

Daughters not in touch with mother for three years

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: I have two daughters who are currently living in Egypt with their father. He does not allow me to speak with them unless he is able to be there with them. He spends most of his time here in America while they are there with his wife. I would like my children back here with me or if that is not possible I want some kind of relationship with them. I have not spoken to my children for three years, and have not seen them for four years. What is your advice to me and to him?

Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq al-Badr said: The first thing is to advise the woman with patience and to seek her reward from Allaah سبحانه و تعالی as this is indeed a great calamity that has befallen her regarding her children. We ask Allaah سبحانه و تعالی to make her affair easy and we advise her to make Du'aa to Allaah سبحانه و تعالی to make her affair easy and to correct the affair and to correct this issue that has been the cause of her not talking to or seeing her children for that length of time.

As it relates to the daughters, they are acquiring sin by not contacting their mother. This type of contact and relationship with their mother is obligatory upon them. For them to continue in this type of cutting off of ties – this type of boycott/abandonment is not permissible no matter what reason they give. The mother has a great status in Islaam and a great status as it regards her children. Allaah سبحانه و تعالی will ask those daughters on the Day of Judgement about this mother and their relationship with their mother.

As it relates to her not having any contact with her daughters for three years – this is from despicable character, on the part of the one who has caused this disconnection between the two. We advise her to try to treat situation in best way possible even if she has to call her former husband and remind him to fear Allaah سبحانه و تعالی in a way that is better, even if she has to write to him reminding him about the duty a daughter has for their mother and the relationship that a mother and child should be able to have.

Likewise, her speech with the daughters should be that which is lenient, gentle and not harsh. Maybe it was something that she said to the daughters about the (former) husband that caused him to take such a hard stance and cut-off the relationship between the

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daughters and the mother – maybe it is something he heard from her, or maybe not. If this was the reason then she should leave that off and she should make the relationship between her and her daughters be one of goodness and reminding one another to be obedient to Allaah سبحانه و تعالی and it should be a relationship based on helping them in obedience to Allaah عز و جل.