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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

Peace is the feeling one gets when there is a **trustful contentment** of **His Perfectly Divine Plans**.
Everything is what **He Lovingly** wills.

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

This year marks my 10th Winter in Morocco, and although many would assume that Winter in the North of Africa is not as cold as, say, Europe, as a born and raised tropical city girl, Winter had always been tough for me, and naturally, my least favourite season.

Every time the day gets shorter, and the temperature dips, my knee-jerk reaction was always finding the next flight home to Singapore.

But this year, Subhnallah, my heart is warming up to the cold.

And I think it all started because of one very simple line that my husband said when I grumbled to him, yet again, about the cold. Very calmly, and matter-of-factly, he said, "Well, it **is** winter. It **is** supposed to be cold."

I cannot quite put a finger as to why this very simple line shifted everything for me - of course, my logical mind knows it is currently winter and that it is supposed to be cold, but his gentle reminder shattered my stubborn pride and ended the phase of me trying to fight, deny, and rebel against Winter, who in its defence, was just, following the command of Allah SWT.

**Winter is and has always been,
in direct obedience to Allah SWT.**

So why can't I do the same?

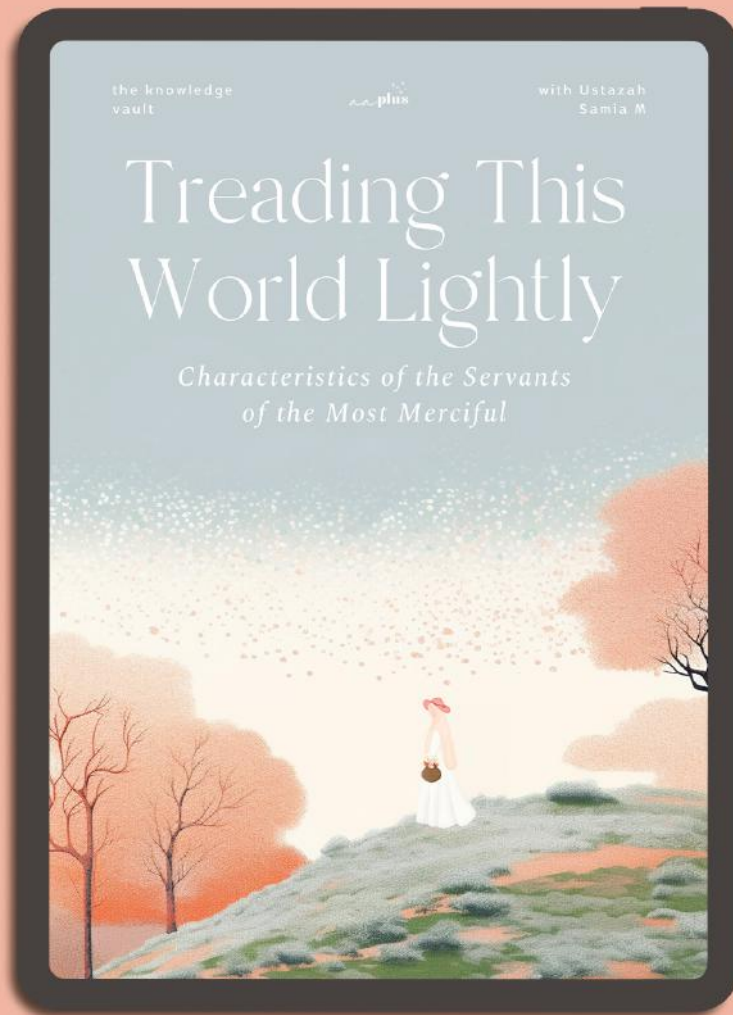
Why do I fight what He has lovingly willed?

I thought about all of the things that Allah SWT has said in the Quran - that this world would be a trial and a test, so why do I refuse to accept the flawed nature of this Dunia and try to force things to be perfect? Allah SWT says in the Quran as well that everything in this world is temporary and perishable, so why do I arrogantly think that the people

around me will never leave and the things that I have are all mine?

Champs, I pray that we will all be able to trustfully and happily accept the divine decree of Allah SWT for us, as everything that He wills is out of His Mercy, His Love and His Justice. No matter what our season in life is at this present moment, may we surrender unto Him and rest in the truth that just as Nature beautifully sheds, grows and blooms in its own time, so will you. ❤️

the knowledge vault



This week's new TKV episode is another **#tafsirtreasure** with our favourite Ustazah Samia, and this time round, we dived into a beautiful Ayah from Surah al-Furqan, "The true servants of the Most Compassionate are those who walk on the earth **humbly**, and when the foolish address them improperly, they only respond with peace." ([Quran 25:63](#)) I loved how Ustazah weaved all of the different characteristics of the *Ibaddur Rahman* that Allah SWT mentioned in the Surah (she calls them **the true VIPs!**), and how she links it all back to the #1 *Ibaddur Rahman* - Rasulullah ﷺ himself! This episode warmed and held my heart in all the right places, and if you are looking for a comforting listen, this one is it! I pray you'll enjoy it, and I look forward to listening to it again with you during our Listening Party this Sunday, too, In Sha Allah!

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a beautiful dua

Ya Allah, fill my
fragile heart with
You, my silence
with Du'as, and my
time with only
deeds that You love.

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#abeautifuldua

This Du'a has been on repeat as I welcome one of the regular visitors of my heart, Lil Miss Homesickness. Every time I feel lonely, I pray for Allah SWT to fill every gaping hole of my heart with His Love and Light. I am not shy to repeat this desperate prayer over and over again as **I would rather repeat my du'as a million times to Allah SWT than let shaitan enjoy my silence.**

visual reminder



When I could not get over the beautiful conversation I had with Ustazah Samia for our TKV this week, I took that energy and went to the drawing board to create a new wallpaper. Correct me if I am wrong, but taking inspiration from some of you Gen Z Champs, I would say I am now in my "tread lightly for Allah" era. 😂😂😂

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heartwork

Rasulullah ﷺ said,

share even if it's an Ayah
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On last week's Closer, I asked all of you to share one of your favourite Ayahs from the Quran and the positive affirmations it has given you. I teared up reading some of your entries as they were all so, so beautiful,

Ma Sha Allah! As our intention is to compile all of your answers and publish them into a nice little end-of-year gift for all of our Champs, I wanted to give a gentle nudge and remind you to please submit yours if you haven't already. As Rasulullah ﷺ have said in a Hadith, **"Convey**

from me, even if it be an Ayah." ([Bukhari](#))

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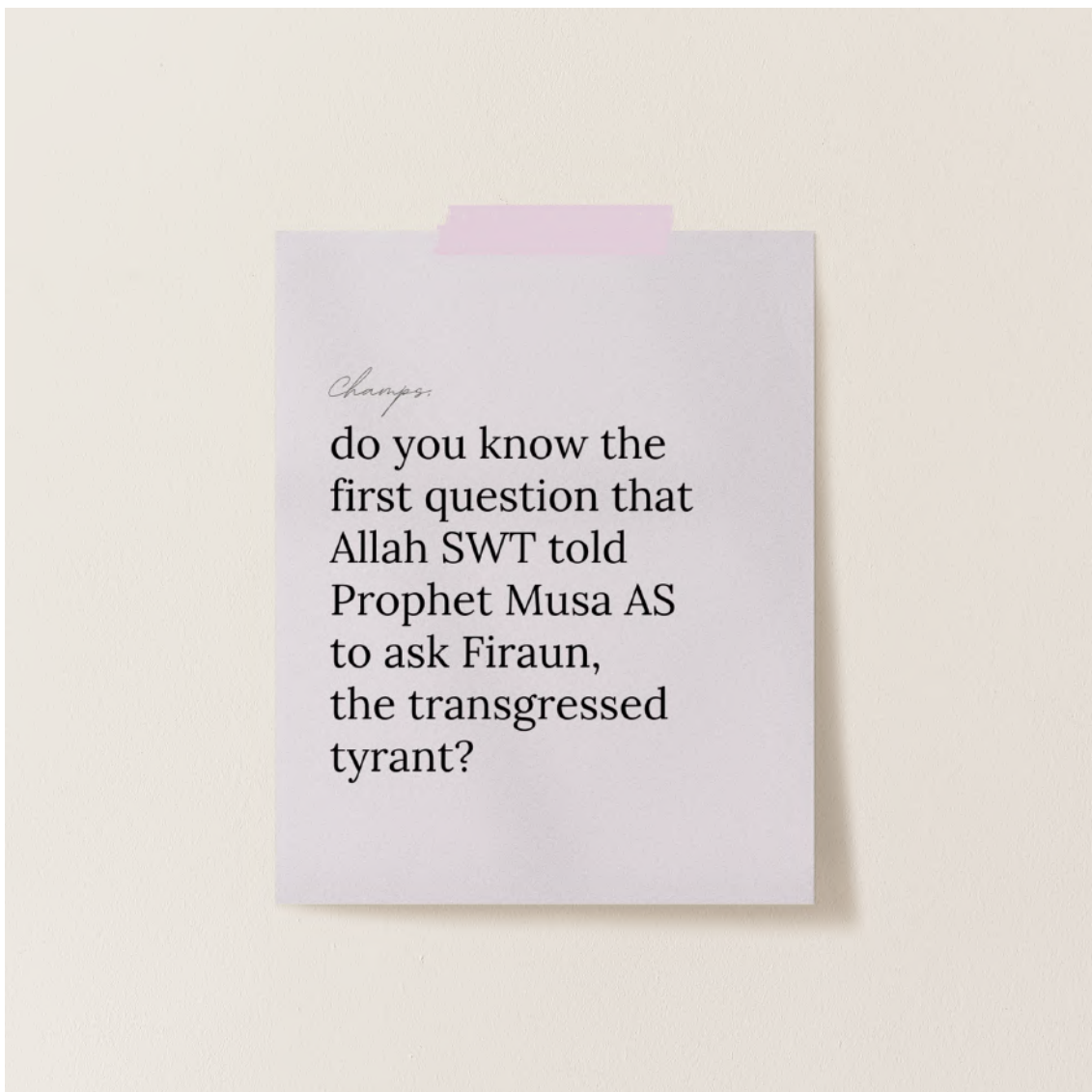
muslim meme



Whenever I read this very chilling Ayah in the Quran where Allah SWT records the firm determination of Shaitan in wanting to lead us astray through our **"front, back, right, left and You will find most of them ungrateful"** ([Quran 7:16-17](#)), I can't help but shiver. The devil truly has no chill, and he will not give up in his mission of leading us astray. This is why we must never let our guard down too and keep working on strengthening our "defence" through Solah, Quran, Zikir, being in a state of Wudhu, increasing our charity, and so

much more! Spoiler alert though: we are in the winning team because we have Allah SWT, whereas he doesn't. 😂

to ponder



What do you think the question is, Champs? Can you take a guess? As I give you guys a second to think through, ladies who have attended our [Friday Quran Retreats](#) would know that my team and I LOVE giving Quran Quizzes like this during our sessions, so if you love

learning interesting Quran trivia as we do, then this is your sign to come for our [Friday night dates with the Quran!](#) *end of advertisement 😂😂* The first question that Allah SWT commanded Prophet Musa AS to ask Firaun, the evil tyrant who arrogantly thinks he is God, is not to stop the corruption he was engaging in, nor did Allah SWT ask Prophet Musa AS to warn or threaten Firaun, rather, **to ask if he would be willing to engage in the process of Tazkiya - self-purification.** "And say to him, 'Would you [be willing to] purify yourself" ([Quran 79:18](#)) Subhnallah, I cannot get over at how Gentle and Wise Allah SWT is! **This Ayah is also a reminder to us that before engaging or encouraging any behavioural change, we need to address the source of it all, the heart,** for truly, "there is a piece of flesh in the body if it becomes good, the whole body becomes good but if it gets spoiled the whole body gets spoiled and that is the heart." ([Bukhari](#)). So Champs, here's a question I am asking to myself first and foremost: **When was the last time your heart was scrubbed?**

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And with that, my dearest Champs, I pray may you keep scrubbing, keep praying, and keep trusting Him in where you are currently planted, as this is exactly where He wants you to bloom at this moment in time.

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