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“O Sa‘d, shoot! May my father and mother be your ransom.”

— The Messenger of Allah ﷺ on the day of Uhud (Sahih al-Bukhari 4059)

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