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In the name of Allah, the most Gracious, the most Merciful

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# Closer

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*your curated weekly spiritual booster delivered straight to your Inbox*

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Allah SWT **doesn't** let anything you go through **go to waste**. Every pain, hurt, worry and effort is used **to prepare us** for where He's taking us.

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Assalamualaikum my Champions,

I would like to start today's Closer with this:

**Allah SWT knows and sees every single one of our secret struggles and silent sacrifices - and none of them will be for**

**nothing.**

I am putting it out there, front and centre, because truth be told, I need this reminder myself, and I pray that for anyone of you who are going through a rough time that you will find comfort in His promise that for as long as we "struggle in His way", we will In Sha Allah, "**be successful.**" ([Quran 5:35](#))

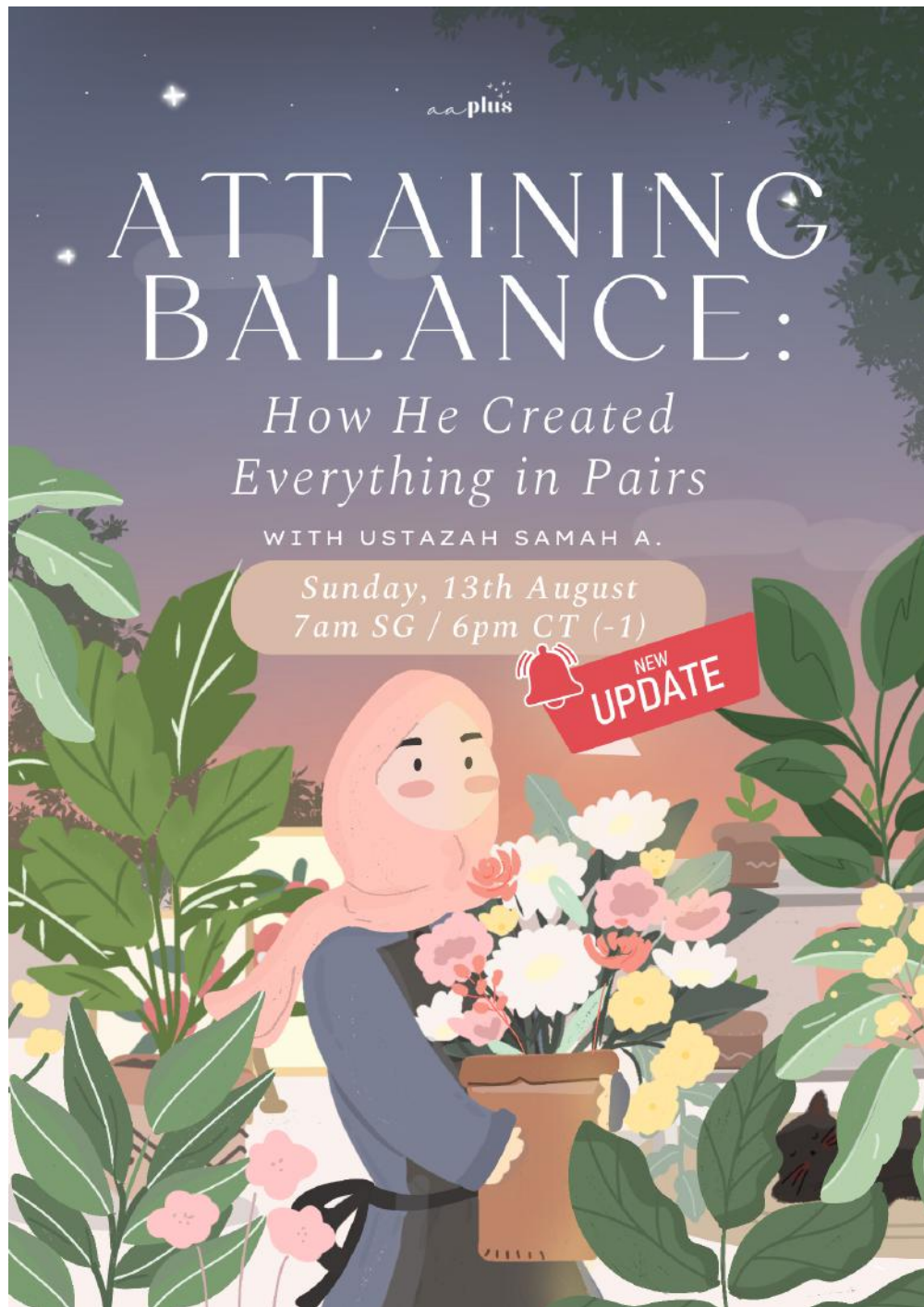
Allah SWT says it Himself, the Successful ones are the ones who struggle in His way. So it's OK if you are struggling, my love.

This present test that He's lovingly and gently putting you through is preparing you for that very Success. So keep doing your best even if your best today might look like dragging yourself out of bed, or just making it to the next hour. It could be this very sincere striving of yours that might be your key to Jannah.

The thing is, Allah SWT is not looking for perfection from us, neither is He looking for fearlessness, or loud bravado. Allah SWT only asks us to try. **And us trying our best every day is our love language to Allah.** Ladies, here's a sign if you ever need one: Allah SWT sees every tiniest effort and hears the softest whisper of prayer, so keep on fighting the good fight and be relentless with you Duas! *#imwithyou*

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*get excited for*



These 7 am Sunday Sessions (SY/MY time!) is growing on me and I am so excited to have Ustazah Samah back with us, especially with a topic that is Quran-inspired and so, so dear to me! Lately, I have come to really appreciate the magnificent beauty of Symmetry that can be seen in Nature (rain & sun, night & day, light & shadow, summer & winter etc) and I know that this is all part of al-Jameel's Great Design, but I am also really curious on how we can attain harmony with the "pairs" that we find within ourselves too. Looking forward to seeing

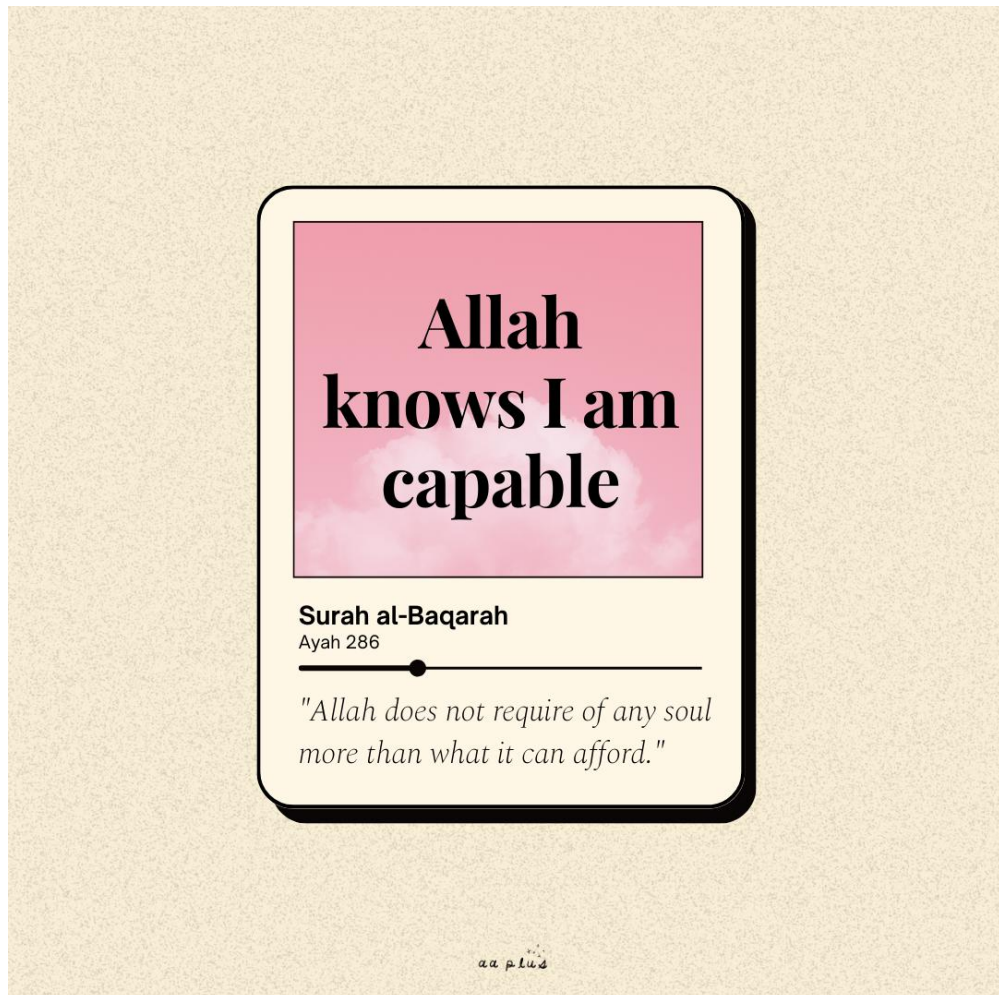
everyone this Sunday (Saturday for US / Canada Champs) In Sha Allah  
as we dive deeper with Ustazah into this topic!

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## Quranic Affirmations



I have been "collecting" (for lack of a better word) Quranic Affirmations for a while now, and I am so excited to share them with you guys on Closer! This first one is something that I have been

holding on to throughout this entire week. Although the devil will do his best to whisper endlessly to make me doubt myself, I am fighting all of that with "Allah SWT knows I am capable! He will never test me beyond my means!" and the final 2 Ayahs in Surah al-Baqarah. Now I understand why Rasulullah ﷺ said in a Hadith that "these two verses (of Surah al-Baqarah) will be sufficient for anyone who recites them at night before sleeping." ([Bukhari](#))

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## *a visual reminder*



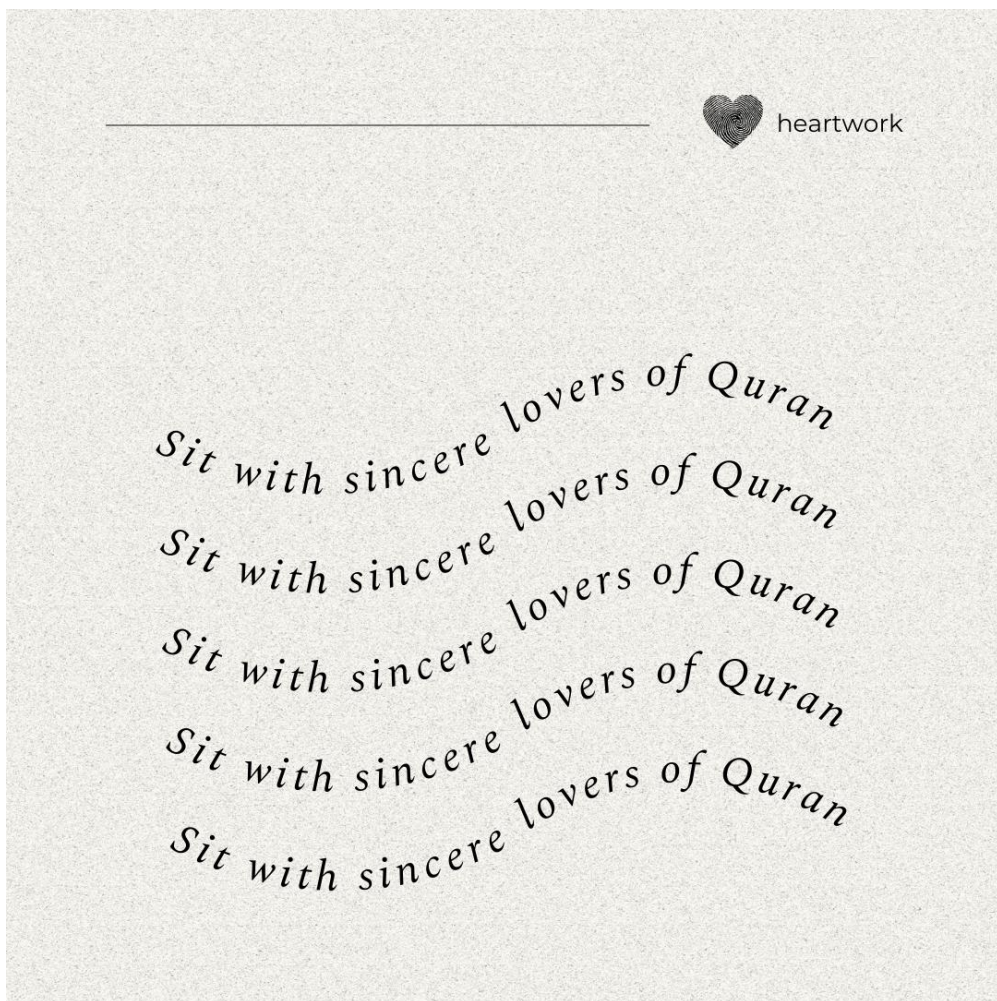
Inspired by our upcoming session this week and also [the beautiful Ayah from Surah ad-Dhariyat](#), I hope our wallpaper this week will remind you to take a breath and rest in the comfort that life is a



balance - for every time of difficulty, there will be ease, and for all moments of ease, there must be humility and gratitude!

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*heartwork that heals*

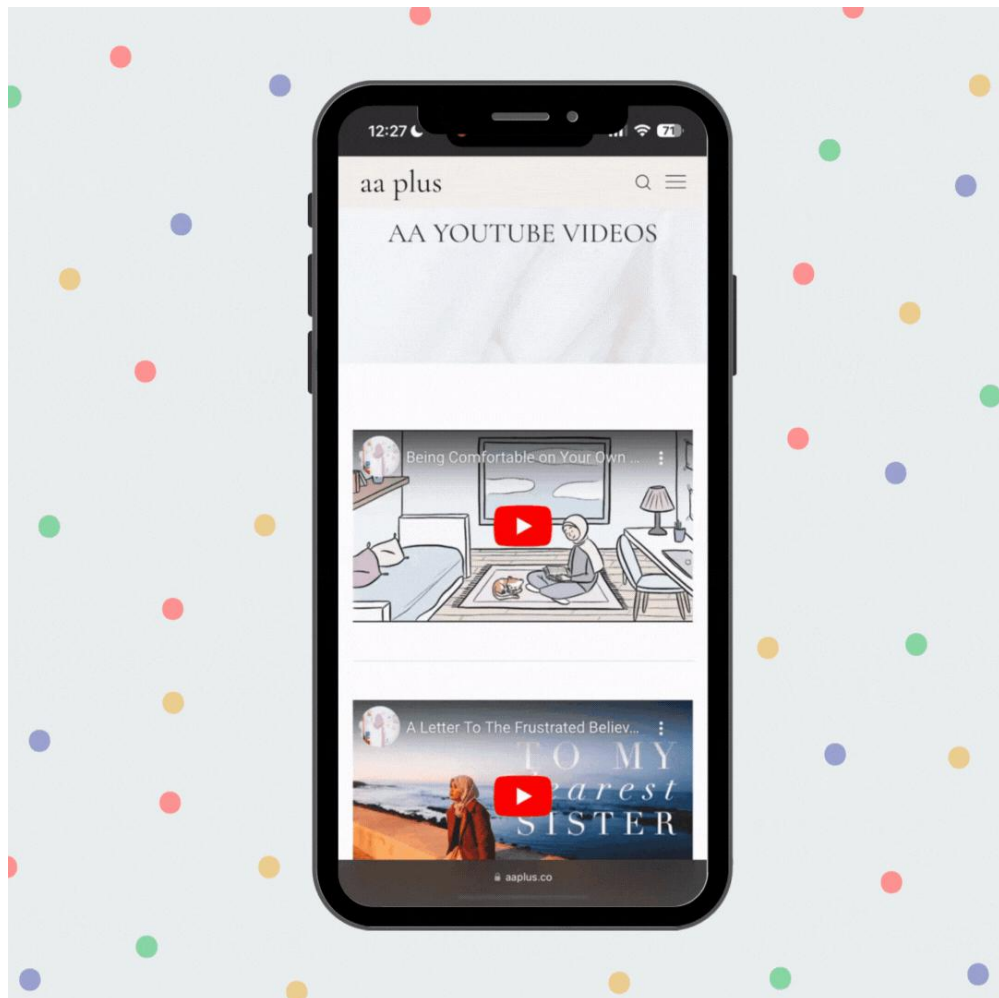


I am still riding on the gentle waves of our listening party last Sunday where most, if not all of us, bawled as we connected and bonded through our reflections and stories of our journeys with the Quran! ([You can watch the replay here](#)). To add to that, I am also so grateful for The 114 Club Sessions that we just had this week - my tired heart has found great comfort and strength just by being with all of you,

sincere lovers of Quran, Ma Sha Allah! Champs, I urge you, if any opportunity comes to you to sit with companions of the Quran, seize it!

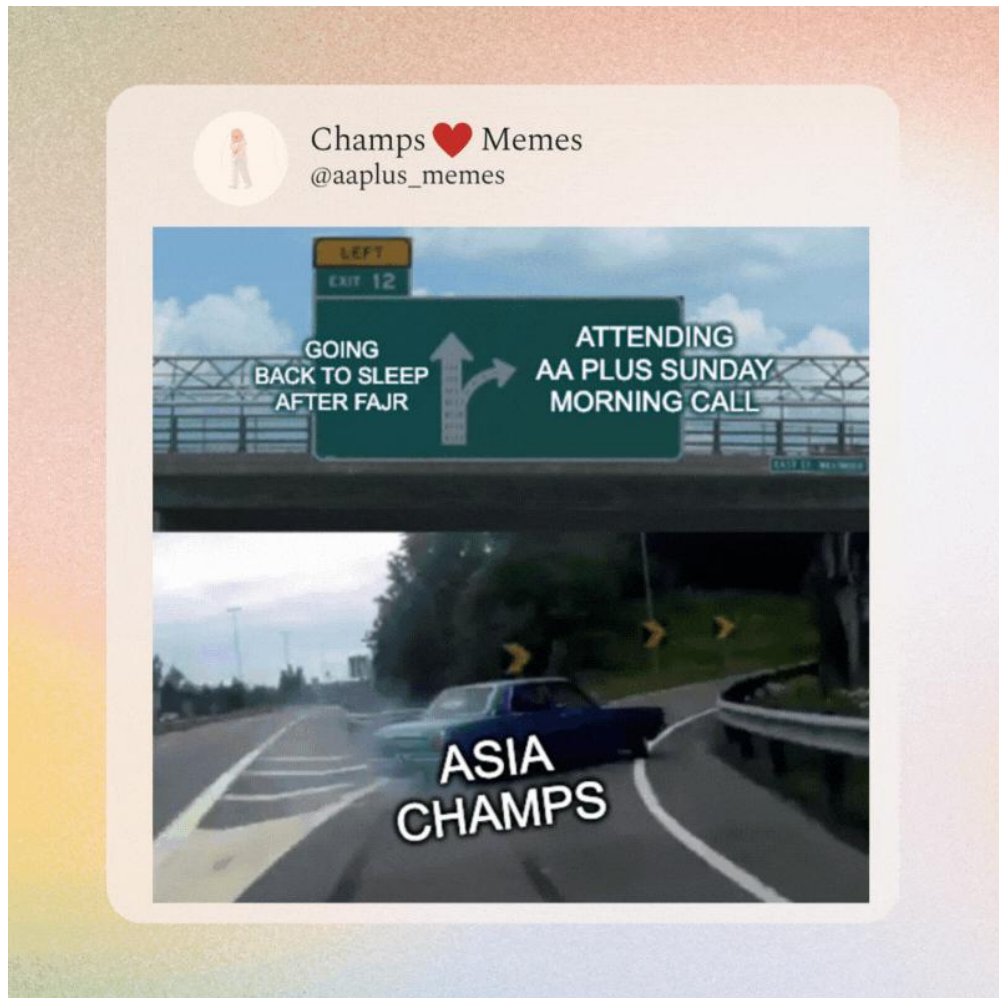
I promise you your soul will thank you for it!

*just for you!*



This has been a long time coming but Alhamdulillah, I am happy to announce that some of my past YouTube Videos are now available for your eyes only on the AA Plus website! Some of you have asked for it, and we are happy to oblige - I sincerely pray that these videos can be a source of comfort for you, whenever you need it, Amin!

## *muslim meme*



I tried my best to cover as many Champs on this week's Meme! Which team are you on? :P Whichever time zone you are in, I pray may Allah SWT make it easy for you to attend not only this week's Session, but allllll of AA Plus Calls hehehe Amin!

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to ponder



I love love love love this question because it's the opposite of what we are always asked. We are so used to being prompted about what we would like to change about ourselves, but unless it's with the intention to better ourselves for His sake, accepting and celebrating the strengths and the skills that Allah SWT has given us should also take precedence! Today, I pray you will gratefully honour all of the special quirks and charms that make you, you. ❤️

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*And with that, my dearest Champs, I leave you in Allah SWT's perfect, gracious, gentle and most loving care. :) I might be up in the air as you are reading this (please pray for my safe travels!), but you are always in my Duas wherever I am!*

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