## **SECRET DA'WAH**

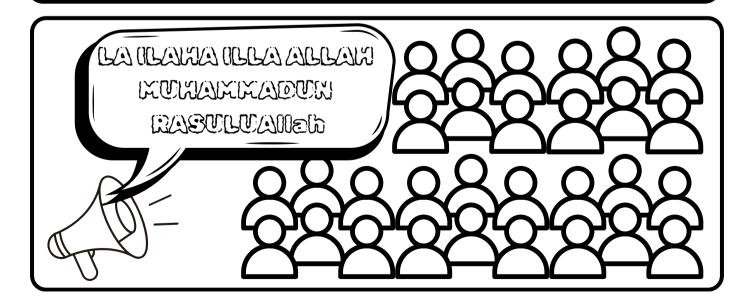
The angel visited the Prophet again, he was now coming with a clear order to the Prophet to start calling his family and the people who are close to him to the way of Allah. Calling them to Islam, to believe that there is no god but Allah alone, and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah. Jibreel told him to keep everything in secret and not to speak about Islam in public.

The Prophet started talking to his family and friends about the message he just received. The first person who believed him and accepted Islam was his wife Khadijah, then Ali ibn Abi Talib, then Zayed ibn Harithah and Abu Bakr. The Scholars of Seerah like to put them as the first woman to accept Islam was Kadijah, the first child to accept Islam was Ali and the first man was Abu Bakr. Once Abu Bakr accepted Islam he started calling his friends and family to Islam as well, many of the early Muslims (like Uthman, Talhah, Bilal and Azzubayr) accepted Islam because it was presented to them through Abu Bakr who was an important and kind man in Makkah. The secret phase lasted three years, the Prophet and Abu Bakr did their best calling people to Allah while keeping everything undercover. Approximately 40 people accepted Islam in the first three years.



## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF DA'WAH

Three years passed and Jibreel came to the Prophet with a new message. The message was to call people to Islam in public. From now on Islam will not hide anymore. The Prophet climbed the mount of Al-Safa and called upon the families and tribes of Quraysh. The people of Makkah came from everywhere because it seemed that Muhammad something very important to say. When people gathered the Prophet asked them, what if I tell you that there is a raid here behind this mountain that is about to attack you, would you believe me? They all said yes, you were always telling the truth. He said: then bare witness that I am a messenger to you from Allah, calling you to worship Allah alone. I came to you with glad tidings for who believes will go to heaven and a warner for those who don't believe will go to the Fire. People were shocked from this announcement, they didn't know what to say. Abu Lahab, one of the uncles of the Prophet s, was the first one to speak 'may you perish, is it for this reason you gathered us?" Then people dispersed



## BRUTAL TORTURE

After the general announcement the Prophet made from on top of the mountain, the numbers of the Muslims started to increase. the leaders of Makkah didn't like that the followers of Muhammad were increasing everyday. Islam was getting stronger one day after the other. They started to punish Muslims and torture them everywhere. The Muslims who were subjected to the most severe punishments were the slaves and the servants. They had no one to protect them from being punished and tortured. Bilal Ibn Rabah used to be laid down with his back on the burning sand of Makkah with a huge rock on his chest. The family of Yasser, his wife Somayyah and their son Ammar, were subjected to the huge suffering of persecution. Yasser died under punishment and Somayyah was killed by Abu Jahl.



## **Choose the Correct Answer**

Khadijah - Abu Bakr - Jibreel - people - Ali - three - secret

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