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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

Sometimes, the
greatest adventure is
simply having a
sincere conversation

Assalammualaikum my Champions,

This past week, Allah SWT has been putting me in situations where

I've had to have difficult and hard conversations with some of my loved ones. This has humbled me tremendously, but it has also made me realise what a blessing it is to actually have a sincere conversation between two parties, because at a time when there is no lack of avenues for anyone to shout their opinions out into the open, no one is actually... listening.

We are all just talking on top of one another, and I am extremely guilty of doing this too. :(

Until last week, when someone I dearly love started pouring her heart out to me, and for a good 30 minutes, she emptied her heart out. She revealed her deepest vulnerabilities, her biggest fears and concerns, confessed her anger, and she was so incredibly honest and sincere in what she shared with me, that for the first time in a long, long time, I was called to truly listen. What she said was biting and shook me to my core, but instead of being defensive and brushing it all off, I felt humbled. **After that conversation, I realised I was actually given an exclusive access to a side of her that I was never exposed to, even though I have known her for a good 15 years!** Subhanallah.

We didn't move from our seats, but because of that one sincere conversation, where nothing but honesty and respect was exchanged, it felt like we had just went through the biggest adventure together, where I got to journey into her universe, and she into mine.

I would argue that having plenty of good conversations is crucial in maintaining a relationship - whether it is in a marriage, in a friendship, within families, and even at work. When we don't communicate, it creates room for a lot of assumptions and biases to

grow. This could then lead to discontentment and unhappiness, which when unaddressed, could create a wedge between two souls who actually cared a lot for one another!

And while it is necessary to talk to your loved ones frequently, we also cannot forget to have the most important conversation ever - the ones with our Rabb, and this we have to do regularly! Allah SWT has promised in the Quran that if we call upon Him, He will respond to us (40:60), so what is stopping us from having honest, sincere conversations with the One who is Most Gentle, Most Merciful, and All-Listening?

Champs, I pray that may we always make time to always have sincere conversations with our Creator, our loved ones ***and*** ourselves! Perhaps a good question to get things rolling is by asking, ***"In all honesty, how are you?"*** ❤️

get excited for



Asia Study Date: Thu / 18 Aug / 9pm SG

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I'm bummed to say that we have reached the final episode of one of my most [beloved TKV series ever](#), but what better topic to wrap this series up than the topic of **Happiness**! Gosh, Ustazah Farhana truly dished out gems after gems on this lesson, Ma Sha Allah, and I urge everyone to give it a listen, especially if you've been thinking to yourself lately, *"I'm not happy. Is there something wrong with me?"* **We will also be learning how to differentiate between "valid happiness" that only brings us closer to Allah SWT versus "selfish happiness" that only blocks us from Him.** (Yes, it's a thing!) And if you are wondering whether one can truly be happy in this Dunia, the answer lies in this lesson. So go ahead, press play already!

(Or join us for Study Date, and explore this topic with me & your fellow Champs!)

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a beautiful dua

Ya Allah, help me
to honour and fulfil
this *amanah* that
You have gifted me
with, as best and as
sincerely as I can.

Some days, I find myself in awe of how beautiful Allah SWT has planned my life, and through the innumerable blessings that He has given me, also lies obligations and responsibilities. It is this trust and amanah that I find myself some days struggling to fulfil, but this is only because I have fooled myself into thinking that I got it all under control. But the truth is I can never do anything without His Help, and so this prayer has been helpful in remembering my role as a mere servant, and Allah's Power and Might to ease everything for me. ❤️

WmPTM



When I first started becoming more interested to learn about the Deen,
one of my closest friends shared with me the
Hadith where Rasulullah ﷺ said, **"When Allah wishes good for
someone, He bestows upon him the understanding of the
Deen."** Now, whenever I feel procrastination and laziness crashing in,
or when the urge to choose a show instead of revising a
lesson resurfaces, I ask myself, **"Don't you want good for
yourself, Aida?"** And you know what's beautiful ladies? That every
time we learn of this Deen, we are actually learning from teachers who
learned from teachers who learned from teachers who are linked all
the waaaay back to our first beloved teacher, Rasulullah ﷺ himself!
May we continue to seek beneficial knowledge and may our
striving please Rasulullah ﷺ and Allah SWT, Amin!

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If you are an Apple user, you would have heard about Apple Pay and it's many conveniences. But Apple Pay has ***nothing*** on Husband Pay - because only Husband Pay can transcend worldly transactions and get heaven-ly rewards. Ma Sha Allah! And if you are not yet a user of Husband Pay, Alhamdulillah for Islam, because there's still Father Pay for you. 😂❤️ But in all seriousness, may Allah SWT bless our men and brothers, and give them all of the strength and wisdom they need to be the best caretakers of their womenfolk, Amin!

to ponder

Champs

The King of Kings
knows your name.
He knows your
struggles, your hopes,
your deepest desires.

He knows **you**.

One of my favourite stories of all time is the one of our Mother, Sayyidatina Aisha RA, and how she found solace and comfort with Allah SWT when she was maliciously slandered and no one took her side. No one. **At a time where she truly felt like it was her against the world, her faith in Allah SWT knowing her truth, her story, her struggle, her frustration, her disappointment, her every emotion, was what pulled her through. And because she relied on Allah SWT, Ayahs of Justice came down from the Heavens just for her, freeing her of every single gossip and rumour that ran rampant.** Like our Mother,

we also must remember that we are only truly seen and understood by Allah SWT Himself. He is the King of Kings, and if He has our backs, then no one and nothing can take our honour and our worth away from us. So ladies, I pray that today, you will hold your head high and remember that you are never alone. You have Allah SWT, and when you have Him, you truly have everything. ❤️

P.S:



Champs, we are prepping hard for our next Tea Party and we need your help! If you are a mom champ and you'd like to share your mom adventures, we want you! (If you are a mom champ who homeschools or you are blessed with a special needs child, we would love to hear from you particularly!) Should you be keen, hit reply on this email, and we'd be eternally grateful! ❤️❤️❤️

With that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer!

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