143780 - For Eid, should he travel to join his father or to join his wife and children?

the question

My wife and kids lives in UK I live in UAE and I visit them every after 2 to 3 months we are doing this for some purpose and agreed between me and my wife for sometime only.. Kids are under 11. My problem is that, my Father (with two brothers living in India) ask me to come to for Eid days, my kids and wife calling me to come to UK, this situations happens all the time and I am always in the situation what to do. I love my father and respect him very much, by the grace of Allah, I never raised my voice, and taking care of all his financial needs. My wife and my father are not in good relation too.
Dialogues doesnt work, I tried all the time.
Guide me what is best for me in the light of Quran.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Honouring one’s parents and treating them kindly is one of the most important acts of obedience, which Allah mentions alongside worship of Him in several places in His Book. Allah, may He be exalted, says (interpretation of the meaning):

“Worship Allaah and join none with Him (in worship); and do good to parents…”

[al-Nisa’ 4:36]

“And your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him. And that you be dutiful to your parents”

[al-Isra’ 17:23].

Treating one's wife kindly, taking care of one’s children, visiting them and checking on them are

also acts of obedience.

If your responding to your father’s request will make your wife and children sad, and going to them will make your father sad, and this situation is something that happens repeatedly with you, then it is better for you to alternate your visits: this Eid with your father and the next Eid with your children. This does not mean that you cannot visit your children at other times, as you mentioned.

To sum up, one should pay attention to what is wise and strive to strike a balance between various interests so long as it is possible. If it is not possible to combine various interests, then in that case you should look at which are most important and most obligatory, and this varies from one case or person to another.

And Allah knows best.