### بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ In the name of Allah, the most Gracious, the most Merciful

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BEFORE GETTING FRUSTRATED at a situation, remember that YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT or where allah has PLACED GOODNESS IN.

First of all, a big, warm welcome to our new "Baby Champs" who just joined us a few days ago - I made dua for every single one of you and I pray that you will find joy and comfort through your stay here, Amin!

Secondly, the Closer emails are your key access to everything AA Plus. I share everything that is happening on AA Plus for the week and *more*, through it, and I truly hope you'll enjoy reading them as much as I love writing it!

Now on to a mini-story / reflection:

A few days ago, I was reminded of "a game" that my close friend love to play with her 5-year-old daughter. It's called "let's find the good" and I think it's absolutely genius, and something we adults can benefit from as well. The premise of the game is simple: no matter what the situation we find ourselves in, we will need to find the good in it, because there is *always* khair in everything.

Once, my friend and her daughter were waiting for the bus home and it's taking a little longer than usual. She then asked her daughter, "where is the good in waiting for the bus, my dear?" Her daughter paused and then answer, "Well, we are spending more time together, Mama. And we are waiting under a nice sheltered bus-stop, while still being able to see the cute clouds up in the sky. If we are running for the bus, maybe we will miss all of this. Also, maybe the bus driver is helping someone in the bus, Mama. Maybe that is why he is a little late. We always have to help people, right Mama?"

When she shared this with me, I teared. How precious and pure is this little girl, and incredibly wise too - being able to see beyond the surface of the situation and finding so many good in it.

But what about us? Have we been able to find the good in the circumstances Allah SWT has placed us in? Perhaps it is time for us to play this game as well. **The best part is, when you play it, you'll always win because having gratitude and thinking well of Allah SWT is a mark of what makes a true champion.** 

This week on an plus



In this surprisingly light-hearted episode, Ustazah Syariati shares with us some of the acts of love that we can do for our loved ones even after their passing and also the deeds that continue to supply rewards to us in our graves. We also learn how we can continue to honour the souls of our loved ones, while at the same time help with our grieving hearts. it's ok if u havent listened to the first two. (PS: For new Champs who are wondering, you *do not* have to listen to the first 2 episodes before joining us for this 3rd lesson.)

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Note for our Baby Champs: there are two Study Date timings as you guys are from all over the world, Ma Sha Allah! You only need to attend once, at a timing which is most suited to your timezone. Study dates are recorded, but not uploaded to the website for privacy purposes, so if you cannot make it, you'll have to email us for it! Also you *do not* have to listen to the Class prior to the Study Date, nor prepare anything for it. You just gotta show up!

**Zoom Link For Study Date** 

in case you missed if



To my new Champs - just a little heads up to read through your PDF Deck if you haven't already! I really hope to see you at Orientation too on the 25th @ 8.45pm SG | 12.45pm UK, so mark your calendar for it ok? PS: My "senior" Champs, you are more than welcome to come and say hello to your new Sisters! It'll be fun to see everyone □ ♥!

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share with Allah



As we are in the blessed month of Rajab, I've been trying to increase my Istighfar and as I do that, I always imagine it erasing the many, many stains in my heart. I then thought about how cleanliness and keeping good hygiene is *such* a huge part of our faith, Subhanallah, which is why it is difficult to focus and be productive in spaces that are cluttered and in a mess. We all have a room, a drawer, or even a chair that is in a mess lol, I know I definitely do. Sometimes when the mess is bugging me but I'm *still* not doing anything about it, that's when I know I need to ask Him for help and "rant" to Him about my own laziness. And sharing it with Allah always works wonders! So if you need extra motivation in cleaning up today, ask for His Help!

Majestic Masjids





# chosen by Him to perform Hajj / Umrah, Amin!

\*If you have a fav mosque, share it with me and tell me why! It'd be awesome to see mosques from all over the world together with you Champs. Who needs "cafehopping" when you can do "Masjid-Hopping" \( \square\$





LOOOOOL! This reminds me of the term "Haram Police", which to be honest, I still don't know what it means. Yes, only Allah can guide us, which is why to me, the acronym G.P.S means "God Positioning System" as He's always the One helping me get out of roadblocks, congestion and difficulties!

Something to Ponder

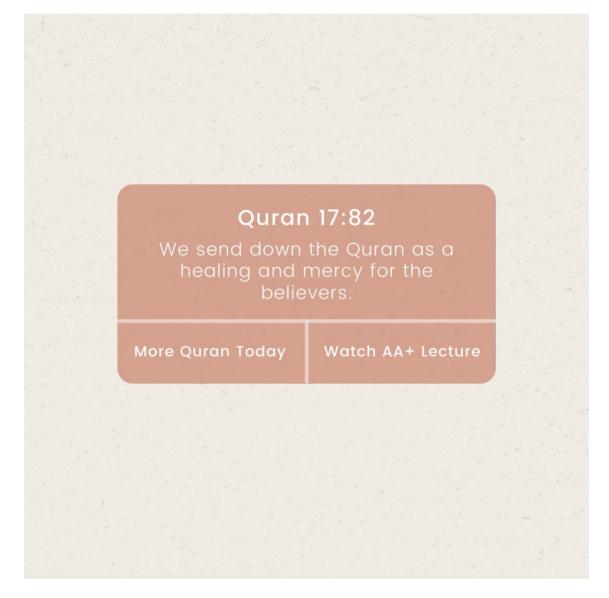
Don't love this Dunia as it has no loyalty to you. But be faithful to your Deeds, as it's your only loyal companion in the grave.



Ever since last week's TKV lesson where Ustazah Syariati shared that our *amal* (a.k.a our deeds) will be the only one accompanying us in our graves, I've been thinking about what are some of the things I've been keeping myself company with in this Dunia. Coincidentally, I was reading something the other day where Sheikh al-Kurdi said: "Whoever gets a radio has brought a Fasiq (godless person) into his house; and whoever gets a television has brought a kafir into his house." I was like... OMG OUR PHONES HAVE BOTH!". May Allah SWT protect our hearts, our senses, and our limbs from anything that will distract us from doing things that pleases Him!



# ending it with His Words



(If you missed this week's *amaaazing* In Focus Lecture on 'Getting to Know The Quran' with Ustazah Radhiah, <u>check it out here!</u>)

With that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer.



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