

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
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

IMAGINE IF YOUR MOTHER WROTE
your life story.
WOULDN'T EVERYTHING
be written so compassionately?
NOW THINK ABOUT
the fact that allah swt loves
YOU EVEN *MORE* THAN YOUR MOTHER.

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

Yesterday evening, I felt so drained because my Social Battery level was at 1% after having back-to-back Zoom Calls and a few physical

meet-ups with friends this week. I missed my mom terribly, but it was already close to midnight in Singapore so I couldn't call her because I knew she would be asleep. I badly wanted to hear from someone I love, a female (sorry K, I love you, but you ain't no female) and Allah SWT moved my heart to reach out to this dear friend of mine.

I texted her, "Are you awake? Can I call you?" and she replied within seconds, "yes". When I called her, she told me she was on the prayer mat, and I sensed her voice was slightly shaking. "You ok?" I asked. "Just crying, post-prayer". I, on the other line, was crying too, "OMG me too. And I don't even know why!"

We both laughed, and what ensued was the nicest one-hour conversation with a soul I dearly miss and love. I reached out to her to seek comfort, and she in turn had a few things weighing her heart - and of course, our Rabb knows this, so Allah SWT perfectly planned for this call to happen so that we can both be a source of comfort for one another. :)

When you ask for help from Allah SWT, He will always send you help in the most beautiful of ways. And sometimes, He makes it sweeter by allowing you to also be a source of help for someone else even when you yourself are in need of some "helping". So if you are called by Him to be a listening ear, a confidante, a source of comfort to someone else, **grab it**. Because it's such a blessing to be used by Allah. <3

Coming up this week

on AA Plus!



Taboo Topics in Islam

Topics that may be uncomfortable, but necessary to speak about.

Your Internet Girlfriend

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Taboo Topics in Islam

From music, polygamy to LGBTQ, Iman and I sat down to candidly speak about some of the more "hushed" topics in our community. Through sharing our own personal experiences and stories, we set out to peel the layers behind some of these "loaded" topics and are curious to know what you think of such issues as well!

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Wednesday / 18 November / Collective Khatam

Our challenge for this week is none other than our monthly Collective Khatam! I'm excited about this as it's our 6th Collective Khatam, In Sha Allah! Just sign up with your name next to the page number you want to read and then once you've read your part, just highlight your column in green! **I would also like to challenge you further by reading the translation once you are done, and then doing a bit of reflection on the Ayahs you just read.** Our souls are always craving for a moment with the Quran and some dose of reflection.

Sign Up Here To Do The Challenge Together!

Muslim Meme



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Imagine you're standing on the day of judgment and your pet comes out to testify on your behalf. Telling Allah how you loved and cared for it. 🙄

I thought of Noor straight away #criessssssssssss
On another note, I really want to compile photos of our Kitty-champs!
If you guys have cats, please share them with me! #catssofaaplus

Something to Ponder

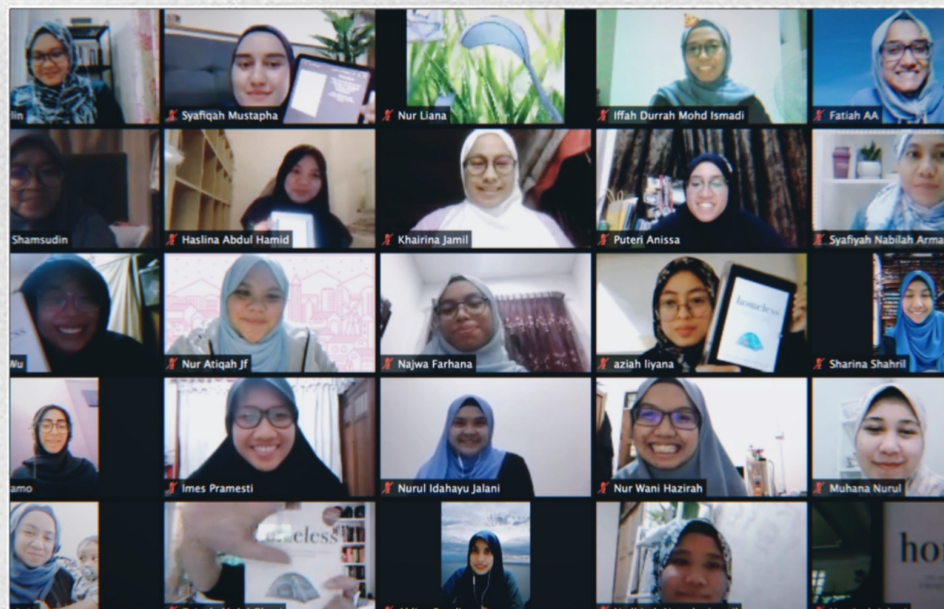
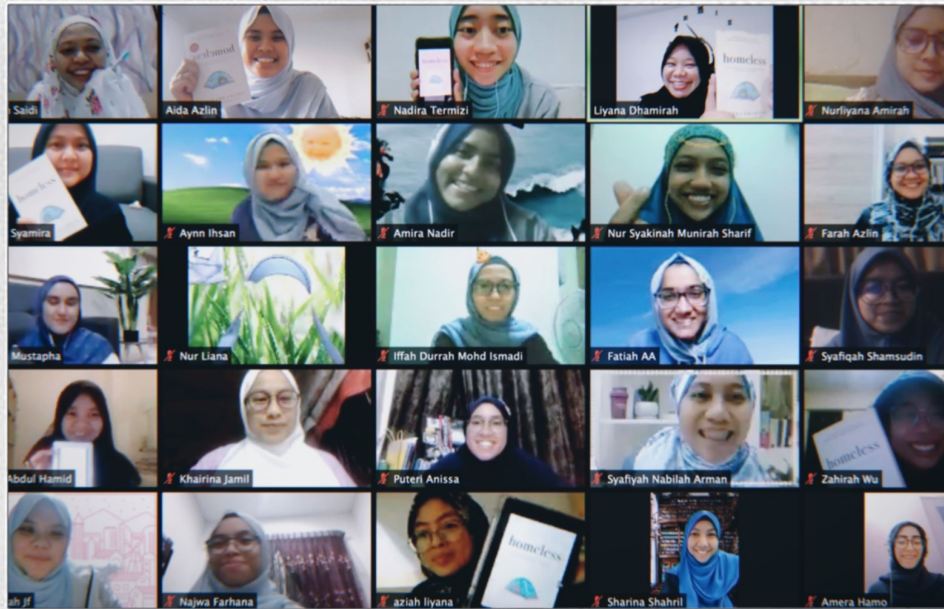
Subhan‘Allah at how Allah hides our flaws



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I squirm with discomfort every time I get a well-meaning compliment because I know the only reason why people think nice things of me is because Allah SWT, in His Divine Mercy and Generosity, hides my long list of flaws. Have you ever thought about this: **Allah SWT could very much reveal our flaws at any time, but the fact that He chose to hide it for us..... how can we ever say He is not ar-Rahman, ar-Rahim?** This also reminds me of a **Dua** that I love which Sayyidina Abu Bakr (RA) made: “O Allah! Make me better than what they think of me, and forgive me for what they don't know about me, and do not hold me accountable for what they say about me.” If someone as pious, as pure, as faithful as Sayyidina Abu Bakr RA is worried about the compliments that people say about him, what about someone as troubled and flawed as me?

in case you missed it



#aapluschamps

Yesterday's Open Session was sooooooooooooo full of good vibes, because Liyana Dhamirah, the writer of our BOTM, *Homeless*, jumped on the call to join our Book Club! She's such a ray of sunshine, and I'm still blown away by her ginormous big heart. Plus her story is AMAZING. If you missed yesterday's session, here's the replay!

Watch the Replay Here

and with that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer.

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