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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

perhaps when
ALLAH DOESN'T
change your situation,
HE'S TRYING
to change you
WITHIN THAT
circumstance.

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

This is a bit embarrassing to admit, but I can be quite stubborn at times. I remember one of the things my father told Karim before marrying me was, "When Aida wants something, she'll do anything to

get it" and at first I thought, smugly, YAS, my dad thinks I'm a "go-getter", but on hindsight, and many years later, I realised he was just "politely" telling my husband that I can be quite stubborn 😂😂.

In my defence, I would like to think I've improved quite a bit on that front, Alhamdulillah. And I think one of the greatest contributing factors for that change is when I finally learned that no matter how much I want something to go my way, if and when Allah SWT says otherwise, it will always be His Words over my desires - and His Plans are always better than mine.

I realised that sometimes, even after persistently doing all that I can and the circumstances ***still have not changed***, it means ***it's not the situation that needs changing, rather, I am the one that needs to change.***

Now, whenever I find myself being placed in an unfavourable or difficult situation, I'll try my best to take a step back and ask myself, "can I change this situation or is it out of my control?". If the answer is "yes, I can change it", then I'll do my best to improve it, but if the answer is "no, this is out of my hands", then I'll understand that perhaps, Allah SWT is trying to mould me and change me for the better through that very situation itself.

And in both scenarios, I have to learn to trust Him, and knowing that Allah SWT loves me most and that He is ar-Rahman and ar-Rahim always helps. ❤️

This week on aa plus



This week, we will be having our community-led discussion of **Allah SWT's Beautiful Names** through **The Reading Room** and I'm so, so, so excited to gather with all of you to read and discuss on this very dear and special topic. My team and I have prepared the reading materials for you, so all you have to do is come and show up for the Zoom Call! It will be held on Friday at 8pm SG / 1pm UK, so come ready to fall in love with His Asmaul Husna!

PS: As there is no TKV episode this week, this week's Study Date will be replaced by The Reading Room.

[Join The Reading Room Here](#)

a beautiful Dua

Ya Allah,
allow me to keep
some things sacred
and secret, just
between me and
You.

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#abeautifuldua

In this social media age that we live in, it's getting harder and harder to not "overshare". I believe some things are purely meant to just be between Allah SWT and our own selves because the entire universe altogether can't even come close to protecting, loving, and nurturing us as He does. 🥺🥺

share with Allah



Whenever I need to "offload" certain emotions that are overwhelming me, I'll either write it out or talk it out with Allah SWT on the prayer mat through a Dua. As we go on with our day to day, we will pick up or develop certain feelings that we can't quite explain what it is, and I think sharing it with Allah SWT really helps process it all. I remember speaking about this with our Internet Girlfriend, Iman, on one of our [YIG](#) episodes called "Wallowing in Meh" - if you haven't listened to it, [click here to play the episode and let us accompany you as you go about your day!](#)

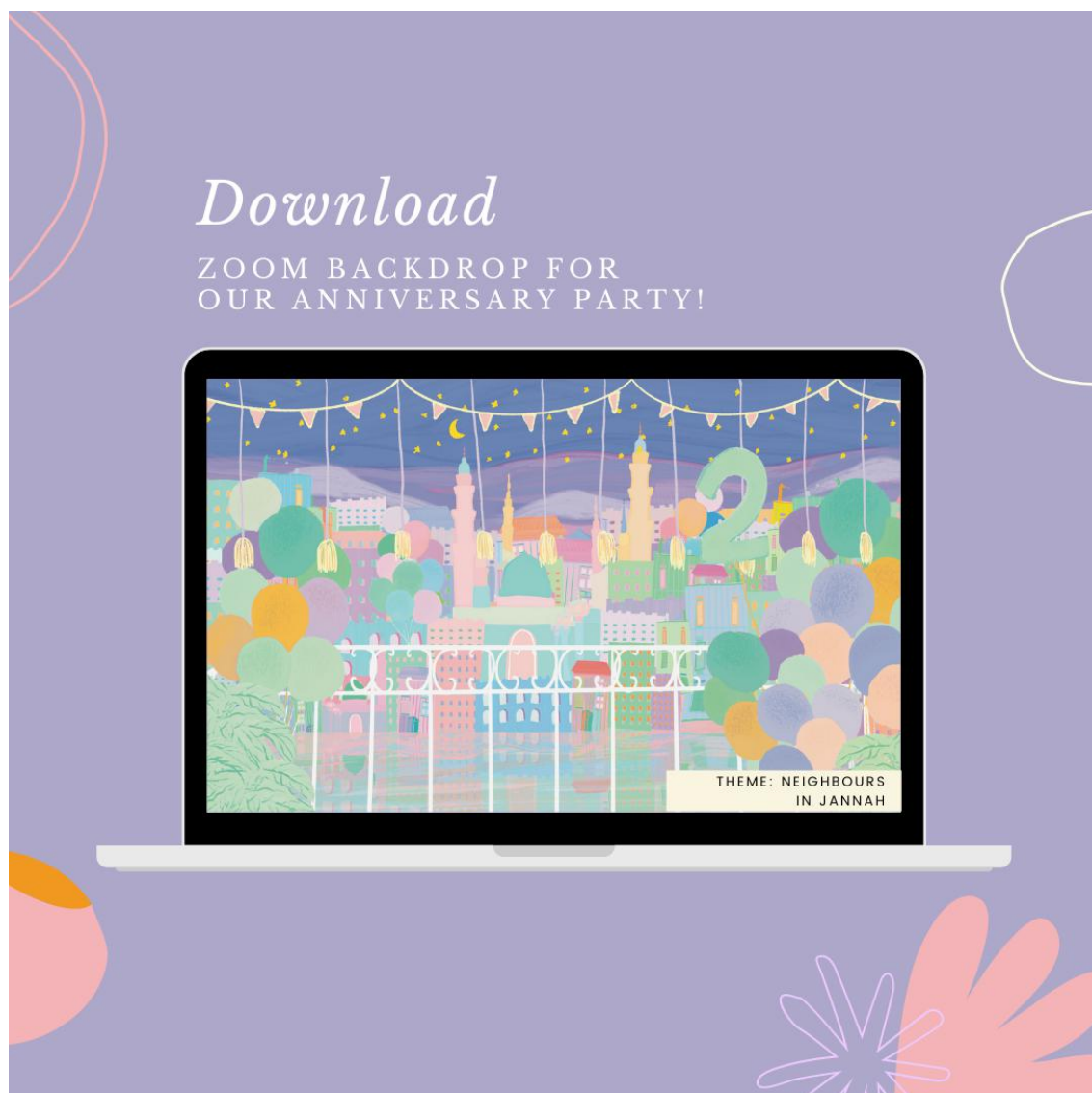
aa plus turns two!



AAAAHHHH! I'm bursting with excitement because next week, In Sha Allah, AA Plus will be celebrating our 2 year anniversary! We've got so

many things planned for you in gratitude to all of the love and support you've given us all this while, and my team and I would love to give you a little treat. There will be games, activities, and other surprises, so try to free your Wednesday, 23rd June, at 8pm SG | 1pm UK and join us on this special occasion ok? **The theme will be 'Neighbours in Jannah' and the dress code is Green!**

Join The Anniversary Party Here!



One of our Champs, Arina A., is a massively talented illustrator, so it was a privilege to have her illustrate a few artworks for our 2 Year Anniversary! Download this special backdrop that Arina did for our Zoom Call on Wednesday so that we can really imagine that we are all in the same location, breathing the same air together ok?

Download Wallpaper Here

Muslim Meme

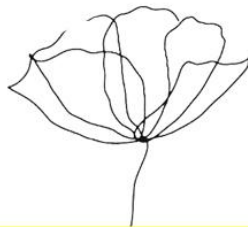


That's right - we go on a "date" with our Beloved 5 times a day!
#lowkeyDawah

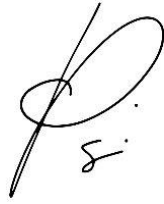
Something to Ponder

3 things are necessary to
make a kindness complete:
thinking little of it,
doing it promptly,
& keeping it out of sight.

al-Ghazali



One of our Champs, Najwa, shared this during the Asia Tadarus session yesterday when we were discussing about the Ayahs in the Quran where Allah SWT thoroughly detailed on Charity. Some of us were reflecting on how difficult it is to not "feel too good" about ourselves that it might border over arrogance after performing a good deed, and Najwa shared this beautiful quote by Imam an-Ghazali. How many of us think little of the sins that we do, but think highly of the good deed **that Allah SWT has allowed us to do**? How many of us make excuses and delay in doing something good? And how many of us then "parade" the good acts that we do thereafter? These 3 factors that Imam al-Ghazali shared is definitely something to seriously ponder upon as we strive to always purify our intentions in doing everything for His sake. May Allah SWT protect our Niyah always!



ending it with His Words

Quran 3:37

Surely Allah provides
for whoever He wills
without limit.

Do Not Worry

Trust in Him

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

With that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer.

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