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LET HIS MERCY CORRECT your mistakes, HIS LOVE EXTINGUISH your loneliness, AND HIS GENTLENESS fill your gaps.

Assalammualaikum my Champions, (and a special welcome to our new Baby Champs!)

I thought long and hard about what to write for our final Closer email for 2021, and I have so many feelings, Champs! I mean, what a year it

has been for all of us, Subhanallah. Lessons were learnt, tears were shed, lives were lost but there was also an abundance of joy and sincere smiles, love was given and received, new beautiful souls entered into our lives, and **at every moment**, **Allah SWT was, and is, always there.**

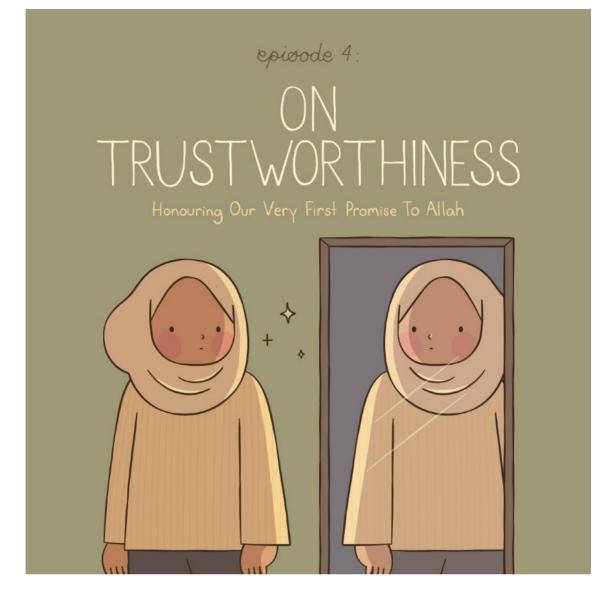
This year, I've learned that I'm so, so flawed. But it is through this humbling truth, that I've witnessed how flawless Allah SWT is. This year, I've witnessed how perfect His timings are, how precise His protection of me is, and how vast is His greatness that nothing is impossible for Him.

This year, **every time my pride and my ego tells me that I am in control and that I can fix things / people / myself on my own, He gently teaches me that I cannot, and only He can.** Every time I think I am all alone and that there is no hope for me, He swiftly carries me through every single hardship and open doors of goodness that I thought was shut tight. This year, I also raised (*not fell, but raised!*) in love with this Deen and every single one of you played such a big role in this, so thank **you**.

I am intending to enter the new year with a renewed determination to lean on Him, to surrender unto Him, and to let Him carry me through every breath that I take because of Him. **Because that is the only** way I can carry forward with this life with peace in my heart, curiosity in my mind, and a smile on my face. :)

Alhamdulillah for 2021, and Bismillah to 2022!

This week on an plus



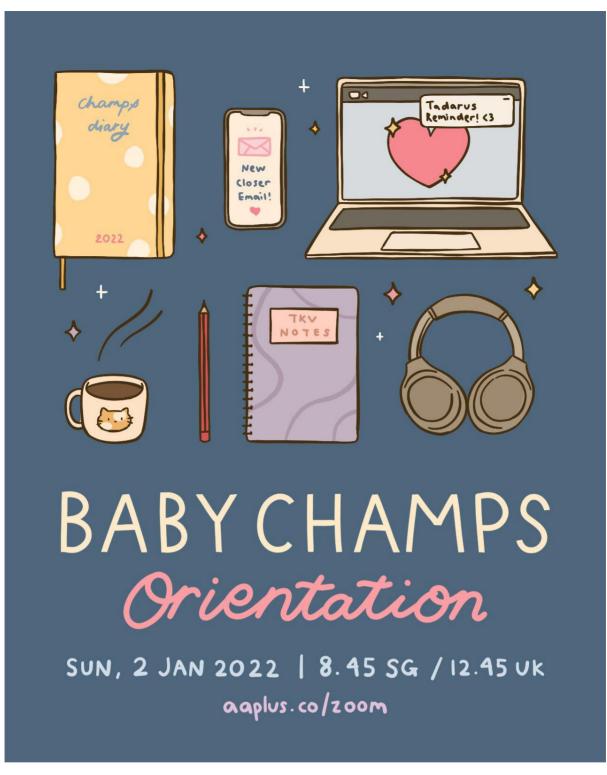
Asia Study Date: **Thursday 30 Dec**, 8.45pm SG / Malaysia ROTW Study Date: **Friday 31 Dec**, 7pm UK**

Champs, in the final episode of this beautiful series, we will learn about the all-important trait of **Trustworthiness** or Wafa' and how it is the essence of our faith. **Ustazah Huraidah centred this beautiful trait by focusing on our Mother Sayyidatina Khadijah RA**, and how she is the perfect translation of all the beautiful meanings of Trustworthiness, through her servitude and belief in Rasulullah SAW. (I cried and felt a deep sense of longing to be reunited with Sayyidatina Khadijah RA after this lesson *©*). This lesson is the perfect wrap-up to this special series and a perfect reminder that the whole universe is designed for us to always be in worship to Allah SWT. **PS:** I highly, highly urge all of you to come for the Study Date this week for many reasons but mainly because it will be our last one this year *© ©* but also because this

lesson, is DEEEEEPLY PROFOUNDDD Ma Sha Allah, and I believe we would all understand better when we are together!



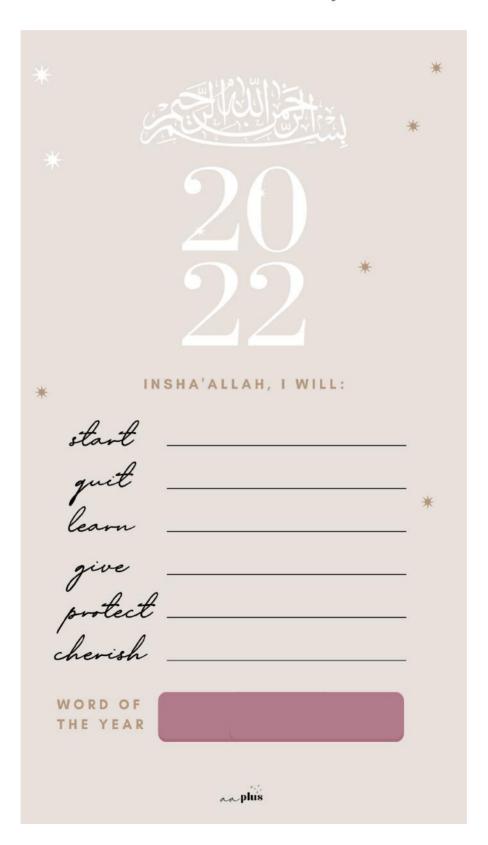
PPS: Shoutout to Ida, my teammate, for the wonderful PDF Notes that she's been creating lately, Ma Sha Allah. This lesson's PDF Notes was so detailed, it really helps in detailing some of the concepts Ustazah was sharing!



My dearest Baby Champs!! Don't forget our date this **Sunday at 8.45pm SG / 12.45pm UK**, In Sha Allah! It's *very* important that you try to make it as I will be walking you through everything on AA Plus, answer any queries you might have, and most of all meet your fellow Champs! PS: If you feel shy, just come anyways! Everybody starts off super-shy, but I promise you everyone's really nice, and are excited to meet you! So come with an open heart, and I promise it'll be fun! PPS: Senior Champs, you are invited as well!

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intentions for new year



Champs, it is time to do some heart-work! I hope you take a few minutes today to really think about your intentions for 2022. We did a short reflection exercise during Grad Show on Monday, but I thought we could refine it even more with this little activity. I'd love to read some of your answers, so feel free to share them with me ok? :)

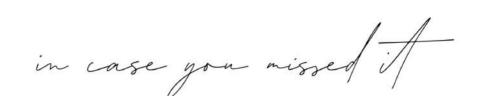
a beautiful Dua

Ya Allah, allow me to remember that although I can't, You can.

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This Dua has definitely been on repeat for me this year. Every time it gets tough, I whisper in my heart during Sujood, "Ya Allah, I cannot.
But You can. You can, <u>Ya Jabbar</u>. You can, <u>Ya Salam</u>. You can, <u>Ya Latif</u>.
You can, <u>Ya Muhaimin</u>. You can, <u>Ya Mussawir</u>. You can, and that's how I know everything will be ok." ♥





Alhamdulillah, we had such a blast on Monday during Grad Show and I'm still slightly high from it! :P Here's the playback if you missed it!

Watch the playback for Grad Show here

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four visual reminder



A number of you requested for this image of the AA Plus Home as wallpaper, and we are happy to deliver! Champs, please make dua that we truly can have an AA Plus Home, if not in this Dunia, but in the highest of Jannah, & for us to be neighbours in Jannah, Amin!

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Sabrina @ReadUrDuazz

I genuinely think rollercoasters are good for my iman. I'm calling Allahs name the whole time and thinking about death 💀

This meme is SO relatable because that's exactly what I'll be doing if I'm on a roller coaster. Also, this is timely because, in this week's TKV, Ustazah and I talked about theme parks. You gotta listen to the Class to know what I'm talking about! :P

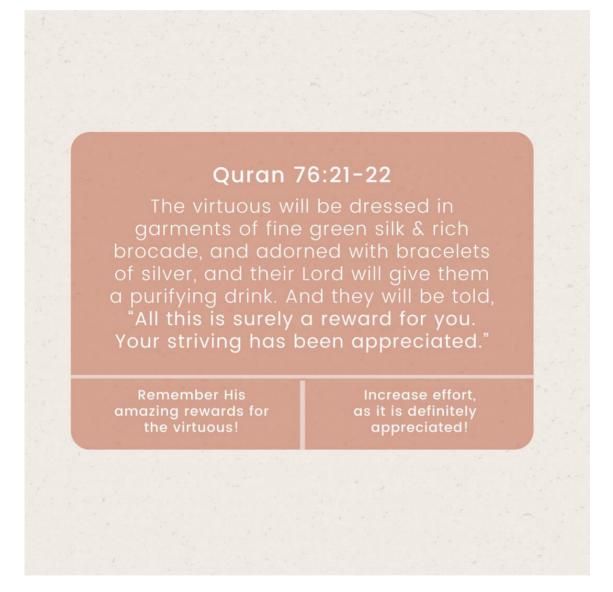
Something to Ponder

Inhale Gratitude. Exhale Worry.

Someone asked me what is my favourite Surah (*what an unfair question!*) and my heart shyly said, "Surah Fatiha". Ever since we did the classes on <u>Tafsir of Surah Fatiha</u>, I am just in awe at how allencompassing, complete, and wholesome this Surah is. And one of the things I will always remember is how Ustazah Farhana pointed out how <u>"Alhamdulillah" is literally right at the very beginning of this</u> <u>Surah.</u> She said, if we are not able to have gratitude, then we have failed from the very first Ayah. And from then on, I've been trying to inhaaaaaaale gratitude, and exhaaaaaaale worry! So I hope if there's something that is weighing heavy on you, I pray you can let the Noor of Alhamdulillah lift you through and ease things for you. :)



ending it with His Words



(We went through these beautiful Ayahs during the ROTW Study Date on Selflessness last week and it's been on my mind! **PS:** Request a playback if you'd like to listen in!)

With that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer.



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