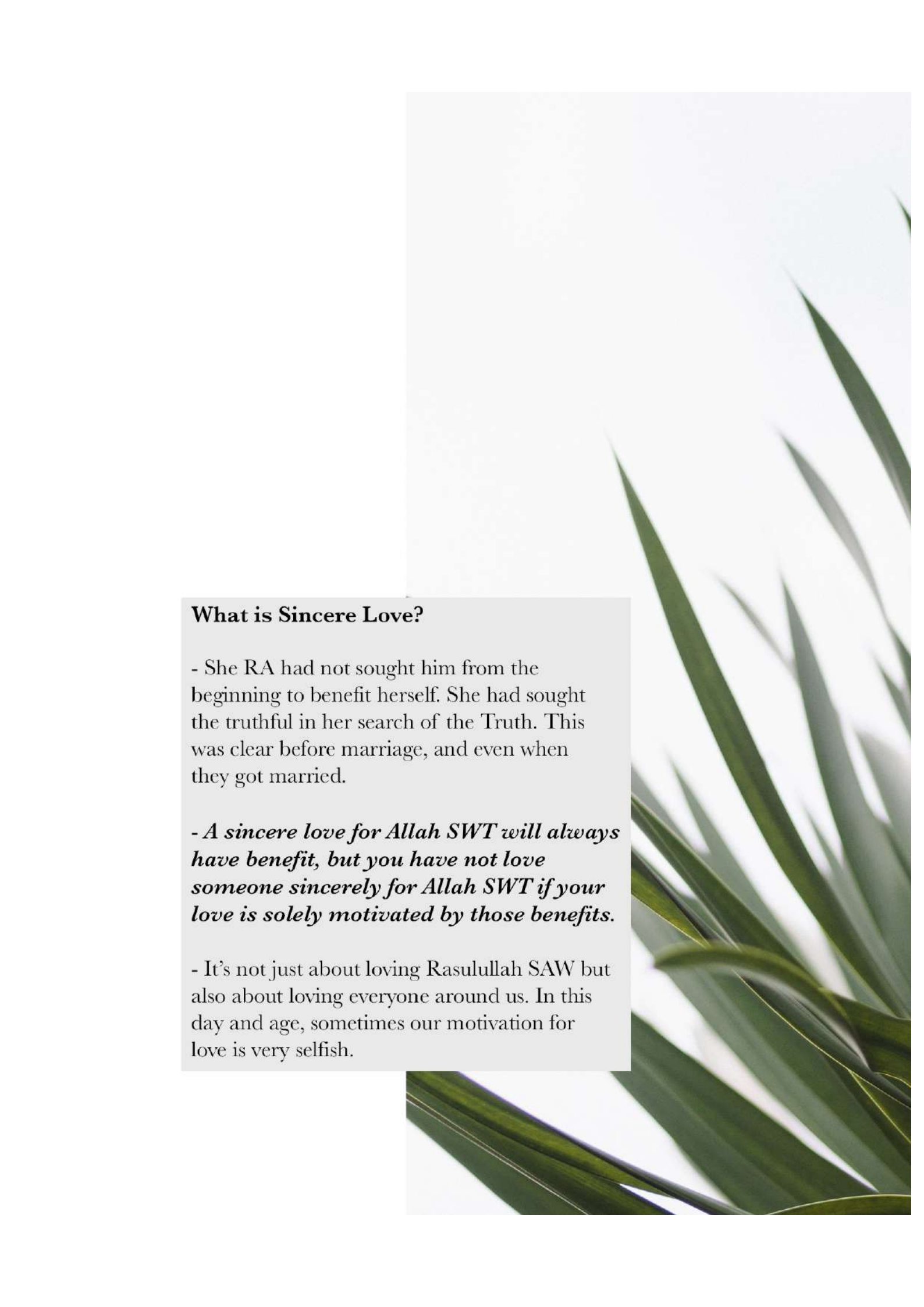
- It's worthy to note that Sayyidatina Khadijah RA was a knowledge seeker. She spent her time learning new knowledge, reading books with her cousin although she was a wealthy and successful business woman. **She sought knowledge to search for the Truth**, not to be successful.
- She did not pursue Rasulullah SAW following the desire in her heart to get to know him better. She sent her servant Maisarah along with Rasulullah SAW to trade her goods in Shams. She had asked Maisarah to take note of every single thing he witnessed about Rasulullah SAW.
- During the journey, a monk named Nasturoh declared his faith in Rasulullah SAW when he witnessed all the signs of Prophethood in him SAW.
- Sayyidatina Khadijah RA saw how the clouds were following and shading Rasulullah SAW wherever he walked.
- *When you seek beneficial knowledge, you start to yearn for the Truth. For Sayyidatina Khadijah RA, Allah granted her the Truthful (Rasulullah SAW).*

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The Perfect Union

- When she RA sought for his hand in marriage, she RA said through her messenger, ***“I had asked for your hand in marriage for I had heard about you, and the signs of prophethood showed in you.”***
- Rasulullah SAW replied humbly and respectfully, ***“If I am really him, then here I am. But if I am not, then the One whom you are seeking and had done all these for will reward you abundantly.”***
- Everyone around them was happy for this union of the Truthful and the Pure.
- Once, Sayyidatina Khadijah RA was crying for the loss of her last son, Abdullah RA. Rasulullah SAW offered to let her listen to their son’s footsteps in Jannah. To that, she RA replied, ***“I believe in Allah SWT and I believe in you, Messenger of Allah SAW.”***



What is Sincere Love?

- She RA had not sought him from the beginning to benefit herself. She had sought the truthful in her search of the Truth. This was clear before marriage, and even when they got married.

- A sincere love for Allah SWT will always have benefit, but you have not love someone sincerely for Allah SWT if your love is solely motivated by those benefits.

- It's not just about loving Rasulallah SAW but also about loving everyone around us. In this day and age, sometimes our motivation for love is very selfish.

HER GREAT SACRIFICE RA

- Sayyidatina Khadijah RA received a lot of blessings being with Rasulullah SAW but the most prominent would be that she received the great attribute of sacrifice. She sacrificed a lot with and for, Rasulullah SAW, before and after prophethood.
- When Rasulullah SAW spent days and nights in Cave Hira for a span of 10 days/nights to a month, she RA never once questioned him SAW. Instead she continued to support him SAW and sending food to him SAW personally.
- The first heart to receive the light of the first revelation was hers RA. The first who listened and declared her belief for The Message was her RA.
- Rasulullah SAW was unsure and fearful but the moment his blessed eyes SAW gazed upon Sayyidatina Khadijah RA, all his doubts SAW were lifted.
- When he SAW was standing in prayer at night asking for forgiveness while waiting for the second revelation, she RA also stood in prayer with him SAW.

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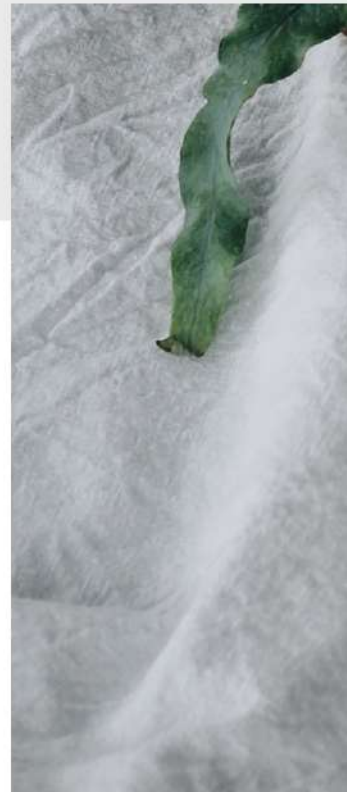


HIS SAW SOURCE OF SOLACE

- She RA calmed him SAW when he was worried; she RA gave him SAW respite from exhaustion and she RA reminded him SAW about his good merits. It was this loyalty that has made her worthy of Allah SWT's salutation.
- She **chose** to be in the service to Rasulullah SAW, despite having many servants and children, and also being in old age. This shows the sincere intention of Sayyidatina Khadijah RA.
- Every single time Rasulullah SAW saw her smiling face, his devastation was lifted and his doubt removed and he then continued to attend to the needs of the Muslims.

His Love SAW for her RA

- Sayyidatina Khadijah RA was 65 when she passed away; Rasulullah SAW was 50.
- When Allah SWT took away Sayyidatina Khadijah RA, who was his SAW's source of tranquility, peace and solace; Allah SWT gave the Prophet SAW *Solah* through Isra' Miraj.
- He SAW continuously remembered her RA. He SAW would run to Sayyidatina Hala (Sayyidatina Khadijah's sister) when he heard her voice as it resembles the voice of Sayyidatina Khadijah RA.



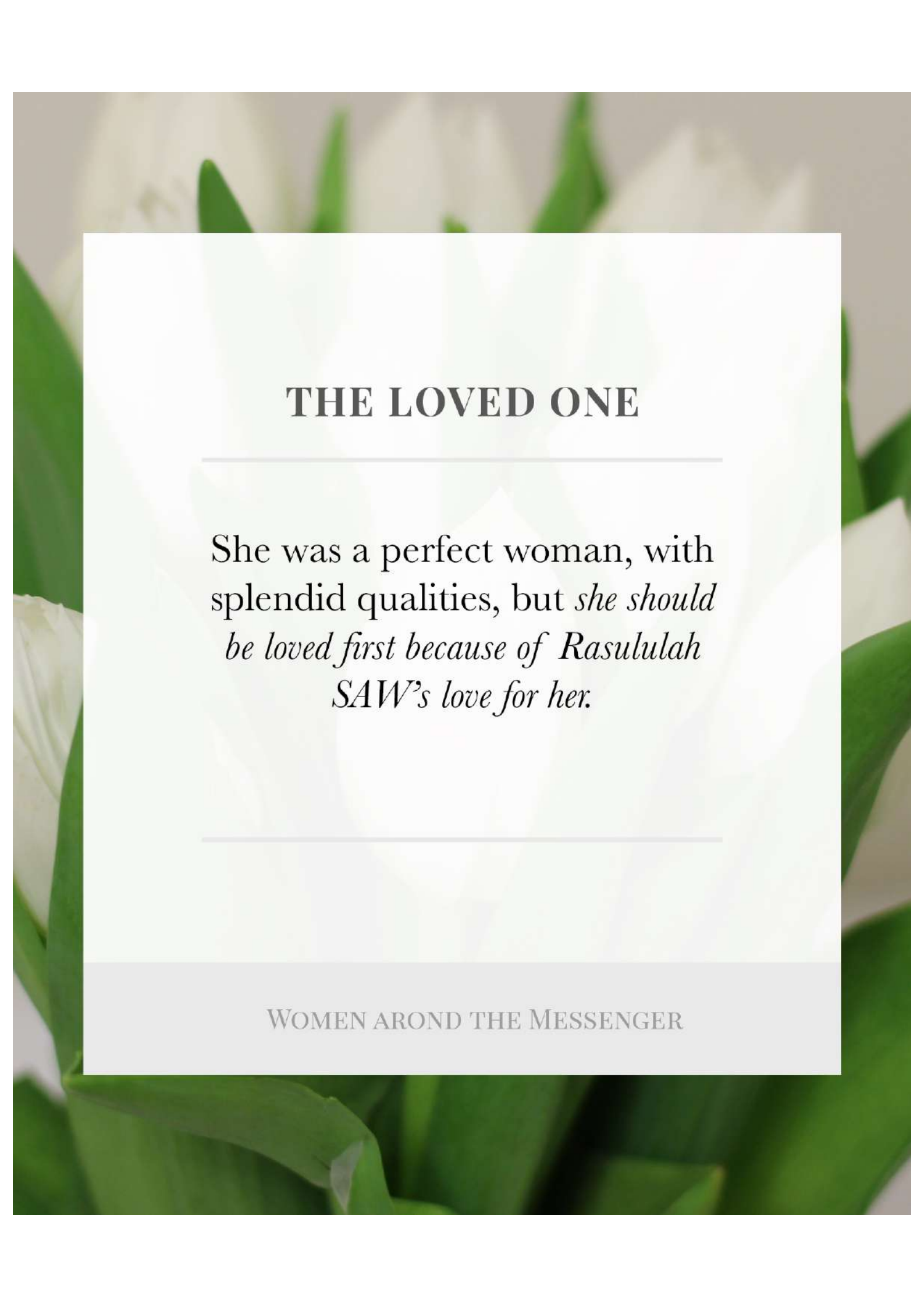


The Will of Allah SWT

- *Your companion [Muhammad] has not strayed, nor has he erred, Nor does he speak from [his own] inclination. (Surah An-Najm 53:2-3)*

- **His emotions SAW were guided.** Everything of him SAW was a message itself. He SAW had not honoured Sayyidatina Khadijah RA, nor shown his anger at Sayyidatina Aishah RA; he SAW had not done all that he had showed to Sayyidatina Khadijah RA before and after she passed away, **except that it was a command of Allah SWT.**

- It was the will of Allah SWT that she RA should be glorified, as she exemplified how every believer should be.



THE LOVED ONE

She was a perfect woman, with splendid qualities, but *she should be loved first because of Rasululah SAW's love for her.*

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