

*Developing a stronger connection
with Allah Almighty*



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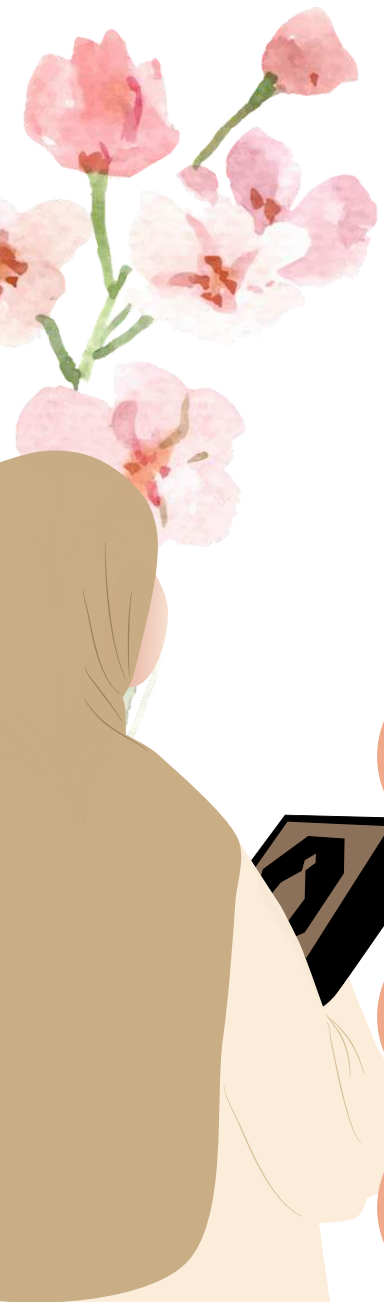


Today's Presentation



An interactive discussion

In this presentation, we will explore some of the beautiful pieces of evidence from the Quran and Hadith that emphasise the importance of fostering a strong bond with our Creator. We will also look at how the Quran plays a huge role in developing a deeper connection with Allah Almighty as well as other aspects which help us to develop a deep and strong connection with Allah.



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Quran

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Rememberance

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Direct communication with
Allah

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Improving our Character

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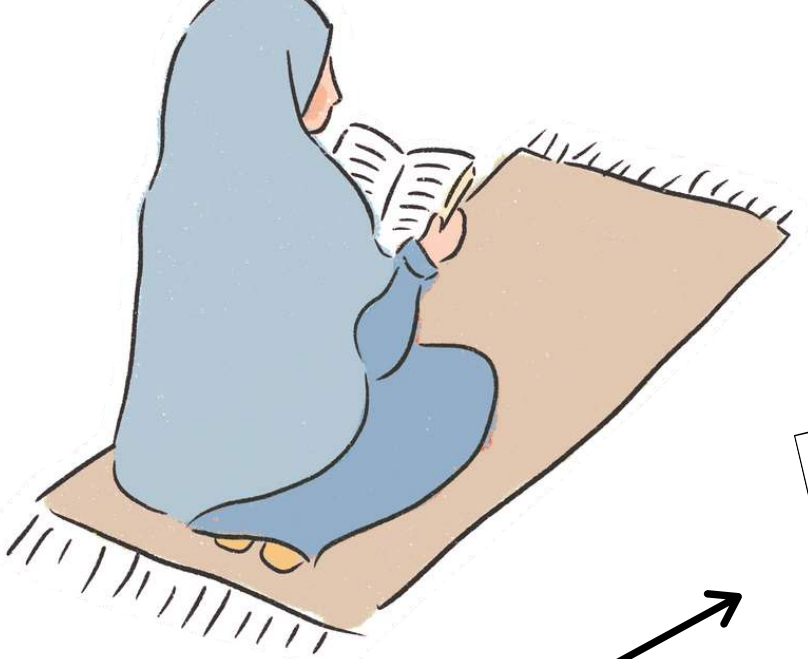
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Reciting

Express Gratitude



Daily connection

Developing a deeper connection through the Quran

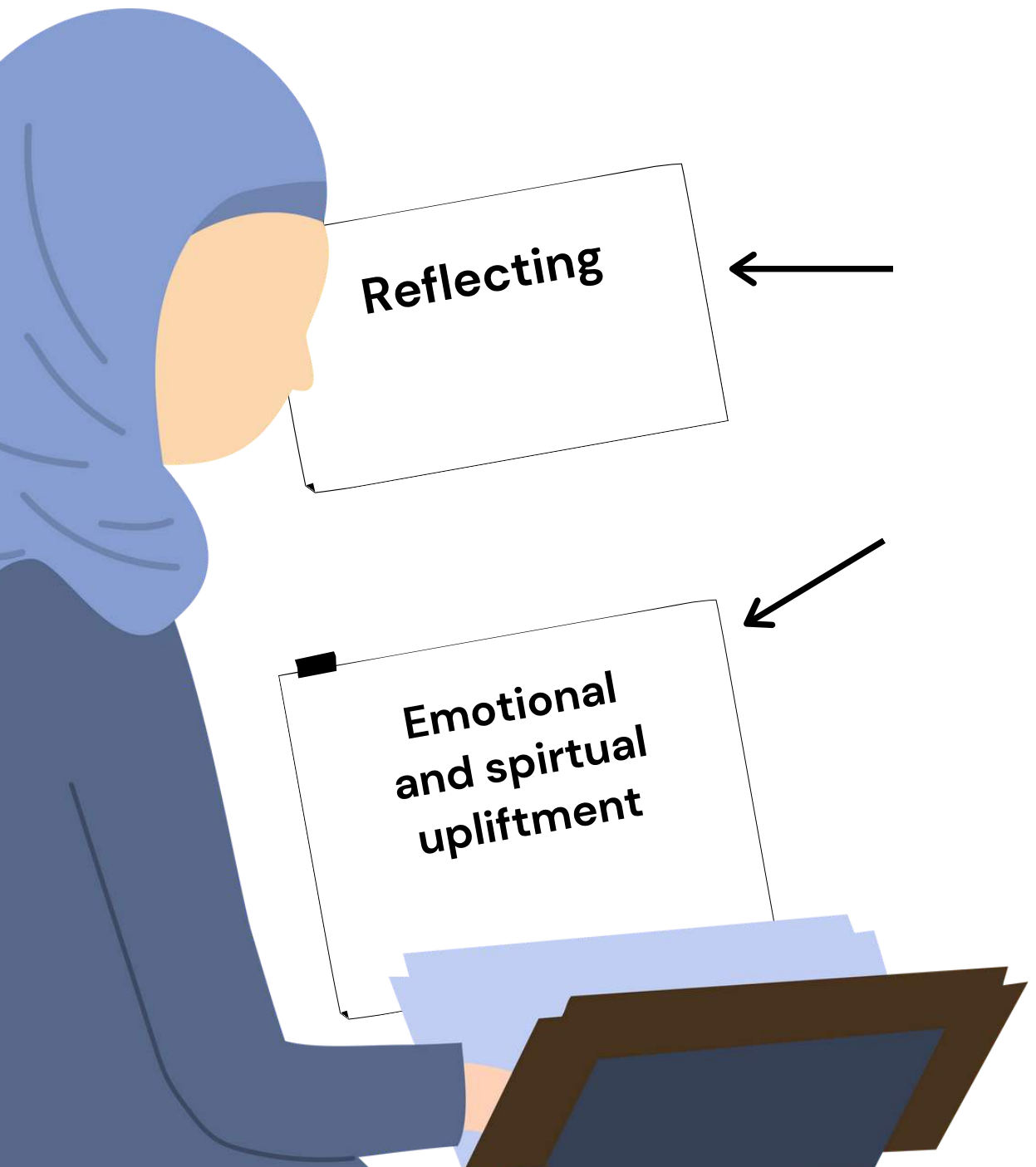
The Quran is a Divine Roadmap for a deeper connection with Allah. It helps us to purify our souls, leading to a deeper spiritual connection.

Reflecting

Emotional and spiritual upliftment

Understanding and seeking pleasure of Allah

Knowledge of Allah's Attributes



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So remember Me; I will remember you. And be grateful to Me and do not deny Me" (Quran 2:152).

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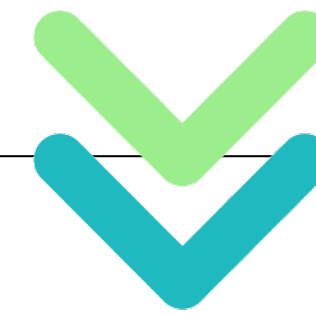
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Gratitude

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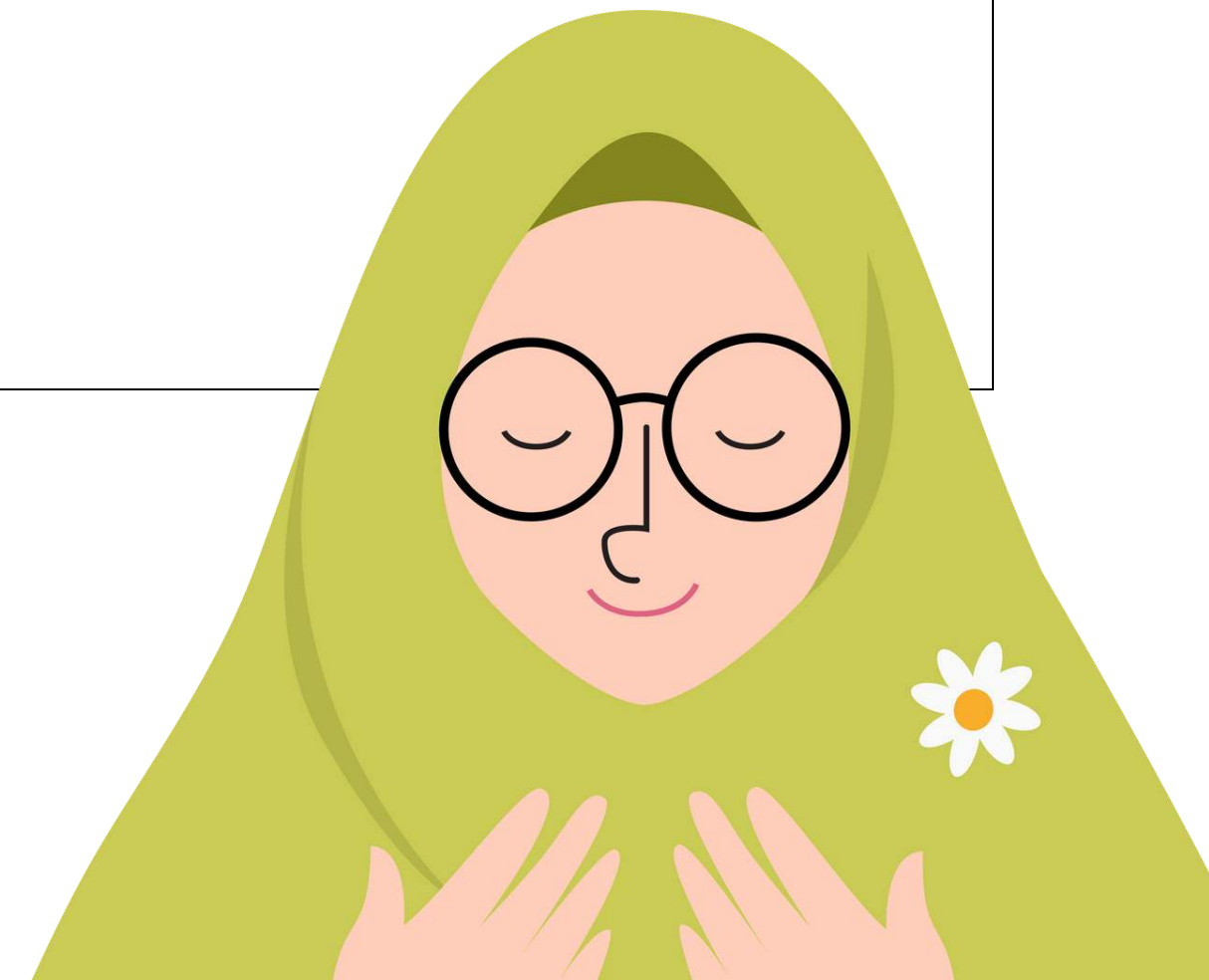
Remembrance



Strengthens the connection with Him

Remembrance (Dhikr)

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, "Allah says: 'I am as My servant thinks I am. I am with him when he makes mention of Me. If he makes mention of Me to himself, I make mention of him to Myself; and if he makes mention of Me in an assembly, I make mention of him in an assembly better than it'" (Sahih Al-Bukhari).



Repentance

Purifies the heart and enables us to maintain a strong connection with Allah.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, "When a servant of Allah sins, a black spot appears on his heart. If he repents, seeks forgiveness, and abandons the sin, his heart is cleansed. But if he continues to sin, the blackness increases until it overwhelms his heart"

(Sunan Ibn Majah).

Even in committing a sin, there is a Mercy.



By actively engaging in acts of obedience and doing good deeds we strengthen our connection with Allah.

"And those who strive for Us – We will surely guide them to Our ways. And indeed, Allah is with the doers of good" (Quran 29:69).

1 Strive for His sake =guidance

2

Actively engage in obedience and good deeds.

Humility

By practising humility in all aspects of life, we can cultivate a deep and sincere connection with Allah. We recognise our place in the grand scheme of creation, submit to Allah's will, and seek His mercy and guidance. Through humility, we feel more closeness to Allah and experience the spiritual nourishment that comes from a strong connection.

- Recognising our limitations
- Depending on a higher power
- Fosters a sense of Awe, reverence
- Surrender to Allah's Will
- Removing arrogance and ego
- Recognising our faults in front of our Creator

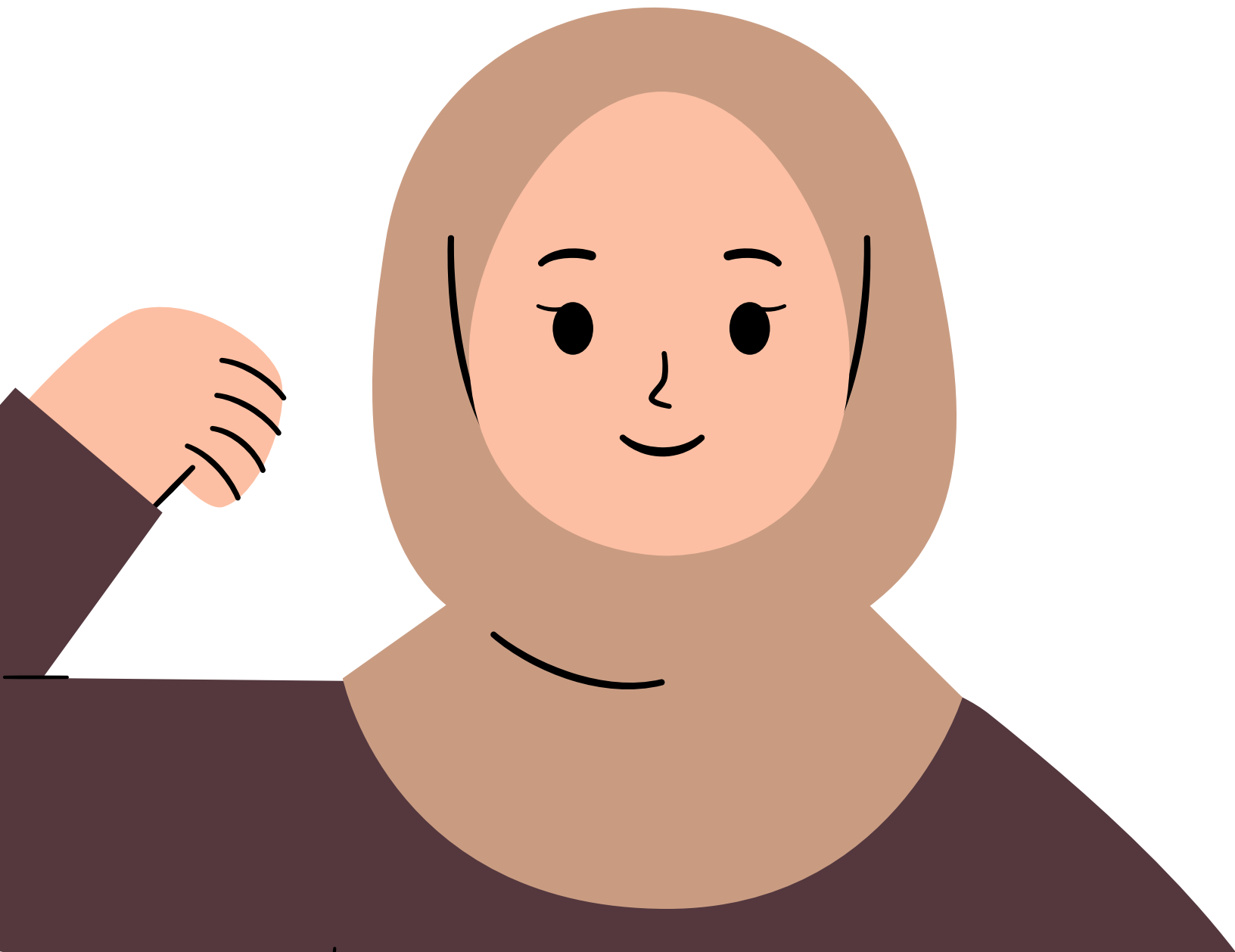


Strengthens the connection with Allah Almighty



Overcoming desires

Ultimately, by overcoming desires, we develop self-control, seek the pleasure of Allah, cultivate taqwa, strengthen our spiritual resolve, purify our hearts, and appreciate the eternal rewards promised by Allah. These efforts contribute to a strong and intimate connection with Allah, as we align their desires and actions with His guidance and strive to please Him in all aspects of life.



- Determination and spiritual strength
- Seeking the pleasure of Allah over temporary pleasures
- Aligns our actions in accordance with Allah's pleasures
- Cultivates Taqwa (keeping away from what Allah dislikes and doing what He is pleased with)
- Purifying the soul and heart by overcoming base desires
- Appreciating the rewards of the Hereafter
- Fulfilling desires leads to spiritual emptiness and distance from Allah

Seeking Knowledge

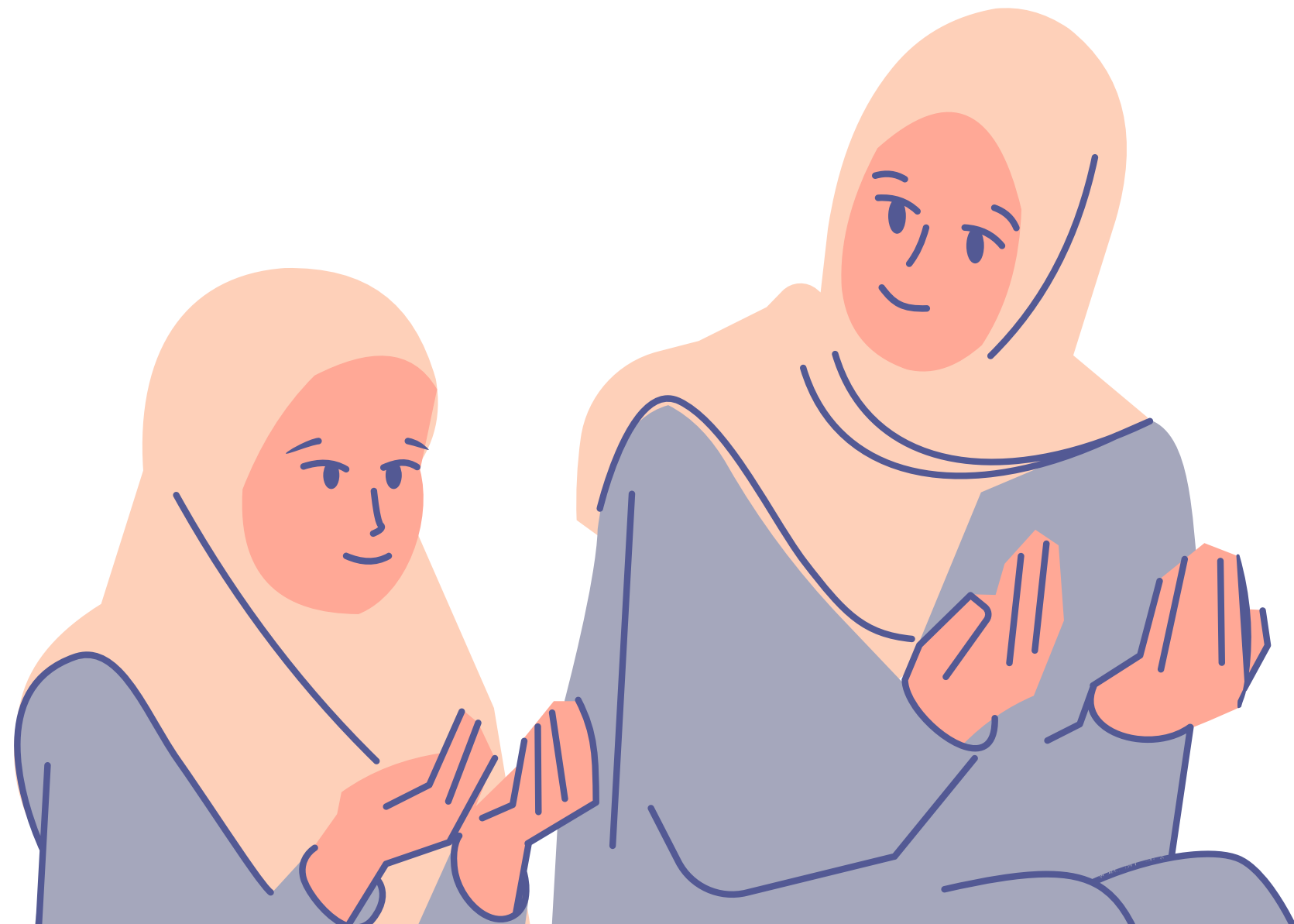
By seeking knowledge and applying it in their lives, individuals develop a stronger connection with Allah and enhance their spiritual growth.



- Understanding Allah's creation, deeper insight (humanities, sciences, inspire awe and wonder)
- Certainty (strengthening one's faith)
- Knowledge of the Quran and Hadith (**Allah's Attributes**, His Guidance, and purpose of existence)
- Essential to worship Allah in the correct way
- Cultivating Taqwa (God-consciousness) learning about moral values and being aware of halal and haraam (lawful and unlawful matters)



"And when My servants ask you concerning Me, indeed I am near. I **respond to the invocation of the supplicant when he **calls** upon Me"
(Quran 2:186)**



Reflecting on this verse

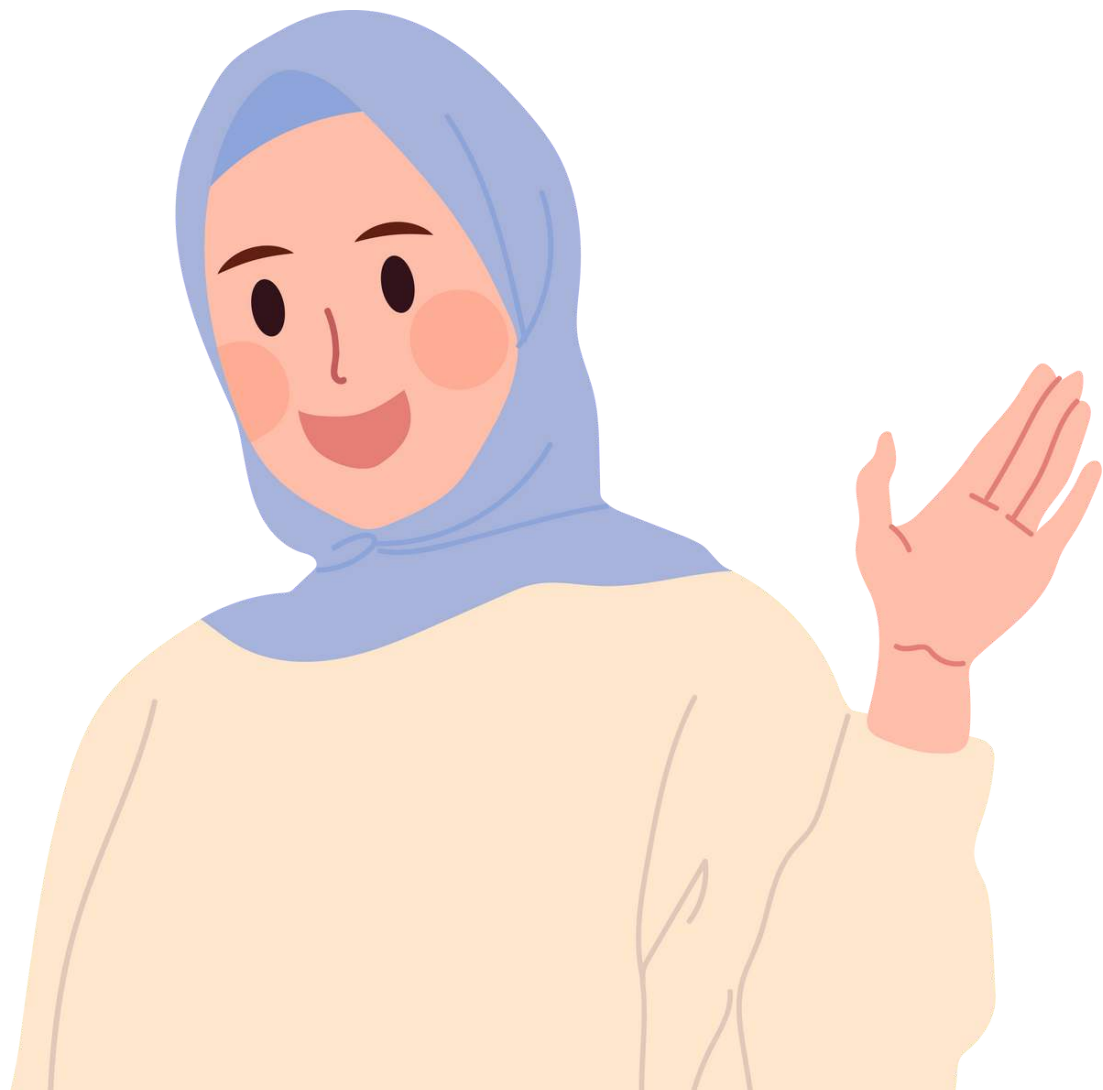
- Importance of communication
- Reassures us
- Supplications waiting to be answered
- Trust in His compassion and Mercy
- Actively seeking guidance in all aspects of our life
- Allah is always near for his worshippers, big or small/matter



Strengthens the connection with Allah Almighty

9 Improving our character and using the Prophet (peace be upon him) as our bench mark

"Say, [O Muhammad], 'If you should love Allah, then follow me, [so] Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.'" (3:31)



Reflecting on this verse

- To earn Allah's love we need to follow the example of the Prophet (peace be upon him)
- It also emphasises Allah's forgiveness and mercy to those who strive to follow and emulate the Prophet (peace be upon him)



"There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allah often." (33:21)

Reflecting on this verse

- Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was an exemplary role model for all of mankind
- Encourages us to place hope in Allah and the Day of Judgement, while we strive to follow the example of the Prophet (peace be upon him) in our everyday lives



Ultimately, passing tests as a Muslim strengthens the connection with Allah by nurturing trust, reliance, patience, reflection, and gratitude. It encourages us to turn to Allah, seek His guidance, and strive for spiritual growth, resulting in a deeper and more meaningful relationship with Allah Almighty.

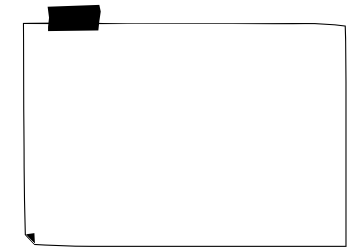
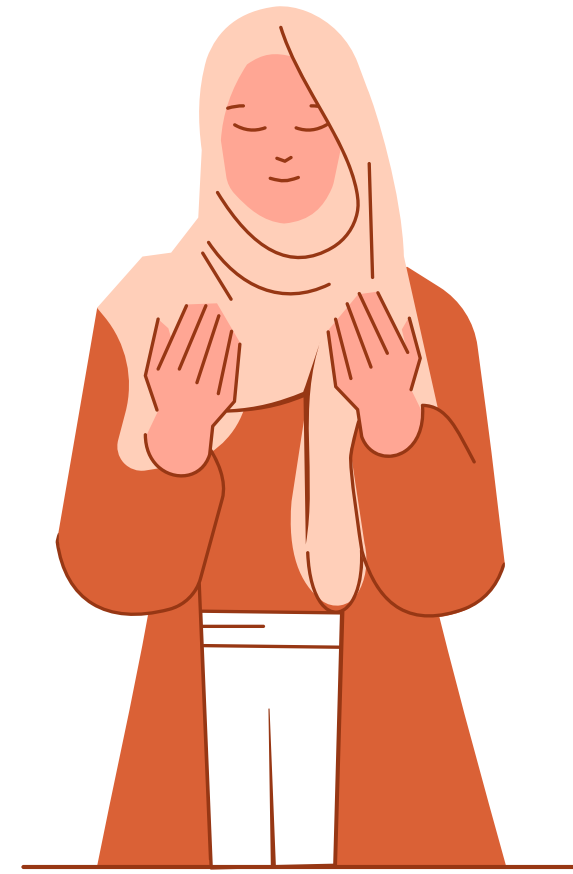
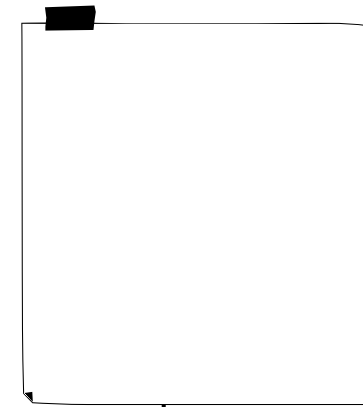
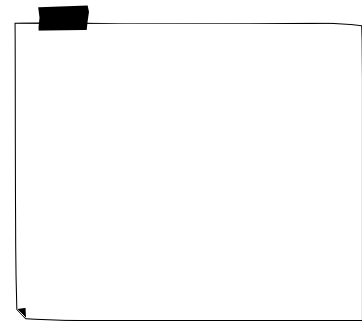


- Strengthening reliance and trust in Allah
- Seeking guidance from Quran and Sunnah
- Developing Patience, Perseverance and resilience
- Reflecting on the purpose of life (temporary nature)
- A reminder of the numerous blessings we take for granted



Further Discussion

Can you think of more?



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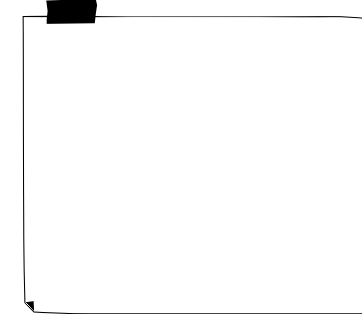
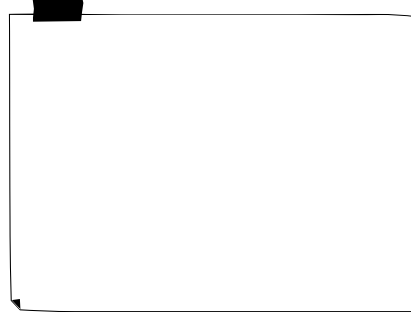
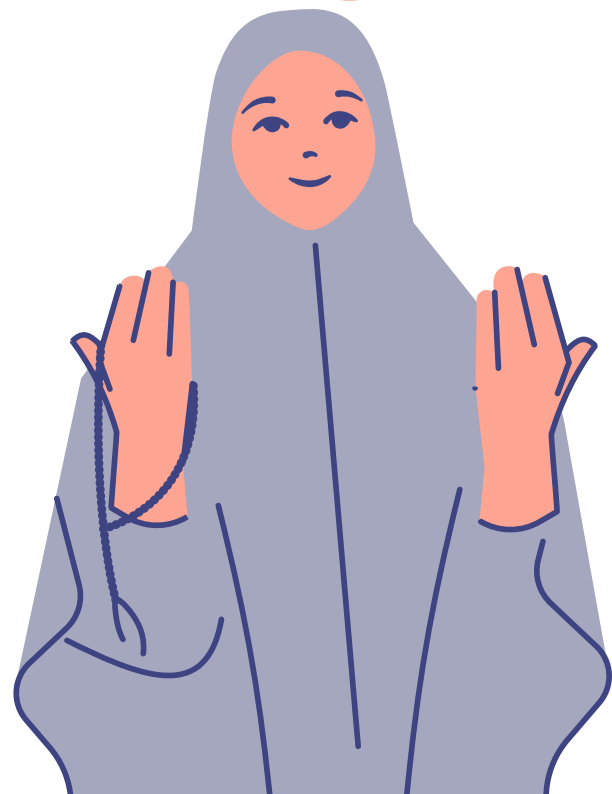
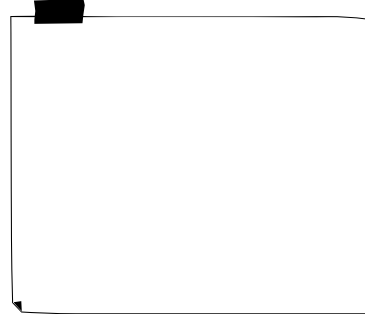
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SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

**The more we strive the
deeper our connection
becomes with Allah Almighty.**

An on going
journey for life

Quran and hadith provide us with numerous pieces of evidence about developing a stronger link with Allah Almighty. Spiritual life experience striving on the path also provides with a deeper understanding.



Summary and Conclusion

- 1 Developing a connection with Allah Almighty is a fundamental aspect of our faith.
- 2 Daily connection with the Quran, reciting, reflecting and understanding its meaning
- 3 Remembrance through various forms, like prayer, supplication, reflecting on the signs of Allah's creation
- 4 Seeking Knowledge and following up on what we learn
- 5 Working on our character to emulate the (Prophet peace be upon him) be closer to what Allah loves
- 6 Humility and defeating the ego
- 7 Becoming closer to Allah when being tested, through patience and guidance.



Thank you!

May Allah reward
you all and help
us to be those
who are always
deeply
connected to
Allah Almighty!