

BILAL'S BEDTIME STORIES

Tales of Faith, Kindness and Courage

Selected
Stories

Illustrated
Comic Edition



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BILAL: FAITH AND COURAGE

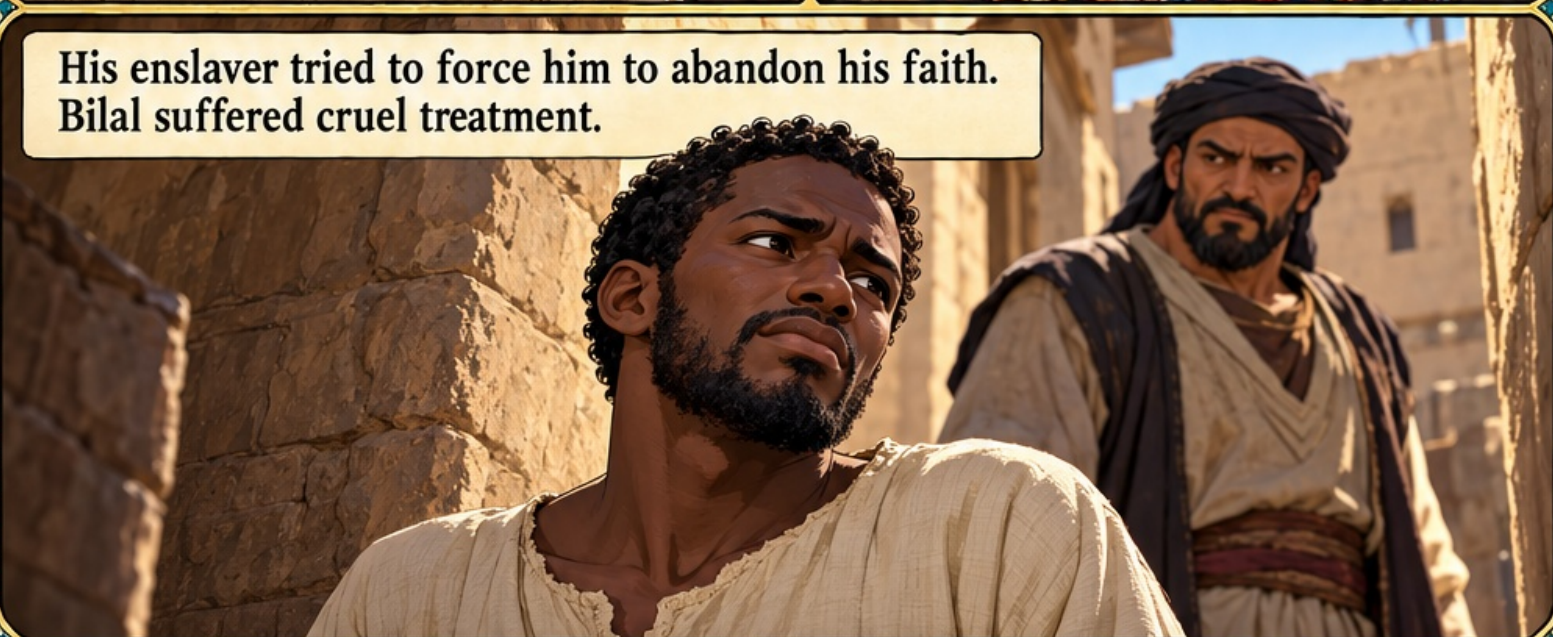
Bilal was an African man living in Makkah under slavery.



When he learned about Islam, he believed in Allah alone.



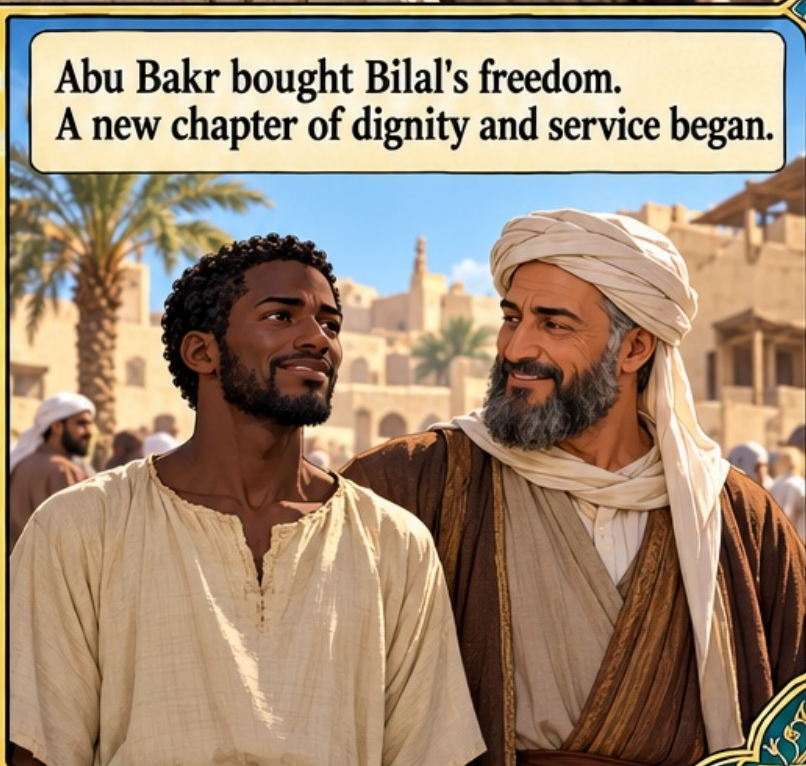
His enslaver tried to force him to abandon his faith. Bilal suffered cruel treatment.



Yet Bilal held firmly to his belief in the One God.



Abu Bakr bought Bilal's freedom. A new chapter of dignity and service began.



BILAL: A VOICE REMEMBERED

Bilal became a trusted companion of Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him.



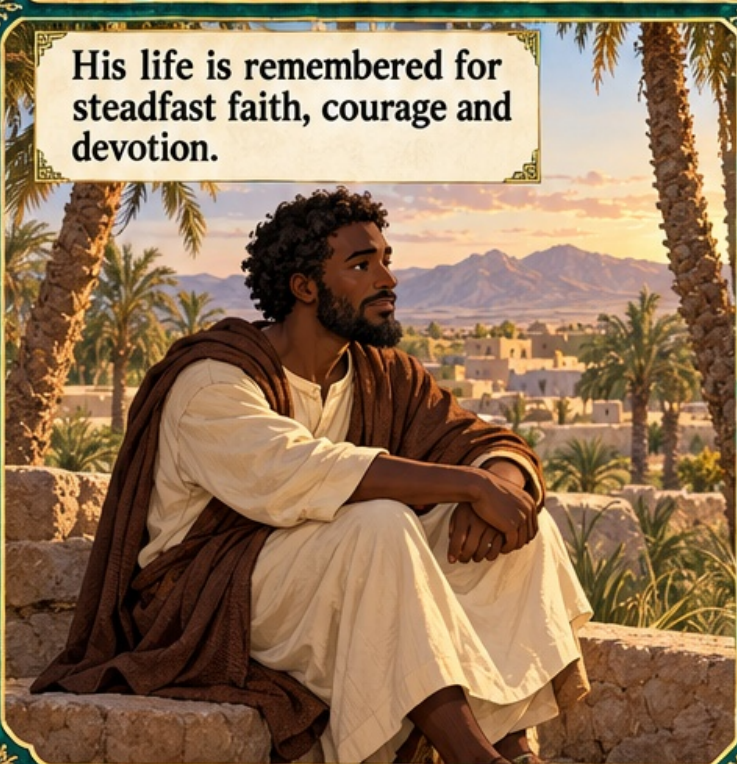
His voice called the Muslim community to prayer.



As a muazzin, he reminded people to pause their work and worship Allah.



His life is remembered for steadfast faith, courage and devotion.



Bilal's story reminds us that a person's worth is not measured by wealth, birthplace or skin colour.



LEADERSHIP BY EXAMPLE

When wheat became scarce in Madinah, many families worried about food.

Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq asked Muattab how much wheat their household had.

They had enough for months. He instructed Muattab to sell it in the market so others could buy it.

The household would buy food day by day, like their neighbours.

Their bread would use wheat and barley. Leadership meant sharing the community's hardship.

THE STRENGTH TO FORGIVE

Malik al-Ashtar walked through Kufa in simple clothes.



A man mocked him and struck his head, not knowing who he was.



Malik walked on calmly. Then the man learned that he had insulted a respected commander.



Frightened and sorry, the man searched for Malik and found him at the mosque.



Malik had gone there to pray for the man's forgiveness. True strength can choose mercy.



LUQMAN AND HIS SON

1 In this teaching tale, Luqman and his son travelled with a donkey.



2 When the son rode, people criticised him for letting his father walk. When Luqman rode, others criticised him instead.



3 When both walked, someone asked why they did not ride. When both rode, others worried about the donkey.



4 They stepped down. Luqman showed his son that they could not please every passing voice.



5 They should think carefully, care for others and seek Allah's pleasure, rather than chase everyone's approval.



A MEAL WITH DIGNITY

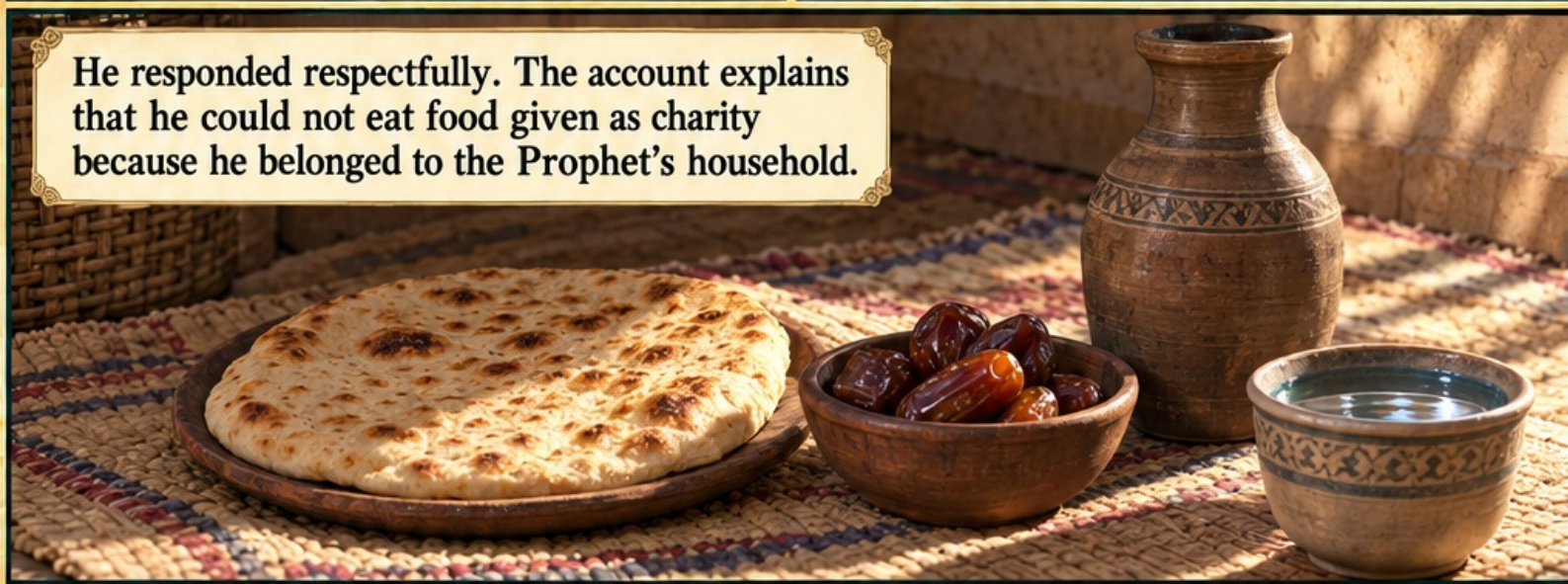
Imam Hussein was known for kindness towards people in need.



One day, a group of poor men invited him to share their food.



He responded respectfully. The account explains that he could not eat food given as charity because he belonged to the Prophet's household.



Instead, he invited them to eat at his home.



They shared a meal with dignity. A generous welcome can help others feel valued.



THE LITTLE DOCTOR

A little girl dreamed of becoming a doctor.



She imagined a white coat, a stethoscope and a bag of useful tools.



But caring was about more than equipment. She wanted to listen and comfort people who were hurting.



She hoped to help those who could not afford treatment and care for older people too.



Her dream was to serve others and please Allah. Learning and kindness would help her begin.



PRAYER AND RESPONSIBILITY

A group of pilgrims returned from their journey and visited Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq.



They praised one companion who spent his time praying.



The Imam asked who had cared for that traveller's camel and done the necessary work.



The others had carried those responsibilities. Worship should not become an excuse to leave every task to someone else.



Helping companions is valuable too. We can make time for prayer and do our fair share.



READ, REFLECT AND SHARE

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About this edition

Seven selections adapted from *Bilal's Bedtime Stories* by A. S. Alloo and Ahmed H. Sheriff, published by Bilal Muslim Mission of Kenya. The supplied PDF is hosted by Al-Islam.org. This is a selected, abridged comic adaptation, not the complete original collection.

The source combines biographical accounts, traditional teaching stories and poetry. This adaptation follows its lessons; it does not independently authenticate every historical report. The Luqman donkey story is presented as a teaching tale, not as a story narrated in the Quran. The Little Doctor is adapted from a poem.

Illustrations are imagined interpretations, not historical portraits. No figure represents Allah or a prophet. People shown alongside Bilal are ordinary companions, not Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). The Imams mentioned in the stories remain outside the pictured scenes.

Talk about the stories

1. What makes Bilal courageous?
2. How can we show kindness when someone upsets us?
3. What does it mean to treat someone with dignity?
4. Which helpful task could you do today?

A note for young readers

Forgiveness does not mean accepting continued harm. If someone hurts or frightens you, seek help from a trusted adult. Sharing responsibilities means doing what you reasonably can; people who need support still deserve care.

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Small Stories, Lasting Lessons

Discover courage in Bilal's faith,
strength in forgiveness, wisdom in good
choices, and joy in helping others.

Seven selected stories retold in accessible English,
with beautiful comic illustrations for shared reading.



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