

The Lit Cave

Surah Al Kahf

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Whatever happens, we are protected - our hearts, our minds, and our bodies in our caves, they are lit with our faith.

نَّحْنُ نَقْصُ عَلَيْكَ نَبَأْهُم بِالْحَقِّ إِنَّهُمْ فِتْيَةٌ آمَنُوا بِرَبِّهِمْ وَزِدْنَاهُمْ هُدًى - 18:13

It is We who relate to you, [O Muhammad], their story in truth. Indeed, they were youths who believed in their Lord, and We increased them in guidance

Allah SWT says that He relates this story to Nabi SAW, a detailed version of the events. Allah SWT is the Most Truthful, so His Narration is not just a telling of events but also the informing of important news/information. These four stories in this surah all offer protection in the times of fitna - in keeping us firm, to help us get through the trial, subhanAllah. During trials, each atom of faith now is worth more. When we go through any trial, it is just a nurturing from Allah SWT.

The story is of young boys, and it is known that young boys who love the religion and who are raised on the deen are amongst those who will be in the shade on the Day of Judgment. So these boys believed in Allah SWT's Lordship and He appreciated their faith and guided them to act and speak in the right way. In times of trials, we need to increase our belief in Allah's Lordship, then He will guide us to what we should do and say. He will increase us and guard us in the times of trials, subhanAllah.

وَرَبَطْنَا عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ إِذْ قَامُوا فَقَالُوا رَبُّنَا رَبُّ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ لَن نَدْعُو مِنْ دُونِهِ
إِلَّا هُوَ لَقَدْ قُلْنَا إِذَا شَطَطَا - 18:14

And We made firm their hearts when they stood up and said, "Our Lord is the Lord of the heavens and the earth. Never will we invoke besides Him any deity. We would have certainly spoken, then, an excessive transgression.

Then Allah SWT for these boys tied their hearts to Him, meaning to be patient, firm, and tranquil, just like He tied the heart of Ummi Musa. Allah SWT protected these boys while they were asleep then why would He not protect us while we are awake? Allah SWT is as His slave thinks of Him so we should think the best of Him, that He will protect us and He will, inshaAllah.

When our hearts are firm, then we are upright. In times of trials, we should take care of ourselves, and ask Allah SWT to make our hearts firm. So these boys with this firmness in their hearts, they said, that their Lord is the Lord of everything and that they would never invoke anyone else.

No situation is big for Allah SWT, all we should do is make our faith, our belief bigger than the situation. We should magnify Allah SWT during such times. Only He can protect and cure and reform. We shouldn't call on anyone else, and if we do, we will have deviated, and misguided.

Their confidence is Allah SWT is displayed in this dua, and this is why we should always say good things and if we say it with belief, then Allah SWT makes it happen.