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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

we sin as
IF ALLAH
sees nothing.
AND ALLAH
forgives as
IF HE SAW NOTHING.

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

Subhan'Allah, we are now in Day 11 of Ramadhan! How are you feeling? Grateful? Tired? Full? I think I'm all of the above, Alhamdulillah. A good friend of mine was sharing with me how she's feeling the burn out with Ramadhan especially since we've just completed the first 10 days of Ramadhan, but a few hours later after texting me that, she shared with me an Ayah from the Quran

that she came across while reading:

"There is no activity you may be engaged in O Prophet or portion of the Quran you may be reciting, nor any deed you all may be doing **except that We are a Witness over you while doing it.** Not even an atom's weight is hidden from your Lord on earth or in heaven; nor anything smaller or larger than that, but is written in a perfect Record. (Quran 10:61)"

Ma Sha Allahhhhhh, how reassuring is that? Allah is saying that He sees every single one of our efforts, so we just gotta keep on trying. But it didn't just stop there.

A few days ago, I received a DM from a lady who confessed to me that she's close to being an atheist, although, "on paper", she's Muslim. She told me, "I picked up the Quran today wanting to get closer to Him. Wanting to fight these feelings in my heart. But I came across a few Ayahs that made me even angrier. Why would Allah say those things?" She shared the Ayah with me, and as best as I could, I explained to her that when we read the Quran, we must try to understand it's historical context, it's nuance in language, **but most of all, we must try to understand the One who "speaks" those words in the Quran - i.e. who is Allah? What kind of God is He?** If our understanding of Allah is He is a God of Wrath, then we will always see everything in that lens. But if we go back to the first-ever Ayah in the Quran, "Bimillahirrahmanirahim" - where Allah introduces Himself to us by the two names, ar-Rahman, and ar-Rahim, shouldn't that be how we see our Rabb as? A God Who is Merciful and Compassionate?

I made a dua for her when we ended the conversation, and today, I received a text from her saying that Allah opened her eyes to see why He wrote what He wrote. Subhan'Allah!

See! If we make the effort to come to Him "walking", He will come to us, "running". <3

Coming up this week

on AA Plus!



Monday / 4 May / Ramadhan Reminders

Ramadhan: A Spiritual Program for Transformation

I'm so so so so excited that the first episode of Ramadhan Reminders is now LIVE, Alhamdulillah! Join [Fadhilah](#) and I as we explore on what is Allah's Mercy, how can we attain it in Ramadhan and how this blessed month is specially designed for us to "transform". We'll also candidly discuss what it's like to spend Ramadhan amidst the pandemic, and how even ***that***, is a reflection of Allah's Mercy towards us, if only we take the time to ponder. Only good vibes + honesty in this episode!

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Thursday / 7 May / The Knowledge Vault



Hereafter: Our Ultimate Destination

In this goosebump-inducing episode, Ustazah Farhana and I will speak about the 4th Ayah of Surah Fatiha, where Allah SWT for the very first time in the Quran, introduces to us, the Day of Judgement. If you need some form of reminder / wake up call to motivate you to seize every single moment of your life, this episode will do the trick, In Sha Allah!

Intentions for the week



"Small Deeds, But Consistent"

I'm a huge believer of Consistency, and I hold on to this Hadith where Rasulullah SAW said, "take up good deeds only as much as you are able, for the best deeds are those done regularly even if they are few" extremely tightly. Now that we've crossed the second phase of Ramadhan, we miiiiight feel some lethargy or burned out, but my intention, or rather, "strategy" for this week is to just keep trying to be consistent on the acts of worship that I've been regular with during the first 10 days. I might not be able to add more classes into my schedule, do more Terawih etc etc, but if I can be consistent with the deeds I've been doing, and stay present and mindful while I'm doing it, then

Alhamdulillah!

Your visual reminder



"Dua's are like love letters to Allah" - I remember feeling so upset a few days ago and whenever I feel a heavy weight on my chest, I'd usually grab my pen and paper and start writing. But on that day, I decided to pour my heart out to Him on the prayer mat instead, and I remember just praying to Him as if I'm reading out a love letter I penned just for Him. Needless to say, I felt a million times better right after that. If you are feeling overwhelmed, try "writing a love letter" to Allah in the form of Dua - it'll heal any tired heart, In Sha Allah.

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Something to Ponder

Allah split the sea for Musa
and cooled the fire for
Ibrahim. Do you not believe
He can take care of your
troubled heart?



I'm trying to always remember this whenever I'm pushed to the wall and feeling extremely overwhelmed. That whatever may be troubling my heart, running back to Him is **always** the cure.

Community Spotlight

(highlighting an AA Plus Champion!)



For this week's Community Spotlight, I'm so proud to introduce to you guys Sarah! <3 <3 <3 She's been with the AA Family for the longest time and is really the sweetest soul. **This Ramadhan, she's doing something extremely beautiful.** If you feel you're a beginner or just starting out to read the Qur'an and you need a buddy sister to check your reading for you, Sarah is your girl! She's volunteering to do this completely free! Wherever you are, you guys can set a mutual time to virtually meet via Zoom/Skype, and it will only take 10-15 minutes of your time. If you're interested or you have questions, [drop a DM at her IG ok?](#)

and with that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer.

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