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In the name of Allah, the most Gracious, the most Merciful

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Closer

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Allah keeps no one
waiting unless He
knows in His Ultimate
Wisdom and **Love** that it
is **good** for her to wait.

Assalammualaikum my Champions,

I have been told by the people closest to me that I can be quite impatient, that I want to do everything my way, and I want to do

everything fast. In my 20s, I would refute this stubbornly and get very defensive, but now that I am in my 30s, I accept this criticism wholeheartedly.

Hello, I am Aida and I am a recovering-hastyolic.

If there is one thing living in Morocco has taught me is that **I am in absolutely no control, only Allah SWT is, and the more I fight to be in control, the faster I drown in despair.** It took me years to learn that life doesn't run on Aida's Timeline, it runs on Allah's Timeline, and so He subtly ([al-Latif](#)), bit by bit, through His Wisdom, placed me in various scenarios where I had to humbly accept that when Allah SWT wants me to wait, then **there is purpose in my season of waiting.**

Truth is, waiting is really not that bad. Waiting **does not** mean our whole lives has to be on pause. Not at all. Flowers are still blooming, the sun still sets and the stars still sparkle, seasons are still transitioning, and you, my dear, you are still moving, even while you wait. **Allah SWT with all His Love and Mercy, as always, is still meticulously *moving* every single piece of your jigsaw puzzle so that it will finish as a beautiful masterpiece.**

I am not saying that waiting does not hurt or that it would be easy, it won't. But know that as you wait, Allah SWT is swiftly working on you. He's purifying your soul, transforming your character for the better, and most definitely prepping you for more beautiful things.

So if you are waiting right now Champs, for anything at all, **worship while you wait. Serve while you wait, play while you wait, dream while you wait, pray while you wait, learn while you wait, but most of all, live (!!!) while you wait! Cherish every breath that He has bestowed on you because if there's one thing you shouldn't wait around to do, it's to be grateful for this life that He has given you.**

Champs, until you realise that the real blessing is not actually getting what you've been waiting for, but the beautiful transformation that your soul is going through and the closeness that you feel with Allah SWT ***because*** of the wait, then waiting will always be torture. But you can choose for it not to be.

So I hope today, and for the rest of your life, you will always choose

gratitude, faith, and hope. That you will always choose Allah SWT. **Especially** as you wait. ❤️

This week on aa plus



Study Date Asia: Thu, 27 Jan, 8.45pm SG

Study Date ROTW: Sun, 30 Jan, 7pm UK

Champs, we continue this mind-blowing series with the most repeated phrase of a believer, **the Hamdala**. We say it so often in our prayers and outside of it, but **are we really in a state of sincere gratitude?** How do we achieve this state and why is the Prophet SAW the most perfect in praising and showing gratitude to Allah? (Trivia: Rasulullah SAW's name is even connected to the Hamdala!) If your heart is struggling to find peace lately, then this might be the answer.

Like Ustazah Huraidah so beautifully said in this episode: **"Being grateful is part of our natural state, our *fitrah*. If we are not grateful, we are actually fighting against ourselves. How can we be at peace if we are in a battle with ourselves?"**

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a beautiful Dua

Ya Allah, if it's the best
for me, bless it, and if
it's not, block it.

Grant me the wisdom
to know the difference
and the grace to accept
everything You've
perfectly decreed.

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Sharing a Dua that I hold on to whenever I am "waiting" for an answer, or when I am about to make a big decision. Knowing that my ego, my desires and my Nafs could taint my clarity, asking for His Majestic and Perfect Help is key. I pray may this be of benefit to you Champs too. ❤️

The checklist



Sharing all of the things that have helped keep me sane as I wait on this special list! I should have added "write more (happy) lists!!" on it as well, as I am such a huge list maker! Feel free to share them with your loved ones, or even better, make your own version of this "While Waiting" Checklist so you can have them ready whenever you need it!

[Download The Checklist Here](#)

Muslim Meme

me praying all my homies inshallahs
become alhamdulillahs 🙏❤️



You Champs are always in my prayers, and I really do sincerely pray that your *In Sha Allahs* become *Alhamdulillahs* (if it's the best for you, your Deen and your Akhirah) and that He makes it easy for allllll of you and all of your loved ones! Amin!

Something to Ponder

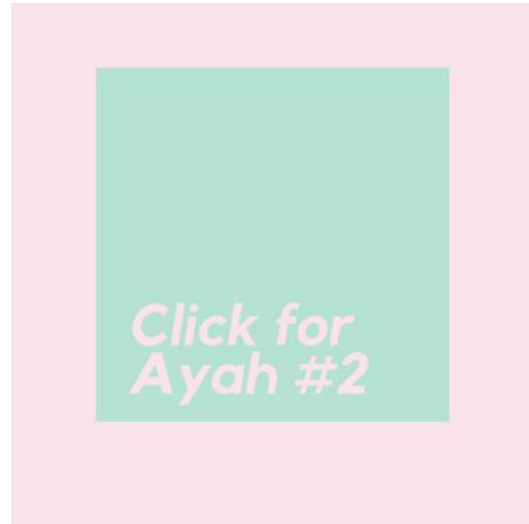
Champs

Allah SWT, the
Owner of Time,
is never in a rush.
So slow down,
and faith up!

Time is such a strange but beautiful concept. It's something that we want and need more of, but we are still guilty of spending it horribly.

But here's something I've realised: until we can truly ingrain in our hearts that Allah SWT is the Owner of Time, we will always abuse and misuse this precious blessing of time. **The devil tricks us with "you still have time" whenever it comes to doing good and worshipping Him, but he flips it altogether when it comes to pursuing our desires and the Dunia: "Hurry! Hurry! You need to have /do / be this!"** So Champs, let's not be deceived by the chief manipulator when it comes to time! Allah SWT owns time, so slow down and "faith-up" when it comes to this world, but hurry up and "excuse-down" when it comes to our Ibadah and our Hereafter! 🕊

(ending it with His words)



*These Ayahs were chosen by some of the Champs to reflect on from Juzuk 24, which we covered together during Tadarus last week. Still feels surreal that we are almost reaching the end of the Quran for this round of Khatam! ❤️ **PS:** **Request playbacks if you'd like to hear some gems!***

With that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer.

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