

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

IT IS AMAZING WHAT
you can
ACCOMPLISH IF
you do not
CARE WHO
gets the credit.

Assalammualaikum my Champions,

So! I don't know if this will be embarrassing to admit, but I have recently become obsessed with this game on my Nintendo called "Overcooked 2". I blame it on my youngest sister who got all of us hooked so I've been on Video calls with them every night playing this

game together. 😂

The main premise of the game is that we are all chefs and we are supposed to cook various dishes and fulfil the orders in time. However, this game is utter CHAOS lol because as we are cooking, our kitchen can get rained on and just disappear, our pots can get burned so we might need to extinguish the fire, or our cutting boards and knives can get taken away, and then add ***all of this mess*** to us 4 sisters playing at the same time, the kitchen situation can get pretty mad. 😂😂

However, if there's one thing I've learned from playing together, it is that collaboration is always better than competition. And the only way for this synergy to work is that **we cannot be fussy about the role we will be playing, as the behind the scenes work is as important as those who are front-liners.** For example, my role in the game is to purely wash the dishes, but it is a very important role, as weighty as my other sisters who are cooking because, without clean plates, they would not be able to serve the orders and we would thus lose, HAHAHHA 😂.

My point is, **everyone's role is crucial to the collective win of a family, team and / or community. So never underestimate your part, Champs!** And for those of you who are always in the leadership role, here's a reminder to also give your 'behind-the-scenes' VIP a much-needed recognition and appreciation! May Allah SWT allow us to always work together like how Rasulullah SAW and his Sahabahs (RA) would always do! Amin!

This week on aa plus

TKV: THE CHOSEN ONES



episode 1:

We Are Loved

REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN
IN THE QURAN

EPISODE DETAILS:

Episode: 1 of 8

Duration: 37 mins, 27 secs

Ayah Discussed: Surah al-Ahzab, Ayah 35

Genre: Inspiring, Intentional, Acknowledged



A QUOTE FROM THE EPISODE

We should see ourselves not through the eyes of men or the society and its expectations, but through Allah SWT and how He acknowledge each and everyone of us in our uniqueness and our abilities.

STUDY DATE TIMINGS:

ASIA STUDY DATE

Friday, 10 Sept

8pm SG | 7pm WIB

9pm TKY | 10pm MEL

ROTW STUDY DATE

Sunday, 12 Sept

8pm UK | 11pm DXB

2pm CT | 3pm ET

Champs, I'm so so so excited to start our new TKV Series, **'The Chosen Ones: Inspiring Stories of Women in the Quran'**! Have you ever wondered what the Quran says about us, or if it has specific messages only for us ladies? If you've always been curious about the beautiful stories and lessons that Allah SWT has specifically given only for us ladies in the Quran, come join Ustazah Syariati Sulaiman and I as we explore this topic! A little bit about Ustazah Syariati: she studied the Deen in Damascus, Syria and got a Diploma in Islamic and Arabic Knowledge. Following that, she

then graduated with a Degree in Islamic Knowledge and Heritage from IIUM and have been teaching women for almost 10 years now, Ma Sha Allah. Ustazah Syariati also taught one of my favourite TKV Series titled ['Preparing Your Soul for Jannah'](#) - a must-listen for everyone!

[Listen to the Class Here](#)

[Join the Study Date Here](#)

[Read the PDF Notes Here](#)

a beautiful Dua

Ya Allah,
prepare me for
what I am
desperately
praying for.

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#abeautifuldua

Ever since [our Class with Ustazah Farhana last Ramadan](#), I've been asking myself how ready and open am I in surrendering to Allah SWT's plans for me as He readies me for the duas I've been making. For example, I've been making dua to Allah SWT to allow me to memorise the Quran, but have I been putting in the time and effort for it, or just lazing around and procrastinating with my memorisation? :(Sometimes, we make lots of prayers for things but forget that we should also be putting in the work and the energy to ready ourselves for the duas we've been making! So now, I add another "level" of prayer - on top of asking Allah SWT for things that I would like to accomplish, I ask Allah SWT to prepare me for it too!

share with Allah



I have an idea that has been brewing in my head but fear and procrastination have crippled me from starting. So I've been talking about it with Allah SWT and confiding in Him about how inadequate and unqualified I feel etc. Alhamdulillah, usually after these "pour-my-heart-out" sessions with Him, I'll get charged with a surge of intense energy which allows me to tackle the idea into action. So if you have anything that you need to start working on, but you are anxious for whatever reason, share about it with al-Jabbar, the Compeller, and ask Him for strength to start! In Sha Allah, you'll feel a difference!

Majestic Masjids



We are travelling to Edinburgh for this week's Majestic Masjid woohoooo! Our Champ, Yuhiza, shared with us about Dar al-Arqam, a place of worship / community centre that is located near her flat, and we are in love! The unique thing about Dar al-Arqam is that it was a church that has been repurposed into a Masjid, and you can see from the photos the stunning transformation that took place. Yuhiza said, "the few times we went there made me reflect on how blessed the people whose very own hands worked on the renovation / refurbishment process as, through them, they managed to transform a place that denied Allah SWT into one that worships exclusive Him." Subhanallah! PS: If you would like to share a Masjid Story, please email us so I can share it with the rest of the Champs and we can "Masjid-Hop" together! <3

in case you missed it




Baby Champs! If you missed Orientation, below is the playback for it! I had so much fun getting to know everyone and like I said in the session, I cannot stress the importance of setting intentions for your time here on AA Plus. In the PDF slides below, I've included some guidelines on how to set your intentions, so I pray that it would be of benefit. My team and I are always here to assist you with anything, so if you still need help, feel free to email us anytime ok?

[Watch Playback for Orientation Here](#)

[View the PDF Slides Here](#)

Muslim Meme

aisha arrain 
@kemhuncho

Do you ever skip an Islamic video and then feel guilty for not watching it so you go back again to watch it or are you normal

LOL YES THIS IS ME. Especially since our TKV Class with Ustazah Huraidah where she mentioned that the beginning part of every Khutbah or lesson is usually pregnant with so many blessings and goodness and that we should not be "fast forwarding" it or we would be losing out! ([Here's the link to the Class on Rasulullah SAW's last sermon if you are wanna listen in!](#))

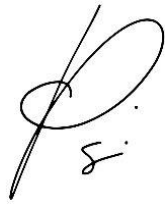
Something to Ponder

We are all doing
big things.
Just taking different
sized steps.



I have a group of close friends and some days I marvel at how Allah SWT has brought us together because we are all so different! There are 5 of us in the group and I've always felt so comfortable around all of them despite our differences. One is a working mother pregnant with her 3rd child, while another is soaring in her career, happily climbing the corporate ladder. The 3rd just signed a deal with an investor for her business while welcoming her first daughter, and the 4th is single-handedly raising a teenager! I'm amazed at every single one of them, and for all of us, "success" and "happiness" can look different, but they are our very own definitions! **Through our friendships, I've learned that Allah SWT will place all of us on very different life trajectories and paths, but essentially, we are all journeying back to the same final destination, i.e., we are all returning Home to Allah SWT.** So no matter how different you think the road you are on is, know that it is the path that Allah SWT has ***specifically designed and created just for you.*** And that you are exactly where Allah SWT wants you to be, doing exactly what

Allah SWT wants you to do at this phase in your life. So breathe. And trust Him as you go forth every day ok? :)



ending it with His Words

Quran 42:19

Allah is Ever Kind to His servants.
He provides 'abundantly' to
whoever He wills. And He is the
All-Powerful, Almighty.

Never stop
asking Him.

Never underestimate
what He can give

(If you are in need of some soulfood, join us @ [our weekly Quran Tadarus!](#))

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With that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer.

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