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As-Salamu Alaykum Wa Rahmathllah Wa Baraktuh ahk Nabil . May Allahu Wa Ta'ala Baraktuh be upon you and the Tayba Family. you requested some stories, reflections THE FOLLOWING IS MY responses to the and inspirings events during Ramadan. Insha' Allah. My answers are things that has transpired questions you submitted . with in the last few years or , and continuums in my personal Jihad to be a better Mu'min / Muslim. Insha' Allah, Allahu Wa Ta'ala give me victory over the Nafs created within. What is the most inspiring thing you've seen from another Muslim, or that Happened to you? Answer: My response is more self-reflect and objective observations of the Muslim I see everyday and have to deal with. i.e. My self. The most inspiring thing with great significance, happened when the blessing that Allahu Wa Ta'ala had bestowed upon me in three aspects: one: Allahu' Akbar changed the thinking of the way Wi-DOc viewed me and turned their thoughts from them keeping me in extreme solitary confinement until I died or was released home. As if 23 years was not enough. which is the second aspect. Allahu Wa Ta'ala Blessed My well being and Mind that I did not go insane or lose faith while being in torturous Solitary confinement for 23 years straightforward NON-STOP, NONSPORT. which brings upon the third effect, not only has Allahu Wa Ta'ala changed their thinking, and this is the part that was/is inspiring to me, The very reasons, some real, some not, some valid and some not, and some a bit of both. the reasons they had kept me entombed like a monster, i.e. they now view as a value to them having influence, or respect amoung my peers, and to my peers. i.e. they now employ me as a CPS (certified Peer Specialist). while they don't employ me as a tribal leader, street influencer, they now see that my advocacy was even if they objected to the nomenclature it was being made in . they went from trying to kill me, to Leting me do what I was always trying to do. of couurse, I needed, and have made some important changes along the way ,and with in my self. but the core of who I was and where my heart was had not been altered . During the Certification process / Training to beccome a CPS (certified Peer Specialist), It was both Alien like to see people who once where indirectly, if not directly, Alluma' inspiring and incapacitate me, Now rooting for me to pass this Allah, trying to kill me / or mentally training and treating, viewing me as a "HUMAN BEING" was overwhelming. that I had Nuh's (AS)Rain coming down my face at the end of the training ceremony, where you have all these administrative personnel there to congratulate you, and because we had to do this vie Zoom covid style, we had Administrative people on the Zoom conference rooms with their own cps's from their respective from six or I five other prisons in prions who was training with me. I mean, I had been in prison for over 30 years, 23 in tortture confinement, I never had prison staff ever view me as good or want me to succeed. (with the exception of those guards that do their jobs with out trying to go out your stay in DOc a hell.) I still feel uncomfortable at times when I have their way to make to engage them as I often do, and they treat me like a person at work, instead of a prisoner or what they did in the past, "a gang member" in some respects, worst then beeing called a terrorist! As, the terrorist is Viewed, by some as having legit

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reasons to exist, where as, a gang member is just a punk that wants to muck up society. (
which is the majority
                             P>O>V on the subject).
                                                                  This Change in thought has
also extended to my now leading the Ummah in Salat weekly when the Imaam from
Community do not come in, and my First Ramadan in General population, I gave the khutba
                                    what a transition of events by Allahu Wa Ta'ala in my life.
and Imam'ed the Salah.
                                            And Allahu' Akbar , Allahu Wa Ta'ala Insha' Allah is
( Question #3 is applicable here.)
                                            2. "What is the most Challenging difficulty you
              see the next Baraktuh.
have had to over come since your imprisonment or embracement of
Answer: As for imprisonment, Not knowing how to read, spell when I first got locked up. I
                                    when I first got locked up, i had to ask people to read
could not even read my mail
letters from my family /love ones etc.
                                            Allahu Wa Ta'ala Baraktuh rewirded my Brain and
put the Qalam in my hand and Allowed me having the understanding
                                                                         of the galam's of the
world at lager, where I am now a student of the Entire Dunya.
                                                                  As for the Difficulty since
                     There has been quiet a few ,and they all consist of the same jihad issue
embracing Islam .
       other people thinking because you are now on this spiritual path, that now over night
of
they can talk to you stupidly and
                                    this is by design.
                                                          It seems As if it only gets worst too.
              As a person who has held leadership positions in the past in every prison I was in
;-)
                                            - pound, it is very difficult to now hear, see, and
, at most the very pinnacle of com-
witness the way these guys talk to each other, and the way they will
                                                                         with you if you let
them. and so there are the events whe you have a shaytan embodiment who wants to push you
as
       far as they can until you have to lose all you are working for.
                                                                         One may not believe
it, but through out All the street Wars and other foolishness I seen or participated in on the
              of Chicago. I never was called The "B " h word until I was in Prison and locked
streets
                                            out the prison, out of my reach.
in a cell in seg ,and he was on his way
                                                                                 So you can
imaging the culture war i had to ., am dealing with after 23 yrs in a cell
                                                                         and not able to
                                            it has, and is still difficult. I never, never wanted to
address any kind of real disrespect.
murder some one in my whole life until I have been dealt the hand
                                                                         of the past few years
since Allahu Wa Ta'ala has bestowed another Baraktuh upon me.
                                                                         let me explain in
better context, and in correlation to the aforementioned circumstance. In addition to what has
              said, when you have "LIFE" in prison, it is the culture that you have nothing to
been
lose, so smart people don;t say or
                                            do stuff that they know is out the line. where as,
they know the guy trying to go home in a few or shorter, will
                                                                  think real hard before putting
his foot on some one being stupid.-
                                           I am not speaking Hyperbola when I said that, I
mean it. Its part of my jihad and I recognize that and don't use these
                                                                         words foolishly or
loosely. I have a life sentience for the next man's body, which compounds the jihad I am
                      I never gave up or lost faith in one day having justice or the wrong being
weathering.
corrected wiith me, and that is still with
                                            Allahu Wa Ta'ala to Qadr. More so, in the short
term , Allahu' Akbar has brought ease , where as I may Have a very real
going home on parole under the current prison reforms taking place with this country and this
state. this was unthinkable to me just years ago and this is just another step and
better access to having my wrong righted.
                                                   The difficulty is in the way how others with
in the prison system react to these kinds of Baraktuh's from Allahu Wa Ta'ala.
shaytanic Nature comes fulbloom. though, you knew it was there all along and even
witnessed to some degree,
                                    because it was never directed at you or in your presences.
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I had to realize, that even though I had all ways held faith in going home and even tried I was always ready to do what I needed to do and short of not to get any more cases, being stupid, I would ride at any moment if it was righteous. but others. I now know did not see it that way, or shall i say these new characters that I am requried to see or be with in the larger orbit. The Shaytanic nauture is no poetic license. I had one shaytan say it for do the things he does because he know he can get a way with it the public that he most of the time do to others having to give up what they got going on. shaytan would want to see anothr man rot in prison for life with you when he has been given another chance at life in the real world. But this is what All the Nabuwwah had to deal with, so it is with those of us less blessed then them to endure aswell. indeed, it is part of the jihad against the nafs both within and without in others. It has allowed me to learn more about me and learn how to see things from new prisms, as you learn that life require you to handle things and people in differeent ways. I was ablee to see the violence with in my self without it having to physically materialize. Sometimes, we have to see the lesson in the devil. We can not react, But reflect, for as Allahu us in the Glorious Ayah, 2: 286, 'ON NO SOUL DO Allahu' Wa Ta'ala has told Akbar PLACE A BURDEN GREATER THAN IT CAN BEAR... indeed, Alluma' Allah we trust, though at times, the flesh inherited weakness prevails. There once was a time when I did not think i would see the age of 23, and here I am now a shaykh age. all things considered and in their respective nods, Allahu' Akbar. I am one of Al Baraktuh. Alluma' Allah. As fore the 'GLORIOUS QUR'AN, EVERY RAMADHAN THAT I HAVE READ IT, its as if I read it for the first time, as the layers of understanding Allahu Wa Ta'ala reveal to us each time we read it is "TRULY AMAZING '. I ask Allahu Wa Ta'ala that this coming Ramadhan, Insha' Allah, we live to see it, that have the Baraktuh Al-Karam Al-Qur"an. We All are Blessed to and Allahu Wa Ta'ala bestowe Baraktuh upon the Tayba family and the grandeur of the Diin. Allahu' Akbar. Shadhili Tariqa Murid Wa Muqallid Shafi'iyyah Madhdhab Ras Tayba student. Atum-Ra Uhuru Mutawakkil. Walaykum Salam. Allahu' Akbar.