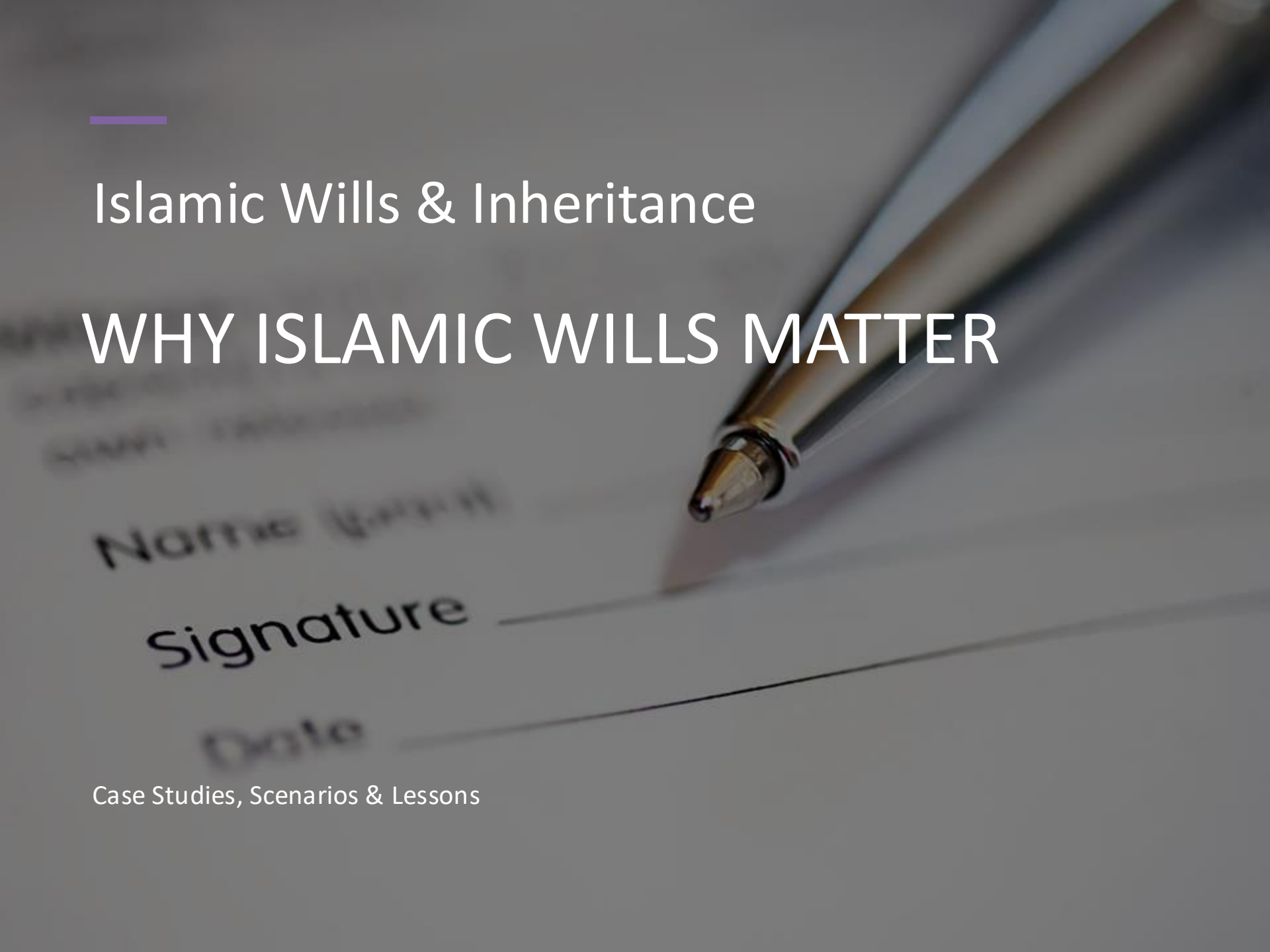




Islamic Wills & Inheritance

WHY ISLAMIC WILLS MATTER

Case Studies, Scenarios & Lessons

Why Write a Will? 🤔

Avoid family feuds and broken relationships

Protect vulnerable heirs – widows, daughters, disabled children

Ensure Allah's distribution (Qur'an 4:11–14) is followed

Prevent cultural practices overriding religion

Safeguard family homes & businesses

Opportunity for sadaqah (lasting charity)

What Happens if There's No Will?

Cultural practice: 'She's married, she doesn't need it.'



Modern mindset: Give me the same as my brothers



Guided by Culture = Injustice + family rifts.



Lesson → Qur'anic shares must be honoured.



 Discussion: Why does culture often override religion here?

Can Verbal Wishes Protect You?

- Father expressed wishes verbally to one of the sons
- No witnesses to this conversation except the son
- 20 years later, siblings still not speaking.
- Lesson → Verbal instructions are worthless without documentation.
-  Discussion: Why do families rely on verbal promises?

Parents Equalising Shares – Fairness or Rebellion?

- Parents adjust shares in Will based on child's wealth.
- Contradicts Qur'an 4:11–14.
- Lesson → Stick to Allah's will, not personal fairness.
-  Discussion: What feels 'fair' vs what IS fair in Allah's eyes?
-  Discussion: How do we solve this dilemma?

The Widow's Home at Risk

- Widow only inherits 1/8 if children survive.
- If not on deeds → risk of forced sale.
- Lesson → Plan ownership in lifetime + write a will.
-  Discussion: Should protecting spouse security take priority?
-  Discussion: Or do kids deserve their right ASAP?



Family Business Collapse

Father dies without succession plan.

One son runs business, others excluded or uninterested

Dispute → collapse after decades of work.

Lesson → Lifetime equity & succession planning essential.

 Discussion: How should 'working sons' vs 'silent sons' be treated?

One Child Living at Home 🏠

- Either taking care of parent, or parent taking care of them (big difference)
- Child refuses to move out after parent's death.
- Siblings forced to go to court for eviction.
- Lesson → Clarify arrangements in will (e.g., right to stay temporarily).
- 💬 Discussion: Should caring for parents entitle extra inheritance?

Lifetime Gifting Gone Wrong

- Parents 'gifted' house to son → later controlled by him & spouse.
- Parents lived like prisoners in own home.
- Changing name on Deeds does not automatically equal an Islamic gift
- Lesson → Avoid outright gifting; use trusts or retain rights.
-  Discussion: Would YOU gift your home in lifetime? Why/why not?

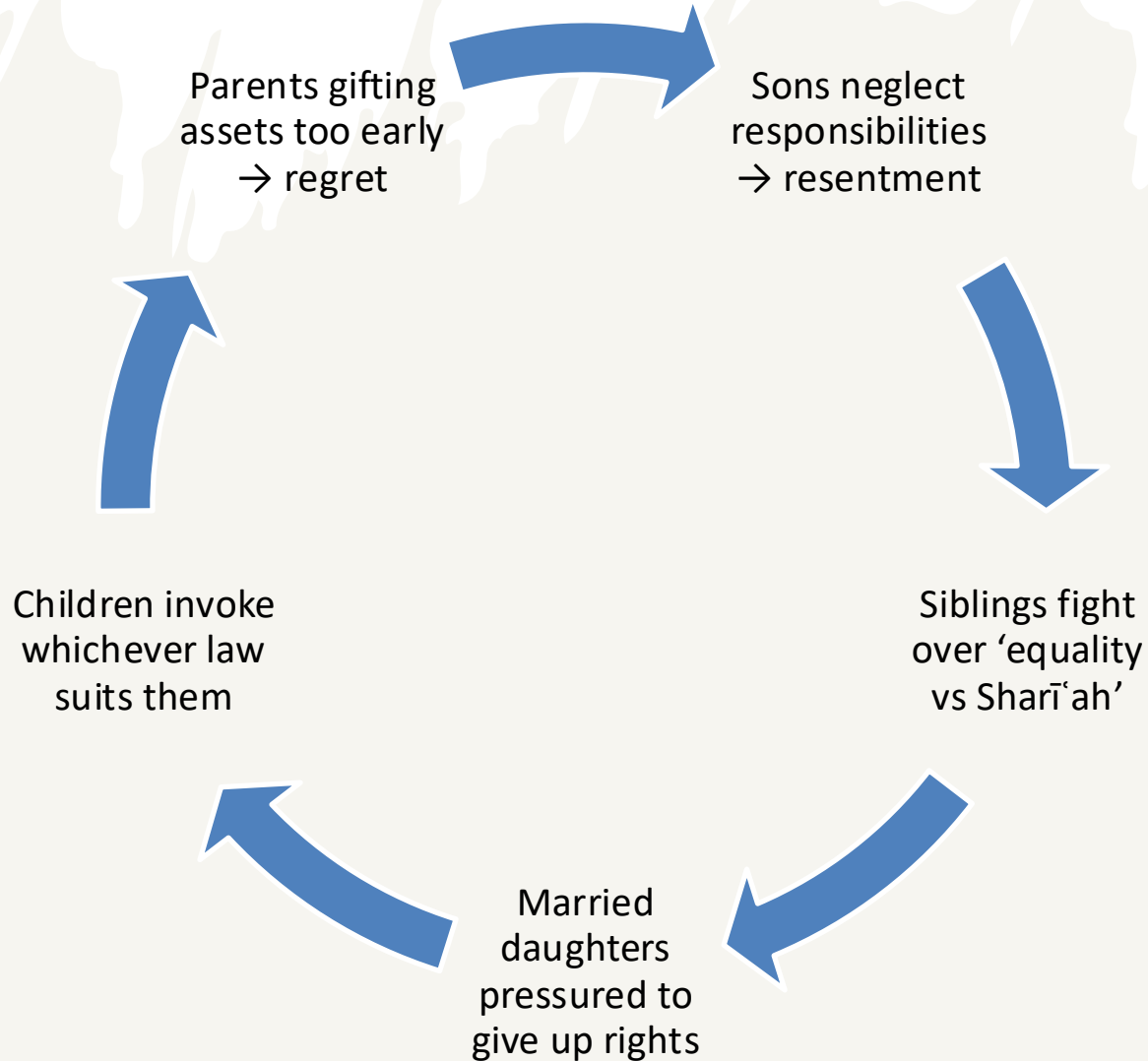
The Disabled Child's Share

- Mother left estate to disabled son, mute, deaf, lack of personal power
- Siblings seized house; benefits stopped.
- Lesson → Use trusts + guardianship to protect vulnerable heirs.
-  Discussion: How should families protect disabled members?

Adopted Children – Forgotten Heirs?

- No automatic Islamic share after death
- Must provide via one-third discretionary portion.
- Lesson → Plan ahead with waṣiyyah.
-  Discussion: How can we honour adopted children fairly?

Family Dynamics



Key Threats



Greed & selective use of law

Cultural practices overriding Qur'an

No written will → chaos

No business/property succession planning

Vulnerable heirs unprotected

Wealth hoarded → children fight later

Key Lessons

Write	Write an Islamic will – don't delay
Have	Have difficult family conversations in lifetime
Secure	Secure widow's home & rights
Protect	Protect vulnerable heirs with trusts/provisions
Leave	Leave a charitable legacy (up to one-third)
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