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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*

Rule #1:  
Put Allah SWT  
first.

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

When I spoke to Ustazah 'Alimatunnisa in our new episode of [The](#)

[Woman Up Show](#), I asked her, "Ustazah, how do we balance Dunia and Akhirah? What is the ratio like?" She chuckled and replied, "It is not 50-50. But 100% Akhirah!" 😂😂😂😂

Ustazah gave a beautiful explanation (which you guys have to listen to fully on the show!) but one thing she said that has stuck with me ever since is that the only way we can be successful in both Dunia **and** Akhirah is to focus 100% on Akhirah because when you take care of your Hereafter, your world also gets taken care of, but the same cannot be said about the Dunia, as the Dunia is merely but a tool, a means, for us to get to our final destination.

The best part is, focusing on Akhirah takes many beautiful ways, shapes and form. It doesn't mean we have to stay in a cave and not be active contributors of society - Allah SWT is so Merciful and so Generous that He has given us (especially us women, in my humble opinion) a myriad of ways to be 100% Akhirah focus in this Dunia. Our roles as a mom, wife, daughter, sister, and student of knowledge are just some of the ways we are able to do this, Alhamdulillah.

However, this can only apply if we follow the #1 Rule: putting Allah SWT first. Because when Allah SWT is **not** at the core of our lives, we'll find ourselves feeling burned out, coupled with a sense of bitterness, and worse, having an overwhelming sense of dissatisfaction and ingratitude when we are carrying out the honourable roles that have been bestowed on us. :(

So Champs, as we are nearing not just the end of the month, but the end of the year (!!), let us renew our intentions, and to remember that it is always Allah SWT first. Always, in all ways. Whatever we do, may it always be Lillah; for Allah SWT. Amin!

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*get excited for*



IT'S FINALLY HERE! The 2nd Episode of The Woman Up Show!!! I've been eagerly waiting to share this with you guys because I had such a blast talking candidly to Ustazah 'Alimatunnisa on "**Idols, Influence and Islam: How Do We Balance It All**"! There were many takeaways because we covered so many topics (I couldn't help but ask Ustazah everything that I've been curious about!) but at the top of my head we spoke about our first "halal crush", the role models in our

lives, how important Rasulullah SAW is and why more than ever, we have to celebrate him SAW. We also spoke about how it is in our innate nature as humans to be a "slave" to something and why it has to only be with Allah SWT, K-Pop Idols, the Evil Eye, Syaitan, how we all actually have "our own team" (this point was super interesting!) and the "secret" to balancing the Akhirah and Dunia! I hope you'll allow Ustazah and I to accompany you with whatever plans you have this weekend, because your heart needs to listen to this convo!

Listen To The New Episode of Woman Up Here!



My oh my oh my, am I excited for this month's Tea Party!!!! If you've known me for a while, you would know that I used to be completely afraid of cats. And to be honest, I didn't really understand the cat-hype. But, as Allah SWT had willed, a cute little orange-white kitten waltzed into our building 2 years ago, and with one look at her, my heart was absolutely smitten. **Noor** is the name we've given her, and my life has been a lot more "illuminated" Alhamdulillah! There is a beautiful Hadith about cats that I love: Abu Hurairah narrated that:

The Messenger of Allah said: "Cats do not invalidate the prayer, **because they are one of the things that are useful in the house.**" ([Ibn Majah](#)) When I read this Hadith, I was curious to learn how cats would be "useful in the house" and after living with 2 of them for a while now, I realised that they are one of the cleanest, cutest, and most reliable companions one can ever have - so here's to celebrating them (and our fellow Cat-Moms!) this Sunday! Join us as we learn about how they "stay in worship", how they help us improve our mental health, and how intertwined they are with our Deen - all while staying super cute. #MaShaAllah!

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*a beautiful dua*

Ya Allah,  
allow me to  
remember that  
my "forever-  
citizenship" is  
Jannah.

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#abeautifuldua

Alhamdulillah, after 7 weeks of being away, I am finally back in Tangier and settling back into my cosy-homey routine. On my flight back, I caught a glance of my red-coloured Singapore passport and thought about how much authority and power this small little booklet has, as without it, I would not be able to go anywhere else in the world.

But what's better than travelling anywhere in the world, is to travel endlessly in Jannah! I am always daydreaming of all of the beautiful landscapes of Paradise, and being able to go to one beautiful place to another without the hassle of flying nor packing - isn't that the ultimate dream? But in order to do that, I will have to earn my citizenship in Jannah first, In Sha Allah, so Champs, aka my fellow Jannah-ians, let us motivate each other so that we continue to strive

for His sake to return to our Forever Home. 🙏

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Praying in Jemaah be like:



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I had to choose a Cat Meme in conjunction with our upcoming Meow Champs Tea Party this Sunday! Isn't it the cuuutesttt? Plus that feeling you get when you hear the collective "aaaaaminnnn" when you pray in Jemaah is just... indescribably peaceful! May we always get chosen by Him to be with the Jemaah, Amin! PS: [here's a whole Pinterest Page on "Muslim Cats"! :P](#)

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to ponder



One of the biggest realisations I've had lately is how things that Allah SWT has commanded us to stay away from, and not be engaged in, is simply for our own good. Allah SWT is the One who created us, and He is the Only One who knows perfectly what will impact our mental, emotional and physical state. Allah SWT didn't randomly just create a list of to-dos and dont-dos, He SWT placed rules and boundaries in place so that we can be our best, successful selves, in all sense of the



word. So when we go against His commandments, the effect will be detrimental to us. Sins truly are expensive - your ruh (soul) takes a hit, your fitrah (natural inclination) will poke you, reminding you that it is not right, your heart will feel heavy, you won't be able to get a good night sleep, your mind is distracted - these are just some of the effects of sins. But, as believers, our hope always has to be bigger than our fear - which is why Allah SWT has taught us again and again that the door of repentance is **always** open (!!!), that no matter how big our sins are, His Mercy is way, way, way bigger than all of our sins combined! So Champs, instead of paying heavily for our sins, may we invest heavily on our Akhirah instead ok? :)

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

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