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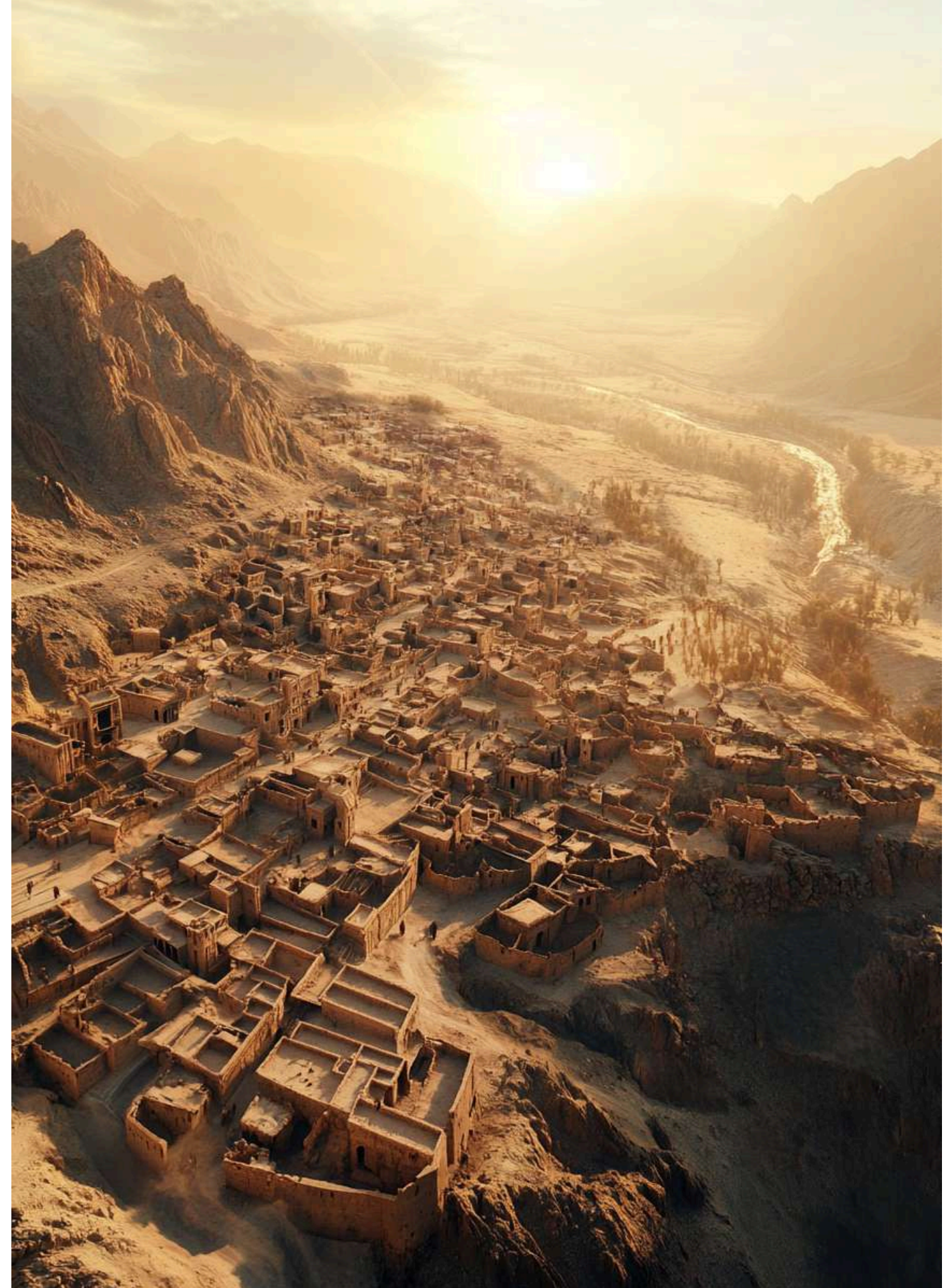
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EPISODE 1 OUTLINE



1. EARLY LIFE & UPBRINGING

A glimpse into his childhood and background before Islam



2. PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A description of the physique and noble features according to classical sources



3. EMBRACING ISLAM

The moment he accepted Islam and its impact on his life



4. MOMENTS WITH THE MESSENGER ﷺ

Key events and inspirational roles during the lifetime of the Prophet ﷺ



5. THE PROPHETIC CONNECTION

What the Prophet ﷺ said about him, their personal relationship, and notable interactions



6. VIRTUES & DISTINCT QUALITIES

His unique characteristics and what made him stand out among the companions



FATHER

UTHMAN IBN AMIR
ABU QUHAFAH

MOTHER

SALMA BINT SAKHR
“UMM AL KHAYR”

ABU BAKR (RA):
ABDULLAH
IBN ABI QUHAFAH - UTHMAN

NICKNAMES:

AS-SIDDIQ - “THE AFFIRMER OF TRUTH”,
AL-ATIQ - “THE FREED ONE / PURE ONE”,
SĀHIB AL-GHĀR - “THE COMPANION OF THE CAVE”

ABU BAKR (R.A) IS FROM THE PROGENY OF PROPHETS,
BEING FROM THE LINE OF ISMA'IL (A.S).
ABU BAKR'S LINEAGE MEETS WITH THAT OF THE PROPHET ﷺ

Early Life & Upbringing

1

“Abu Bakr (R.A) was of the Banu Taym tribe, a man who the Quraysh loved, known for his good character, knowledge of genealogy, and business dealings.” - ibn Ishaq

- Born approximately 2/3 years after the year of the Elephant
- A very successful merchant
- Most knowledgeable of people in genealogy and Arab history
- A man of moral excellence and upright character

Soft spoken, extremely generous with his wealth, never consumed alcohol

- Avoidant of idolatry and immoral behavior

Many classical scholars mention that Abu Bakr never worshipped idols, and was among the few Hanifs (monotheists) in Makkah

- Close companion of the Prophet ﷺ even before prophethood



A glimpse into his childhood and background before Islam

Physical Appearance

2

Whitish yellow-skinned, handsome, skinny, with thin cheeks. He had a wrinkly face, deepset eyes, a protruding forehead, and he would dye his beard with henna and oil it. Thin legs. His izar would not stay firmly tied around his waist.

- **Complexion:** Fair skinned with a slight yellowish tinge
- **Build:** Slim, lean, slender-faced
- **Hair:** Thin beard, dyed with henna and katam (a dark dye) in later life
- **Head:** Prominent forehead
- **Eyes:** Deep set
- **Nose:** Slightly hooked (aquiline)



A description of the physique and noble features according to classical sources

Embracing Islam

3

“Whenever I invited someone to Islam, they hesitated, wavered, or paused—except Abū Bakr. He had no hesitation at all when I mentioned it to him.” - Ibn Hishām

- **Invitation to Islam:** The first adult male to accept Islam
- **Sought Prophet’s permission for public Da’wah:** Severely beaten to a point of unconsciousness and upon gaining consciousness would immediately enquire about the wellbeing of the Prophet.
- **Immediate Impact:** Right after accepting Islam, Abu Bakr began calling others to it. Among those who accepted Islam through him were:

Uthman ibn Affan. Talhah ibn Ubaydullah, Zubayr ibn al-Awwam, Sa’d ibn Abi Waqqas, Abd al-Rahman ibn Awf

These five would later become part of the Asharah Mubashsharah (the ten promised Paradise).



The moment he accepted Islam and its impact on his life



EXERCISE 1:

IN THREE WORDS,
DESCRIBE ABU BAKR (RA) BASED ON WHAT
YOU'VE LEARNED SO FAR.

EXERCISE 2:

IF YOU COULD MEET ABU BAKR (RA) FOR 30 SECONDS, WHAT'S ONE THING YOU'D SAY TO HIM?



EXERCISE 3:

QUIZ!

Moments with the Messenger ﷺ

4

“He (Abu Bakr) was one of the two when they were in the cave” - Surah Tawbah 9.40

- **Defense of the Prophet ﷺ (Pre-Hijrah):** Publicly defended the Prophet ﷺ from Quraysh
- **Hijrah to Madinah:** Companion in the Cave of Thawr
- **Building the First Mosque:** Built in his courtyard in Madinah
- **Battles: Badr, Uhud, Khandaq:** Fought alongside the Prophet ﷺ in major battles
- **Treaty of Hudaibiyyah:** Witness and firm supporter during a time of tension.
- **Tabuk Expedition:** Gave all his wealth for the cause.



Key events and inspirational roles during the lifetime of the Prophet ﷺ

The Prophetic Connection

5

“The most generous to me in his companionship and wealth is Abu Bakr.”

- Sahih al-Bukhari, 466

- **Praises and Virtues from the Prophet ﷺ:**

“If I were to take a close friend (khalil) other than my Lord, I would have taken Abu Bakr.”

- Sahih al-Bukhari, Hadith 3656

“There is no favour due upon us from anyone, except that we have repaid him, with the exception of Abu Bakr.” - Sunan al-Tirmidhi, Hadith 3661



What the Prophet ﷺ said about him, their personal relationship, and notable interactions

Virtues & Distinct Qualities

6

Ibn ‘Umar (RA) said: “We used to compare people during the time of the Prophet ﷺ: the best was Abu Bakr, then Umar, then Uthman.” - Sahih al-Bukhari, 3655

- Freeing of Slaves Under Torture: Bilal (R.A) and others
- Appointed by the Prophet ﷺ to lead Hajj before his final pilgrimage.
- A Model of Zuhd (Detachment from the World):

Despite great wealth, he lived simply and gave generously — even worked as a cloth merchant during the Khilafah until advised to accept a salary.

- Gifted with Deep Insight and Correct Judgment (Firāsah):

The Prophet ﷺ said: “My two ministers in the heavens are Jibreel and Mika'il, and on the earth: Abu Bakr and Umar.”

- Tirmidhi 3680



His unique characteristics and what made him stand out among the companions

أَطْوَعُ النَّاسِ لِلَّهِ أَشَدُّهُمْ بُغْضًا لِمَعْصِيَتِهِ

"THE MOST OBEDIENT OF PEOPLE TO ALLAH ARE
THOSE WHO HATE DISOBEYING HIM THE MOST"

- JAMHARAH KHUTUB AL-'ARAB

ABU BAKR (R.A)

وَجَدْنَا الْكُرَمَ فِي التَّقْوَى، وَالْغِنَى فِي الْيَقِينِ، وَالشَّرَفَ فِي التَّوَاضُّعِ

“WE FOUND HONOUR IN PIETY,
INDEPENDENCE IN BELIEF,
AND NOBILITY IN HUMILITY.”

- IHYA 'ULUM AL-DIN

ABU BAKR (R.A)

مَنْ دَخَلَ الْقَبْرَ بِلَا زَادٍ فَكَأَنَّ مَا رَكِبَ الْبَحْرَ بِلَا سَفِينَةٍ

“WHOEVER ENTERS THE GRAVE WITHOUT PROVISION IS LIKE THE ONE WHO TRIES TO SAIL THE SEA WITHOUT A SHIP.”

- AL-ISTI'DAD LI-YAWM AL MI'AD (IBN HAJAR AL-'ASQALANI)

ABU BAKR (R.A)

مَا اسْتَبَقْنَا خَيْرًا قَطُّ إِلَّا سَبَقْنَا إِلَيْهَا أَبُو بَكْرٍ

“NEVER DID WE EVER COMPETE IN DOING GOOD,
EXCEPT THAT ABU BAKR BEAT US ALL TO IT”

- MUSNAD AHMAD, 265

UMAR IBN AL-KHATTAB (R.A)

"ABU BAKR IS THE IMAM OF THE SIDDIQĪN,
AND THEIR LEADER AFTER THE PROPHETS.
HIS TRUTHFULNESS BECAME A SCALE
BY WHICH OTHERS ARE MEASURED."

IMAM AL-GHAZĀLĪ

"THE PROPHET ﷺ, WHO WAS DIVINELY GUIDED,
 CHOSE ABU BAKR TO LEAD THE PRAYER.
 AND LEADERSHIP IN SALAH IS MORE
 THAN LEADERSHIP IN BATTLE."

IMAM AL-GHAZĀLĪ

"ABU BAKR (RA) WOULD WEEP DURING SALAH,
 NOT OUT OF FEAR OF PUNISHMENT ALONE,
 BUT OUT OF LONGING AND AWE FOR ALLAH —
 THIS IS THE TRUE KHAWF OF THE ARIFĪN."

IMAM AL-GHAZĀLĪ

"HE WAS CALLED AL-SIDDĪQ BECAUSE HE
 AFFIRMED THE PROPHET ﷺ INSTANTLY,
 ESPECIALLY ON THE NIGHT JOURNEY (AL-ISRĀ'),
 WITHOUT HESITATION OR DOUBT."

IMAM AL-SUYŪTI



"ABU BAKR'S CALIPHATE LASTED ONLY TWO YEARS AND THREE MONTHS, YET IN THAT TIME, HE LAID THE FIRM FOUNDATIONS OF THE ISLAMIC STATE. CRUSHING REBELLION, PRESERVING UNITY, AND COMPILING THE QUR'AN."

IMAM AL-SUYŪTI

"THE PROPHET ﷺ SHOWED PREFERENCE TO ABU BAKR OVER ALL OTHERS, CONFIDING IN HIM DURING THE HIJRAH AND APPOINTING HIM AS IMAM DURING HIS FINAL ILLNESS.

THESE WERE NOT CASUAL CHOICES,
BUT DIVINE WISDOM."

IMAM AL-SUYŪTI

"ABU BAKR BECAME SIDDIQ NOT WITH WORDS ALONE, BUT BECAUSE HIS HEART BORE WITNESS TO THE TRUTH BEFORE THE TONGUE MOVED."

JALĀL AL-DĪN MUHAMMAD RŪMĪ



"THE CAVE BECAME A PALACE BECAUSE OF THE
PRESENCE OF THE SIDDĪQ— SUCH IS THE
MAJESTY OF FRIENDSHIP FOR GOD'S SAKE."

JALĀL AL-DĪN MUHAMMAD RŪMĪ

"THE SIDDIQ SPOKE LITTLE,
BUT THE EARTH STILL ECHOES
WITH THE SOUND OF HIS TRUTH."

JALĀL AL-DĪN MUHAMMAD RŪMĪ



"WHEN THE SUN OF PROPHECY SOUGHT SHADE,
IT CHOSE THE CAVE — AND THERE,
THE MOON OF SIDDIQ SHONE BACK."

JALĀL AL-DĪN MUHAMMAD RŪMĪ

"NO ONE SURPASSED ABU BAKR IN VIRTUE,
EXCEPT BY A PROPHETHOOD."

IMAM AL-NAWAWĪ

"IF FAITH ITSELF WERE WEIGHED
AGAINST THE FAITH OF ABU BAKR,
HIS WOULD OUTWEIGH THE
REST OF THE UMMAH."

ATTRIBUTED TO 'UMAR (R.A) & OTHERS

“THE COMPANIONS WHO SUCCEEDED THE
 PROPHET ﷺ WERE THE BEST OF MANKIND,
 WITH ABU BAKR LEADING THEM IN
 SINCERITY AND STEADFASTNESS.”

ATTRIBUTED TO IMAM ABU HANIFA

“ABU BAKR’S CALIPHATE IS SUPPORTED BY THE
 QUR’AN, SUNNAH, AND CONSENSUS.
 TO DENY HIS POSITION IS TO STRAY
 FROM THE COMMUNITY.”

ATTRIBUTED TO IMAM AL SHAFI’I

“WHOEVER DOUBTS THE CALIPHATE OF
 ABU BAKR AND UMAR IS DENYING THE
 PATH OF THE PROPHET ﷺ.”

ATTRIBUTED TO IMAM AHMAD IBN HANBAL

"THE LEADERSHIP OF ABU BAKR WAS
 A BLESSING FOR THE MUSLIMS;
 HIS GUIDANCE ILLUMINATED THE PATH
 AFTER THE PROPHET ﷺ."

ATTRIBUTED TO IMAM MALIK

أَبُو بَكْرٍ صَدِيقُ الْحَقِّ فِي الدَّرْبِ
وَتَقَّةُ الرَّسُولِ وَصَاحِبُ الْقَدْرِ

“ABU BAKR, THE TRUTHFUL IN THE PATH,
THE TRUSTED OF THE MESSENGER
AND COMPANION OF STATURE.”

POETRY OF AL-FARAZDAQ



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EPISODE 2 OUTLINE



7. FINAL MOMENTS WITH THE PROPHET ﷺ
 His role and presence during the Prophet's final illness and passing



8. POST-PROPHETIC LIFE & LEADERSHIP
 His contributions immediately following the Prophet's passing



9. THE CALIPHATE & HIS REIGN
 Major Milestone, decisions, and influence during his time as Caliph



10. DEPARTURE FROM THE WORLD
 The circumstances surrounding his death and the legacy he left behind



11. LASTING LEGACY FOR THE UMMAH
 Contributions to Islam, governance, society, and their enduring impact on the Muslim world

Final moments with the Prophet ﷺ

7

“Abu Bakr came and uncovered the face of Allah's Messenger ﷺ, kissed him and said, “You were beautiful when you were alive, and you are still beautiful in death” - Bukhari 3667

- During Prophet's illness, Abu Bakr led the Salah in place of the Prophet ﷺ
- The Prophet ﷺ opened the curtain and smiled
- Abu Bakr returning from a journey enters the room after the Prophet's death

Umar R.A said, “By Allah, when I heard Abu Bakr recite it, I was so shocked that my legs could not support me, and I fell to the ground, realising that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ had truly died.” - Bukhari 4452

- Confirmed the Prophet's Death & Calmed the Ummah
- Took Charge of Burial Preparations



His role and presence during the Prophet's final illness and passing

Post-Prophetic Life & Leadership

8

Saqifah Banu Sa'idah - Pledge of Allegiance. Abu Bakr proposed Umar or Abu Ubaidah, but Umar immediately pledged allegiance to Abu Bakr, followed by the rest of the companions.

- **Elected Caliph at Saqifah** – pledged by Umar and companions
- **Sent Usamah bin Zayd's army** – upheld the Prophet's final command
- **Fought Apostasy Wars** – defended Zakat & Faith
- **Preserved the Unity of the Ummah during crisis**



His contributions immediately following the Prophet's passing

The Caliphate & His Reign

9

“Abu Bakr said to Zaid bin Thabit. 'You are a wise young man and we do not have any suspicion about you, and you used to write the Divine Inspiration for Allah's Messenger (ﷺ). So you should search for (fragmentary scripts of) the Qur'an and collect it in one book.' - Bukhari 4986

- **Initiated Qur'an Compilation** – Commissioned Zayd ibn Thabit to preserve the Qur'an
- **Launched Islamic Expansion** – Sent armies to Persia and the Levant—foundation for future conquests
- **Abu Bakr's Final Will** – Appointed Umar (RA) as Successor after consultation, ensuring stability in successionah during crisis



Major Milestone, decisions, and influence during his time as Caliph

Departure from the World

10

At the passing of Abu Bakr, Ali R.A Said: “You were his Companion during the migration and you were his successor regarding the religion of Allah and His nation. And truly good successor you proved to be when the people apostatised.” - Ibn al-Jawzi, Al-Tabşirah

- **Illness & Final Days -**

- Fell ill after bathing on a cold day; fever lasted ~15 days.
- Passed away on 22 Jumada al-Akhirah, 13AH (August 23)
- Died at age 63, same as the Prophet ﷺ

- **Burial -**

- Buried beside the Prophet ﷺ in Aisha’s chamber
- Grave prepared by Talhah ibn Ubaydullah (RA)
- His head aligned with the Prophet’s ﷺ shoulders



The circumstances surrounding his death and the legacy he left behind

Lasting Legacy for the Ummah

11

- **Financial Sacrifices** - Freed many slaves, donated wealth for Da'wah and campaigns
- **Pioneer of Da'wah** – Personally invited and converted several key early Muslims
- **Preserving the Ummah Post-Prophet ﷺ** - Calmed the chaos & Unified the Ummah
- **Fought the Ridda (Apostasy) Wars** - Against tribes who refused Zakat - Firmly upholding Islam's pillars
- **Compilation of the Qur'an** - First to gather the Qur'an into one manuscript
- **Military Expansion & Protection** - Launched campaigns against the Byzantine and Persian empires. Secured borders, stabilised Arabia, and preserved Islamic authority.
- **Contributions to Society and Morality** - Model of Simplicity. Justice & Equality. Gentleness with Firmness balancing mercy with necessary strength in governance.



Contributions to Islam, governance, society, and their enduring impact on the Muslim world



'ABU BAKR'S (R.A) PARTING ADVICE TO 'UMAR (RA).

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