Taqwa, living with awareness of Allah

Taqwa is not fear that drives a person away. It is the alertness that keeps a believer close to Allah in public and in private.

CENTREPIECE Surah Ali Imran 3:102, Surah at-Talaq 65:2-3

FIRST KHUTBAH

1. Taqwa begins before the visible deed

Allah calls believers to be mindful of Him as He deserves and to remain Muslim until death (Ali Imran 3:102). Taqwa lives in the pause before a choice, when a person remembers that Allah sees what the room does not see.

Source: Quran 3:102

2. Taqwa creates a way through difficulty

Allah promises a way out and provision from unexpected places for the person who is mindful of Him (at-Talaq 65:2-3). This is not a promise of an easy life. It is a promise that obedience is never a dead end with Allah.

Source: Quran 65:2-3

3. The test is often hidden inside ordinary life

Taqwa appears in a private message, a business account, a family disagreement, and the temptation to speak when silence would be cleaner. The most useful question is often simple: what choice would I make if my awareness of Allah were stronger right now?

SECOND KHUTBAH

Bring the congregation back to one private choice each person already knows about. Taqwa grows when awareness becomes action, especially where there is no applause and no one else would know.

Suggested closing: O Allah, grant us taqwa in public and in private. Make obedience beloved to us and give us a way through every difficulty without compromising what pleases You.

ONE ACTION FOR THIS WEEK

Identify one private habit that weakens your relationship with Allah and place one practical barrier between you and it today.

PREPARATION NOTES

1. Read every cited verse or hadith in full before using it.
2. Add one example your own congregation will recognise.
3. Check questions of fiqh and recognised disagreement with a qualified local scholar.

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