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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

don't try
TO IMPRESS.
focus on
PROGRESS
instead.

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

This morning I woke up with a huge smile on my face, thinking, "OMG I AM GETTING OLD, YAY!" (Context: I'm turning 34 in less than a week In Sha Allah lol.) Truth be told, I love being in my 30s - a lot of

things don't bother me anymore, I am gratefully content with everything I have **and** don't have, and I am... at peace. :)
Alhamdulillah, Alhamdulillah, Alhamdulillah!

This is a far cry from how I used to be in my early 20s: I was never satisfied, I am always worried or bothered about something and "peace" was a very foreign concept to me then. And I think a lot of it stems from me trying to impress people, rather than focusing on working on my own growth and progress instead.

When I realised that trying to impress people is exhausting and does nothing to benefit me, I felt like I've finally unlocked the shackles on my feet that I initially chained myself to. Trying to earn the applause of the creations only slowed me down, but striving to earn the approval of the Creator liberated me and allowed me to soar.

So when people were sceptical about us trying to start our own business all those years ago, we worked hard quietly anyway. When people questioned why we don't have children 9 years later, we smiled anyway. And that's life: people will always have things to say and we will never be able to please everybody. Why play a game that we cannot win, right?

Instead, let's just focus on our own progress and our own journies back to Him, Champs! No matter how slow we go, we are still winning, because we are moving. And we are moving towards Him, not towards humans.

Always towards Him, ladies.
To no one else, but to Him.

Coming up this week

This week's TKV at a glance:

Sayyidatina Aisha RA: Having Allah SWT as her "Spokesperson".

TKV Episode Details:

Series: The Chosen Ones
Episode: 4 of 8
Duration: 49 mins 04 secs
Genre: Empowering, Justice,
Spiritually-recharged



Ayahs Discussed:

Surah an-Nur : 11 - 21



Asia Study Date
Friday
8.45pm SG / MS
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ROTW Study Date
Sunday
8.00pm UK
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In the fourth episode on this beautiful series about the chosen women in the Quran, Ustazah Syariati and I discuss (well, more like gush at) the special wife of the Prophet SAW, Sayyidatina Aisha RA. Even though she was known as a woman of purity and modesty, she RA still could not escape the great slander of the hypocrites in her community. Listen in to learn the great hikmah (wisdom) behind this slander, and

how Allah SWT revealed the truth about the matter through Divine Revelation and became her Spokesperson! What an honour!

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a beautiful Dua

Ya Allah, may my
actions not burden
Rasulullah SAW on
the day of judgement
and may You allow
me to be the pride of
Rasulullah SAW.

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#abeautifuldua

This Dua is actually a combination of prayers that two of my teachers made for me. One was from Ustazah Huraidah, when she made the dua that our friendship may not be a burden to Rasulullah SAW on the day of judgement (which to me is like OMG WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DUA?????!!) and the other was from Ustazah 'Alima when she prayed for Rasulullah SAW to be proud of my work (which made me CRY 😭😭😭). Because I love these prayers so much, I've now combined them and reciting them always makes me feel a million and one things. Champs, I pray that may our friendships not be a burden to Rasulullah SAW on the day of judgement as well, and may allllllllll of you be a pride of Rasulullah SAW, Amin!

a good deed to try



During our last Rabiulawal Revision Dates (which made my heart burst with so much love! Ask us for recordings if you missed it!), we spoke about how Rasulullah SAW was soooooo compassionate and kind to his (not so nice) neighbours, and it made me think about what have I done to fulfil the rights of my own neighbours. A lot of you shared some pretty great gift ideas, but one suggestion that I thought was genius for people who don't really know how to cook or bake *cough, **me**, cough* was to give fruits! You can never go wrong with fruits! I am challenging myself, and you too, Champs, to do something nice for our neighbours this week! Even if it is just giving a smile and a "hey I see you!" nod in their direction is a great start! No more hiding in our homes to avoid interactions with our neighbours ok?

Muslim Meme

When you're fasting, praying 5 times a day, and making ppl laugh



Honestly, this is my "retirement plan". :P It's pretty foolproof, if I say so myself hehehehe!

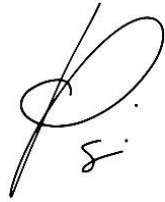
Something to Ponder

The One who painted
the beautiful sunsets
fastioned you to
perfection too.



When I first learned about the Hadith where Rasulullah SAW said, "Verily, Allah is beautiful and He loves beauty", I knew then that everything He fashions and create will be nothing short of perfection.

And yes, that includes you and me! Unfortunately, the concept of beauty that a lot of us grew up with is influenced by what our consumerist society has been trying to sell us, and this has narrowed our personal definition of beauty. :(But beauty does not just lie on the surface, it is embedded deep within the traits of compassion, kindness, mercy, justice etc - traits that Allah SWT has generously instilled in every single one of us to some degree! So the next time we are in awe of the sunsets, the glistening stars, or the blooming floras, know that the very same "Artist", created you too! PS: [If you need more proof that you are beautiful, read these Ayahs in the Quran! They are one of my favs!](#)



ending it with His Words

Quran 13:11

For him are successive angels before and behind him who protect him by the decree of Allah. Indeed, Allah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves.

Alhamdulillah for His protection

Bismillah to striving for change

With that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer.

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