

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
In the name of Allah, the most Gracious, the most Merciful

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# Closer

by aa

*your curated weekly spiritual booster delivered straight to your Inbox*

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IT'S NOT ABOUT  
*who you were,*  
BUT WHO YOU ARE NOW,  
*and who you have*  
THE POTENTIAL TO BE.

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Assalamualaikum my Champions,

One of our first lessons from the [Consistency Masterclass](#) that we did together was to understand how important the identities we give ourselves to, as **these identities greatly influence the actions we take and the decisions we make on a daily basis.** For example,

if you associate yourself with someone who is not consistent, then you are essentially already setting yourself up for failure because you have subconsciously bought into the idea that you are not.

But if you identify yourself as consistent, then you will do your best to back that up through your decisions and your actions as this is an identity that you yourself has established and associated with. And if you are arguing, "*but I really am not, Aida*", then I would counter-argue, and remind you of the fact that you have been able to brush your teeth consistently, every day. So yes, you are consistent. That's your new identity, Champ.

What I'm getting at is that **I truly hope the identities you associate yourself with today are worthy of you and all of the heart work you've been doing, and not of your past.** You have worked hard to be where you are, and so I hope your identities reflect that. Some of the identities you should already be attaching yourself to must include: a proud believer, a sincere worshipper, a seeker of knowledge, a champion, and the likes!

Today, my identity is of a grateful servant, which is why I am writing this to you with a smile on my face, grateful to be here serving you!**What is your identity then today, Champ? I pray whatever it is, you are able to go out there and shine bright like the sacred and special being that you are!**

PS: I highly suggest that you revise / finish the [Consistency Masterclass](#) if you haven't already before the year ends. I gave my whole heart to this class and some of you have graciously said it has changed your life, Ma Sha Allah hehehe. So do have a look at it if you haven't already ok? <3

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*This week on aa plus*



Alhamdulillah, now that we have completed the TKV Series for [The Chosen Ones](#), it is now time to cosy up with Ustazah Syariati in person for a much-awaited live Q&A session! I am already anticipating all of the good vibes that will be overflowing from the session, so I hope you are all able to attend our Satur-date at 8.45pm SG, In Sha Allah! Do come with your questions, and if you don't have any, join us anyways for a fruitful discussion. I am certain that your heart will come out of it all full and tranquil! ❤️

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*a beautiful Dua*

Ya Allah, allow me  
to wake up every  
morning with a  
sense of wonder, and  
to go to bed every  
night, tired-happy.

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My definition of success has not changed for the last 10 years, and that is to wake up every morning with a sense of wonder, eager to see how His plans and surprises for me unfold during the day, and to go to bed every night, tired-happy, knowing that I've given my best to seek His pleasure with all that I do. If I can do that till I breathe my last, then I

would consider myself a very successful person indeed, In Sha Allah!

But of course some days I lose track of this, which is why making this Dua is crucial in anchoring me. What is your definition of Success, Champs? I pray that whatever it may be, may you always include that in your duas as well, and for you to succeed both in this Dunia and in the Hereafter, Amin! :)

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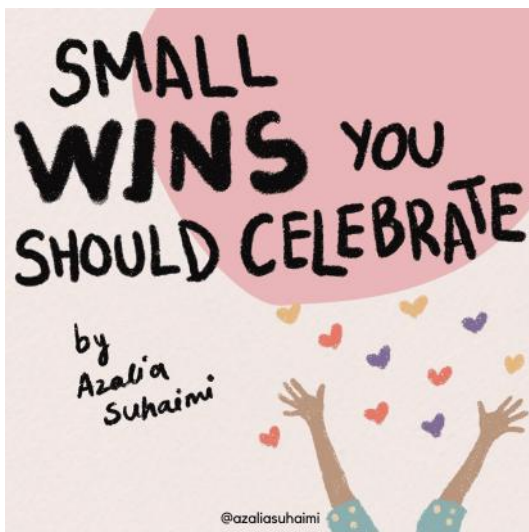
*share with Allah*



GUYS GUYS GUYS I love sharing with Allah SWT about my constant cravings because I know He will never judge me for it! And also

because, in one way or another, I'd always eventually get to have a taste of it too, Subhanallah! So if you've been craving anything lately, do candidly share it with Him! Even our pious predecessors would ask Allah SWT for the salt in their food, so never think this is too small or too silly for Allah SWT. He's our BFF, and He already knows what you are craving even before you told Him, anyways. :P

## champs wall of art



artwork by [Azalia Suhaimi](#), a Malaysian Champ

I'm beyond excited to share Azalia's artworks in this week's "Champs Wall of Art" section because I'm such a huge fan! I think some of you

may have seen Azalia's illustrations being shared around social media, and deservedly so, as it reminds me of a much needed warm hug on a very difficult day! Azalia is a poet, artist & a self-published author who aims to help mothers remember that they're doing an amazing job, particularly in the phase of new motherhood, and I think she has done that spectacularly, Ma Sha Allah! Mom-Champs, I hope these artworks have made you smile, because they definitely did for me!

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## Muslim Meme



Hollywood rom-coms have nothing on couples who grow old together.

I used to go "awwwwww cuteeeee" when I see photos like these, but now I know that marriage is **more** than just cute moments like these. It's all of the ups and downs, the sweet and the not so sweet moments, periods of ease and phases of difficulty, fights and cuddles, all rolled up in one, but lived through, together. **As a team.** May Allah SWT shower all marriages with Sakinah, Mawaddah and Rahmah, and allow us all to be wonderful team players with our spouses, Amin!

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*Something to Ponder*

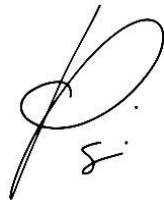
Earth has no sorrow  
that the One in  
Heavens can't heal.





Something funny but also terribly painful just happened as I was writing this week's Closer email to you. I had written about 80% of this email when my internet "conveniently" got disconnected and erased all of it. Yes, alllll of ittttt, so here I am, 2 hours before I'm supposed to send this out, re-writing it all. I thought, Subhanallah, how timely is it that this week's "Something to Ponder" section is on how Allah SWT is the only One who can heal all of the pains of this Dunia? Because the only thing that is not making me lose my cool as I'm re-writing it all is the fact that Allah SWT will In Sha Allah, **reward me double**, as this is my second attempt after all, WOOHOO! So yes, no matter what you are going through my love, no matter how painful / frustrated / overwhelmed / sad you are feeling right now, Allah SWT can heal all of that. He made the fire cool and safe for Nabi Ibrahim AS, parted the seas for Nabi Musa AS and saved Nabi Yunus AS from the belly of the whale, so He can definitely make you whole again, baby girl.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized letter 'P' with a small 'S.' written below it.

ending it with His Words

## Quran 24:36

'That light shines' through houses 'of worship' which Allah has ordered to be raised, and where His Name is mentioned. He is glorified there morning and evening.

May our homes be filled with light!

May we never tire to glorify Him!

*(I told the ROTW Champs who were present in our Tadarus session this week that our homes are lit up whenever we gather together for our weekly Zoom Dates, just like how Allah SWT mentions in this Ayah, and I pray that more of you could come! We always make dua for the Champs who are unable to attend the calls, so know that we've never forgotten you! We have one more Tadarus session for November, so I hope to see you then ❤️?)*

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*With that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer.*

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