

Our Peaceful Home

A culturally specific family peace program serving Muslim families

Excerpts from Friday Khutbas given by Qari Noman Hussain & Mufti Hussain Kamani

“The Weak Home: Addressing Domestic Violence”

"There are clear texts in the Quran; there are clear texts of the sunnah of the Prophet (saw), the clear seal of the prophets telling us and informing us about the fact that beating and **raising one's hand against your spouse and against your children is impermissible.**" (Qari Noman Hussain)

Allah (swt) said in the Quran, "Be people who stand for justice. **Be willing to speak the truth, even if it's against yourself**"... Be advocates of truth because truth, "haq," "adl." Justice is very clear in Islam. (Mufti Hussain Kamani)

"Aisha (ra) in Sahih Bukhari, said that the Prophet (saw) never raised his hand against any woman or any child or any of his children or any of his servants. The Prophet (saw) never physically abused anybody." (Qari Noman Hussain)

"If you physically abuse your spouse, emotionally abuse your spouse, your children are affected by it. Statistics show that most abusers are actually those who came from an abusive household. A lot of abusers are those who came from a household where a father beat the mother, a lot of abusers are those who were themselves physically abused." (Qari Noman Hussain)

"The foundation of every child is their home; that's where they grow up. You think that keeping a marriage together for the sake of the children, a marriage that's already broken, has any value to it. There's no value at all, if anything, you are harming that child."(Mufti Hussain Kamani)

"Imagine how miserable it must be for a child to grow up in a home that the two people that they trust and love the most are the two people who can't get along with one another. Imagine how much fear the child must live in. Imagine how horrible it must be to grow up in a house like that.... What kind of families are you establishing?" (Mufti Hussain Kamani)

"This (Domestic Violence khutba) is about a community; **it's about creating awareness**. It's about reaching out to those people that you know that may be involved in this kind of stuff and saying, 'Hey listen man, this is wrong.' It's about you stepping up to oppression because the reality is **when we stay silent in the face of oppression, we become complicit in that oppression; we become part of that oppression.**" (Qari Noman Hussain)

"It's your responsibility to tell the people around you. The Nabi (saw) said to the people around him, 'your job is to help the oppressor and the oppressed'...But what does it mean to help the oppressor?... **You tell the oppressor, my assistance to you, my dear brother, is that you need to stop** - but you have to have a spine for that...you have to have a moral compass for that." (Mufti Hussain Kamani)

"There are men who are loved by everybody here who are feared in their homes...If the whole society can vouch for your character and vouch for you're amazing qualities, but your wife and your children can't - then there is a problem." (Qari Noman Hussain)

"There are some people in the community who are upright themselves as individuals so they will never engage in "thulm" or oppression, but as far as it goes where other people are oppressing their spouses, they will stay quiet... They're okay with their mother abusing their wife. They're very okay with their sister abusing their wife, even the sister in law can abuse their wife. And they won't raise a voice - 'it's not my business, you deal with it.' The only reason why someone would even stay or put themselves in a scenario where they are being abused by a third person that they aren't directly related to is because they have a relationship with you. So the truth is - it is your business." (Mufti Hussain Kamani)

"If you are in a relationship that is abusive, seek help. You might need to seek help against yourself, if you are the abuser. And if you are the abused, there is nothing wrong at all with seeking assistance. If anyone tells you, and I'm saying this in the khutba, from the minbar during this Jumma (Friday prayer), anyone that ever says to you that there is virtue in staying silent while you are being abused - is absolutely wrong. **There is no virtue in staying silent while you are being abused. And I will say it another time, there is no virtue in staying silent if you are being abused.**" (Mufti Hussain Kamani)

"They (oppressors) generally oppress people that are closest to them, people who love them the most, and most likely the people that are vulnerable. Because an oppressor knows that you won't look someone in the eye that can tear you into pieces. One person once came to me and said he was being aggressive with his wife, and I asked him, why would you say something like that to her? **He said, 'I was angry, that's why.'** So I said, **when the cop pulls you over, or gives you a ticket for speeding, and you're angry, would you dare say such a thing back to the cop? Would you push him too?** He went quiet, because this person knows that if he stands against a person with authority, someone who has strength, someone who has ability, his anger would be pushed aside because this person knows that if he didn't learn to control that anger, the consequences would be terrible." (Mufti Hussain Kamani)

I want to bring your attention to a service that is now provided by the **MMWC** (Our Peaceful Home program), the first organization in the Muslim community here in Milwaukee in Wisconsin that is state licensed to provide a culturally specific program for Muslims who are going through these types of challenges. They are able to come in and get involved.(Qari Noman Hussain)