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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

LOOK AT THE
challenge
IN THE EYE
and give
IT A WINK!

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

I have a huge smile on my face as I'm writing this Closer email because CHAMPS! WE DID IT! WE SURVIVED SEPTEMBER, ALHAMDULILLAH! If you are asking, "Ok Aida, how is that a big

deal?", well, it is because today, we are alive and we are OK. **We are OK, Champs.** In fact, some of you may even be more than OK, Ma Sha Allah, and that is always a reason for celebration. **Being alive is always a good enough reason to celebrate!**

I don't know if any of you remembered the state you were in when you started September, but I recall being a little worried and unsettled. But no matter how many times I feel like I'm at a loss, Allah SWT will always scoop me up and reassure me through His beautiful reminders that He is with me. That there is not a single millisecond where He isn't taking care of me, guiding me, and rooting for me!

And He does this for all of us. :)

So now, when I am going through a mess, I know it will be a blessed mess. And I will no longer avoid and cower from the challenges, but I will straighten my back and "wink" at it, knowing that Allah SWT is right there with me!

PS: If you ever need a reminder that everything will be ok, and that He loves you, [listen to this TKV](#). It's one of my all-time favourites. :)

a beautiful Dua

Ya Allah, allow me
to remember that
You are not asking
me to figure it out,
but to trust that
You already have.

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This Dua is on repeat for me this week! A lot is happening in my home-front and remembering that Allah SWT has it all figured out always helps calm me down. Reen shared with us today during our team's weekly get together that one of the best pieces of advice she has ever received when she was going through something major a few years back was: "Reen, why don't you raise your two hands and ask for help from Allah instead of trying to figure it all out by yourself?" We are always so stubborn and insist on doing things our own way, but His way is always the best way, and the more we try to resist this truth, the more '*serabut*' (all over the place) we will feel!

a good deed to try



On a scale of 1-"I'm on my way!", how punctual are you with the appointments in your life? Honestly Champs, this is something I struggle with a lot. My husband said my concept of time is out of whack, and I agree. Like, why do I believe that I can shower and get ready in 15 minutes is beyond me. So I've been challenging myself to be on time for appointments, starting with my 5 daily appointments with Allah SWT. I realised that when I am extra mindful about my timings for Solah, I am actually always punctual for all other appointments. May Allah SWT allow us to improve our time management, may He pour barakah in our time and may we only use this blessing of time for His sake, Amin!

end of the month checklist

END OF THE MONTH CHECKLIST FOR AA PLUS CHAMPS

SEPTEMBER

Listened to all 3 Episodes of 'The Chosen Ones' (TKV)

Read any book from a female writer.

Spend time around water and have a good dose of Vitamin Sea

Eat some dates!

List Gratitudes for September - big and small, list them all!

Set intentions for October <3

As we are on the last day of the month, I thought it would be cool to have a checklist for us to take stock of what we have done together this September! We learned about [the importance of knowing why Allah SWT highlighted certain amazing ladies and their stories in the Quran](#), we fell in love with the way [Sayyidatina Hana upgraded her duas](#), we felt closer to [Sayyidina Maryam AS as we learned about her mental grief and how Allah SWT carried her through her difficult labour](#), we read from female writers in our [Reading Room](#) and we read 4 juzuks of the Quran together (email us to request for playback)! Ma Sha Allah Champs, I am so so proud of us and all of our little strivings to do our best for His sake! **Now I cannot wait for October, In Sha Allah, so keep a lookout for the Intro email tomorrow ok?**

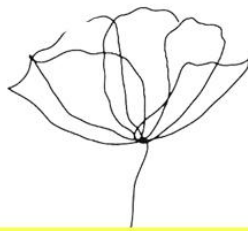
Muslim Meme



I chuckled at this but it also brought me back to my adolescent years when I would be ashamed of my full name. ./ Alhamdulillah, I now am in love with my name, ([I wrote about it here in my previous TLL!](#)) am proud of it, and praying that I would give it justice! Amin!

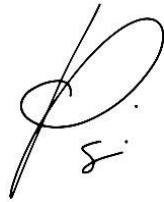
Something to Ponder

The One who
is blessing you
with this test is
ar-Rahman.



In the [last episode of TKV's 'The Chosen Ones'](#), Ustazah Syariati mentioned that it's beautiful how Sayyidatina Maryam AS called on Allah's Name, ar-Rahman, when she was tested with difficulty. She could call on **any** of Allah's Names, but she called on ar-Rahman, the Most Compassionate! This shifted my perspective tremendously on how I should deal with the tests in my life: to accept it as a gift and a blessing from **ar-Rahman**, and not see it as a punishment or wrath from a God who is out to punish me. This re-assures and comforts me so much. When I understand that Allah SWT loves me most and only want the best for me, then it pulls me back to the truth that my problem is manageable as I have Allah SWT by my side. I always

remember what Ustazah 'Alimatunnisa shared with me: **"Allah SWT wants to give you a bigger palace in Jannah, Aida. That is why He sends you this test that He has designed and curated, especially for you. Allah SWT knows that you already have everything that it takes to not only go through this but to thrive through this."**



ending it with His Words

Quran 14:34

And He has granted you all that you asked Him for. If you tried to count Allah's blessings, you would never be able to number them.

Increase in Gratitude!

Increase in Duas!

(If you are in need of some soulcare, join us @ [our weekly Quran Tadarus!](#))

With that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer.

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