

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

SPIRITUAL
death happens
ONE COMPROMISE
at a time

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

Confession time: while I was writing this Closer email, you don't know how many times I've been distracted - one minute with a video on YouTube, another with my cats, sometimes with food, and the list of

"interference" goes on. It made me think about how when the time for prayer comes, only then would we want to check that email, or finish an errand, or fold that laundry, saying, "5 more minutes, and I'll pray".

I realised this is such a dangerous thing - compromising our faith with these small, little things that we sometimes dismiss to be "harmless".

Because we all know how "5 more minutes" will eventually become 10, and then suddenly we are rushing to pray Zuhur 5 minutes before Asar comes in. Or how we'll tell ourselves, "just one more episode", and then you'll end up binge-watching the entire series.

This is a reminder first and foremost to myself, to not take these "compromises" lightly, to not make excuses especially when it comes to our faith and our relationship with Allah SWT - because "spiritual death happens one compromise at a time." :(

May Allah SWT keep our feet steadfast on His path, grant us strength and discipline to continue to strive for His sake, and may we never make concessions for our Deen!

We got this, Champs!

This week on aa plus

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Allah's Beautiful Names

الشكور

AS-
SHAKUR

THE ONE WHO IS EVER APPRECIATIVE
AND WHO DESERVES ALL GRATITUDE

EPISODE DETAILS:

Main Series:
Allah's Beautiful
Names

Duration:
36 min 40 sec

Genre:
Grateful,
Content,
Reassured

2 QUOTES FROM THE EPISODE:

Thankfulness is always thought of as reciprocal - we need to give something in order to receive thanks. But this is not the case for Allah SWT - He does not need our deeds in order to give us His Bounties.

The blessings that we've been given is for obedience and not for disobedience.

STUDY DATE ROTW:

Thu, 9PM UK
(to start with recitation
of Surah al-Kahf)

STUDY DATE ASIA:

Fri, 8PM SG
(to start with recitation
of Surah Yasin)

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If you have been feeling a little jaded lately, then this is just the episode for you! Join Ustazah 'Alima and I as we discuss Allah SWT's name, As-Shakur and how we can not only manifest gratitude and thankfulness in our lives, but more importantly, how can we live our lives as servants of As-Shakur. Honestly, this week's lesson made me take a hard look at all of the blessings Allah SWT has given me and made me reflect on how I've been using those blessings in my life -

have I been using them for obedience, or God forbid, disobedience? :(I can't wait to discuss with you on this during our Study Date this week, In Sha Allah!

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a beautiful Dua

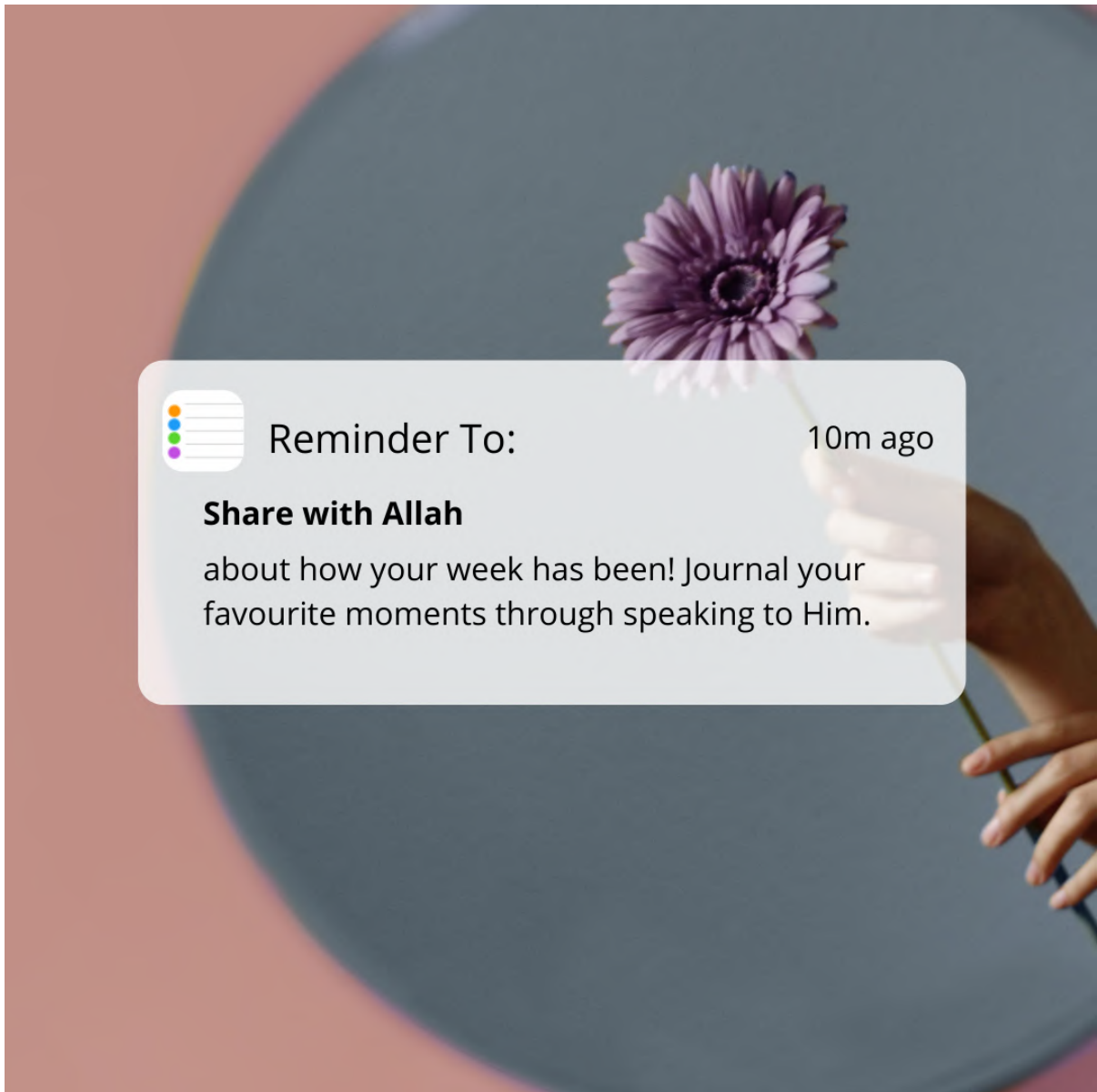
Ya Allah,
re-unite me with
everyone who has
prayed for me in
secret, in the
highest of Jannah.

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#abeautifuldua

Something that always gives me the chills is knowing that there are people out there who might be making dua for me in secret, and I would never know! I once thought, "but how would I pay them back if I don't know?" and then I realised... "what can I, a mere human give to these beautiful souls that Allah SWT cannot give!" Their reward is truly with Allah SWT! So even though I may never get to thank them personally for all of the secret prayers, I can make a dua for them too - that I get to reunite with all of them in the highest of Jannah, Amin!

share with Allah



I haven't done this in a while - sharing with Allah SWT how my week has been - and I thought that we should all try to do it today! I can't really explain it in words, but there's just something so... calming... about telling Allah SWT the big and the small things of what has transpired in my day. Unlike telling it to a human, (who might not give you his/her undivided attention), you know you'll be getting His undivided attention because Allah SWT is the One who is Ever-Hearing and Ever-Present! So if you do this little activity today, please

talk about me to Allah SWT ok? I'm pretty sure I'll be gushing about all of you Champs in my conversation with Him. 😊

Your visual reminder



I've been getting those "weekly reports" from my iPhone on how much time I've been using my phone in a week, and boy, the number just keeps increasing! :(So I designed this Wallpaper to literally act as my visual reminder to stay away from it! Also, I wanted to share something that a friend taught me that I thought was so powerful: whenever we are swayed to look at Social Media / Netflix / (include any form of pointless entertainment here), we should immediately recite Surah al-Asr, and remember that **we will all be**

asked by the Owner of Time, what we've done with our time here in this Dunia, on the Day of Judgement! #chills

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Muslim Meme

My little brother asked, "What does bae mean so i said it means "Before Anyone Else"

He says, "Allah is Bae"

10000000000000000% TRUTH RIGHT THERE. **#AllahIsBae**

Something to Ponder

Don't let sin
against you,
produce sin
in you.



It's very easy to have a knee-jerk reaction to things that happen to us on a daily basis. For example, if someone is being rude to us, it's tempting to respond as crudely as well. If someone you are having a misunderstanding with has not apologised, it's easy to let hate and pride overcome us. But what is the right thing to do? As believers, we are always taught to be the bigger person, to exercise compassion and kindness to others, so that we don't contribute to a "negative ripple effect". We don't want to create more sins from the original sin that was done against us. Which is why as believers, we should also do our best to cut off sins from spreading, by replacing them with goodness instead. Rasulullah SAW has so wisely advised us, **"Be conscious of Allah wherever you are. Follow the bad deed with a good one to ease it, and engage others with beautiful character."** (Tirmidhi) So Champs, the next time someone does something not-so-very-nice to you, just smile and strive to respond in

kind. In doing so, we'll be following the Sunnah of Rasulullah SAW,
and Allah SWT will be pleased with us! ❤️

ending it with His Words

Quran 2:160

As for those who repent, mend their ways, and let the truth be known, they are the ones to whom I will turn in forgiveness, for I am the Acceptor of Repentance, Most Merciful.

Increase in
Istighfar

Don't Give Up
In His Mercy

(Don't forget to join us for [our weekly Quran Tadarus!](#) ☐❤️)

With that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer.

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