

Abdullah Ibn Hudhafah رضي الله عنه

Level: Beginner

Umar ibn al-Khattab sent an army to fight the Romans, and among the soldiers was a great companion of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ named Abdullah ibn Hudhafah al-Sahmi. Caesar wanted to speak to some Muslim prisoners to learn about their situation, so he ordered his men to bring him any Muslim prisoner alive. Abdullah was captured by the Romans, who took him to their king and said to him, "This is one of the leaders who converted to the religion of Muhammad and is a great man among the Muslims." The Roman king looked at Abdullah for a long time, then said to him, "I offer you a proposal. Embrace Christianity, and if you do, I will release you and honor you." Abdullah replied, "I would rather die a thousand times than do what you are inviting me to do."

The king said, "I see your courage, but if you accept my offer, I will make you a partner in my kingdom and share my wealth with you." Abdullah laughed and said, "I swear by Allah, even if you gave me everything you own, I would never abandon the religion of Muhammad ﷺ for even a moment." The king said, "Then I will kill you." Abdullah replied, "Do whatever you want."

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The king ordered Abdullah to be crucified and said to his archers, "Shoot arrows close to his hands and feet." The king then offered Abdullah Christianity, but he refused. The king ordered the soldiers to take him down from the cross and bring a pot of boiling oil. He poured a great amount of oil into it, and then called two Muslim prisoners and ordered one of them to be thrown into the pot. When he was thrown in, his flesh disintegrated and his bones floated. The king then turned to Abdullah and called him to Christianity, but he refused. At this point, the king despaired and ordered Abdullah to be thrown into the boiling pot. When the soldiers took him, Abdullah wept.

When the king saw this, he thought he was afraid of death and said to him, "What made you cry? Are you afraid of death?" Abdullah replied, "No, but I wish that every hair on my body were a soul so that I could die this death for the sake of God." The king then realized the greatness of Abdullah ibn Hudhafah and respected him. The king said, "Will you kiss my head and I will spare your life and let you go?" Abdullah asked, "And all the Muslim prisoners as well?" The king replied, "Yes, and all the Muslim prisoners." Abdullah accepted the offer and kissed the king's head. The king then released Abdullah and all the Muslim prisoners.

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1. Abdullah ibn Hudhafah al-Sahmi was a companion of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ who was captured by the _____.
2. (Answer: Romans)
3. The Roman king promised to release Abdullah and _____ if Abdullah kissed his head.
4. The Roman king ordered a pot of boiling _____ to test Abdullah's faith.

TRUE OR FALSE



1. Abdullah agreed to convert to Christianity in exchange for wealth and freedom.
2. The Roman king respected Abdullah after witnessing his courage and commitment to Islam.
3. Abdullah wept because he feared being thrown into the boiling oil.
4. Abdullah kissed the king's head to save only himself.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

Have you ever faced a situation where your beliefs or values were tested? How did you respond?

QUIZ

- 1- Who was Abdullah ibn Hudhafah al-Sahmi, and what role did he play in the Muslim army?
- 2- What did the Roman king offer Abdullah in exchange for converting to Christianity?
- 3- How did Abdullah respond when the king threatened to kill him?
- 4- What made the king release Abdullah and the other Muslim prisoners?
- 5- What was Abdullah's response when the king thought he was crying out of fear of death?

What does Abdullah's story teach us about the values of sacrifice and loyalty in Islam?