

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
In the name of Allah, the most Gracious, the most Merciful

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Closer

by aa

your curated weekly spiritual booster delivered straight to your Inbox

Once you view your life
from a pair of **grateful eyes**,
you'll realise you already
have **everything you need**.

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

All thanks and praise to Allah SWT, this will be my [44th Closer Email](#) to you this year. Every week, as I sit down to write to you, regardless of where I am, and what is going on around me or in the world, I start by asking Him to never let me forget what a blessing it is to have this safe space where I am heard, understood, and supported by all of you.

Writing Closer has grounded me in ways only Allah SWT knows, and I hope reading it has comforted you somewhat, too, In Sha Allah.

Champs, when I looked back at 2023, I saw plenty of our collective milestones together! I am immensely grateful for all of our Tahajjud Nights, our 1000 Zikirs together, every single one of our Quran Dates, our Listening Parties, and of course, not to mention, your spiritual breakthroughs - how some of you started wearing the Hijab this year, some of you started learning how to recite the Quran from scratch, some of you made Zikir as part of your daily routine, some of you fought and overcame your addictions, some of you started your journey in getting to know, and inadvertently, falling in love with our blessed Prophet, ﷺ, and so much more! *#proudininternetmom*

Sitting here today, I cannot help but be in awe of how generous and kind Allah SWT has been to all of us! How beautifully He plans, and how gently He has been carrying us to where we are today.

Champs, I want to remind all of us that as we do our very own end-of-year reflections, let's remember that Allah SWT truly has given us so much. He has drenched us with His Mercy, His Love and His Generosity, and has protected us in ways we will never be able to imagine. **We must also remember that our essence remains untouched by perceived worldly successes or failures**, for our

worth belongs only with Allah SWT, and that is something no one and nothing can take away from us.

Our worth, with Allah SWT, is secure.

And for that, we should always be grateful. ❤️

the sunday session



I am nervous-excited for our Sunday Session because this topic is incredibly dear to my heart, but I am not sure if I will be able to do it justice! Alhamdulillah for us, Allah SWT has given us a perfect Deen and a rich Prophetic tradition for us to learn from, and it is through this lens that my team and I will strive to present how to "live more, with less" - an essential undertaking that we as believers must try to take up, especially in this materialistic, plastic, and consumerist society we are currently living in!

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a beautiful dua

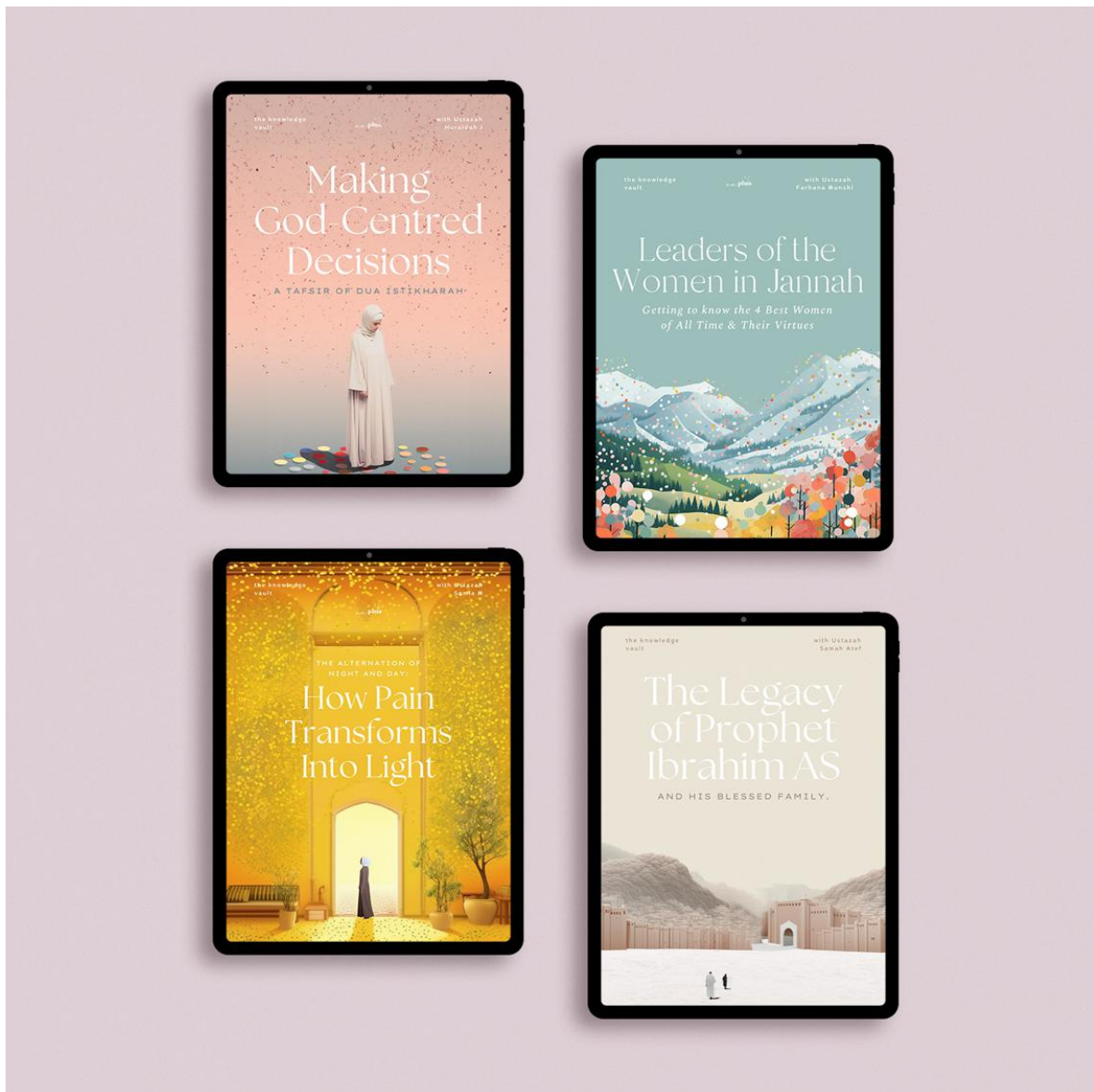
Ya Allah, bless my
time to be filled
with only the
essentials: Prayers,
Quran and You.

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#abeautifuldua

During our last Listening Party, one of our Champs beautifully shared how she's trying to "stick to the basic" when it comes to her worship, especially when things get overwhelming. I loved how profoundly simple her words were, and it made me think about my own essentials, or my "non-negotiables", hence the Du'a I've been making. What about you? What do you think are *your basics*?

the year's favourites



I thought it is apt to share my top 4 favourite TKV this year for our last Closer. Mind you, this was not an easy thing to do as I loved every single one of our episodes with our dear teachers - may Allah SWT reward them all in abundance and increase them with even more knowledge, Amin! But here it goes: 1) [Making God Centred Decisions \(A Tafsir of Dua Istikharah\)](#) with [Ustazah Huraidah](#) cemented my love for this ever-important Sunnah prayer. Ever since the episode, Solah

Istikharah has become part of my daily routine! 2) [Leaders of the Women in Jannah with Ustazah Farhana](#) was such a delight! I loved, loved, loved fangirling over the best 4 women of all time with Ustazah!

3) [How Pain Transforms into Light with Ustazah Samia](#) was like a balm to my tired heart - it healed me, embraced me, and increased my love for the Quran a millionfold! And finally, 4) [The Legacy of Prophet Ibrahim AS and his blessed family with Ustazah Samah](#) was such a

transformative session for me because not only did I finally know who

he was, AS, but I also started to love the Prophet whom we send salutations to every day in our prayer! What about you? What are your

top 4 TKVs this year, and why? Share with me!

[Listen to our Full Catalogue of TKV Here](#)

champs checklist



When I met up with a good friend for lunch last week, we did this fun little gratitude activity that I think you guys would enjoy too! We went through our Photo Library on our phones and selected one memory from each month that we are immensely grateful for. At the end of the

activity, I realised that I had been so ungrateful to Him as I was

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focusing more on the "big milestones" that I didn't achieve, that I had completely forgotten all of the other countless beautiful blessings that

Allah SWT has given me in abundance this year. When I got home, I started listing down the highlights from each month and by the end of it, I felt nothing but gratitude and humility towards my Rabb! I hope you'll try this activity, too, and write your own 2023 gratitude list. ❤️

[List Your Own Gratitudes Here!](#)

quran affirmations

You will be rewarded for your patient perseverance.

Surah Al-Mu'minun

Ayah 111

*Today I have indeed rewarded
them for their perseverance: they
are certainly the triumphant.*

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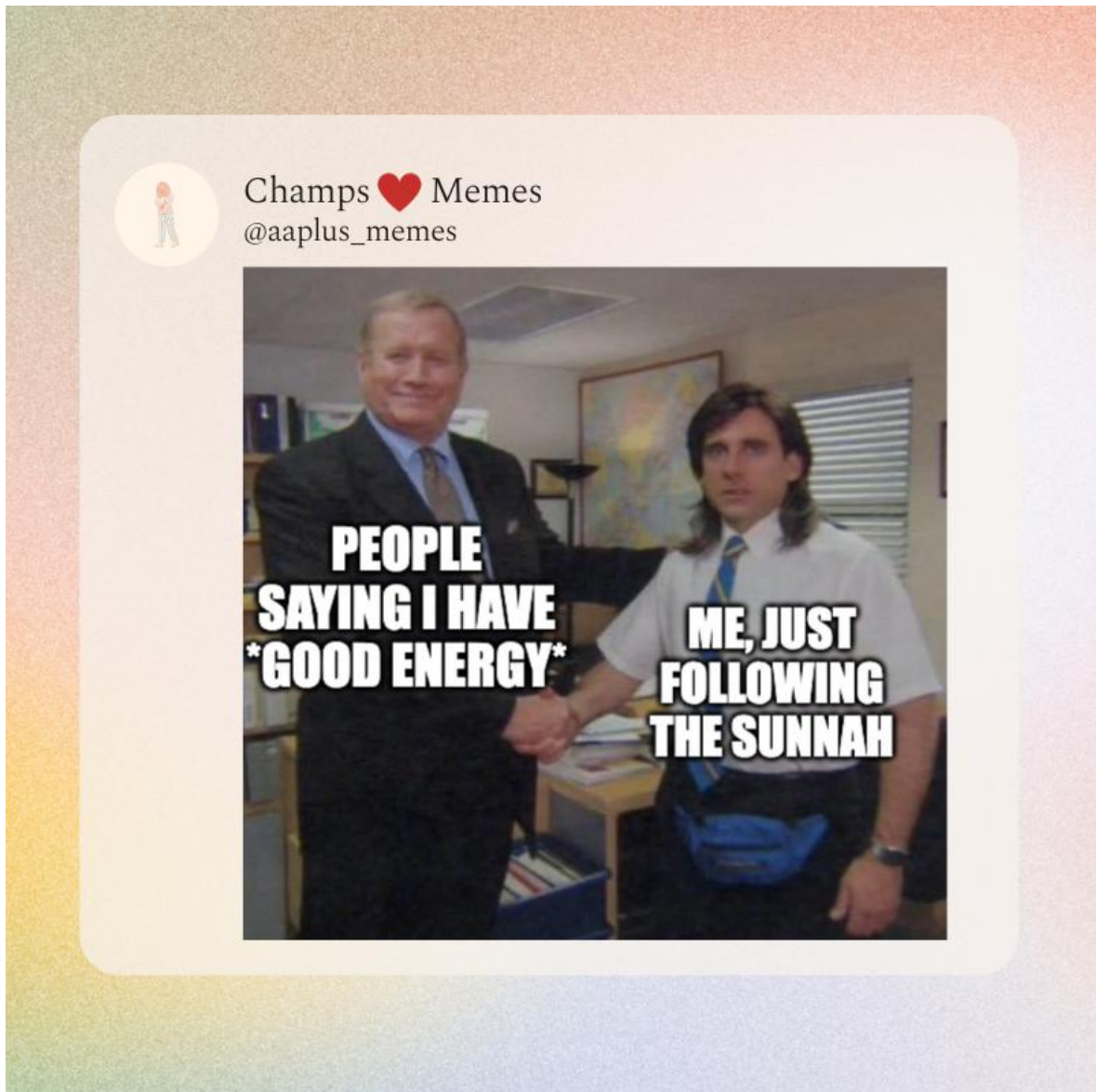
As I was reading through Juzuk 18 in preparation for our Quran Retreat this week, I found so many gems, one of which was an Ayah from Surah al-Muminun. Allah SWT gave us a sneak preview of what He would say to those who patiently strived and persevered in this Dunia on the Day of Judgement, "Today, I have indeed rewarded them for their perseverance: **they are certainly the triumphant.**" I cannot help but feel so, so comforted by this Ayah. Because even if I may fail over and over again in this Dunia, I still have a shot at being the successful ones in the Hereafter, as long as I continue to be patient, stay steadfast, and keep on persevering! So Champs, let us all continue to try and try again for His sake - because He sees it all, and He will

reward it all too!

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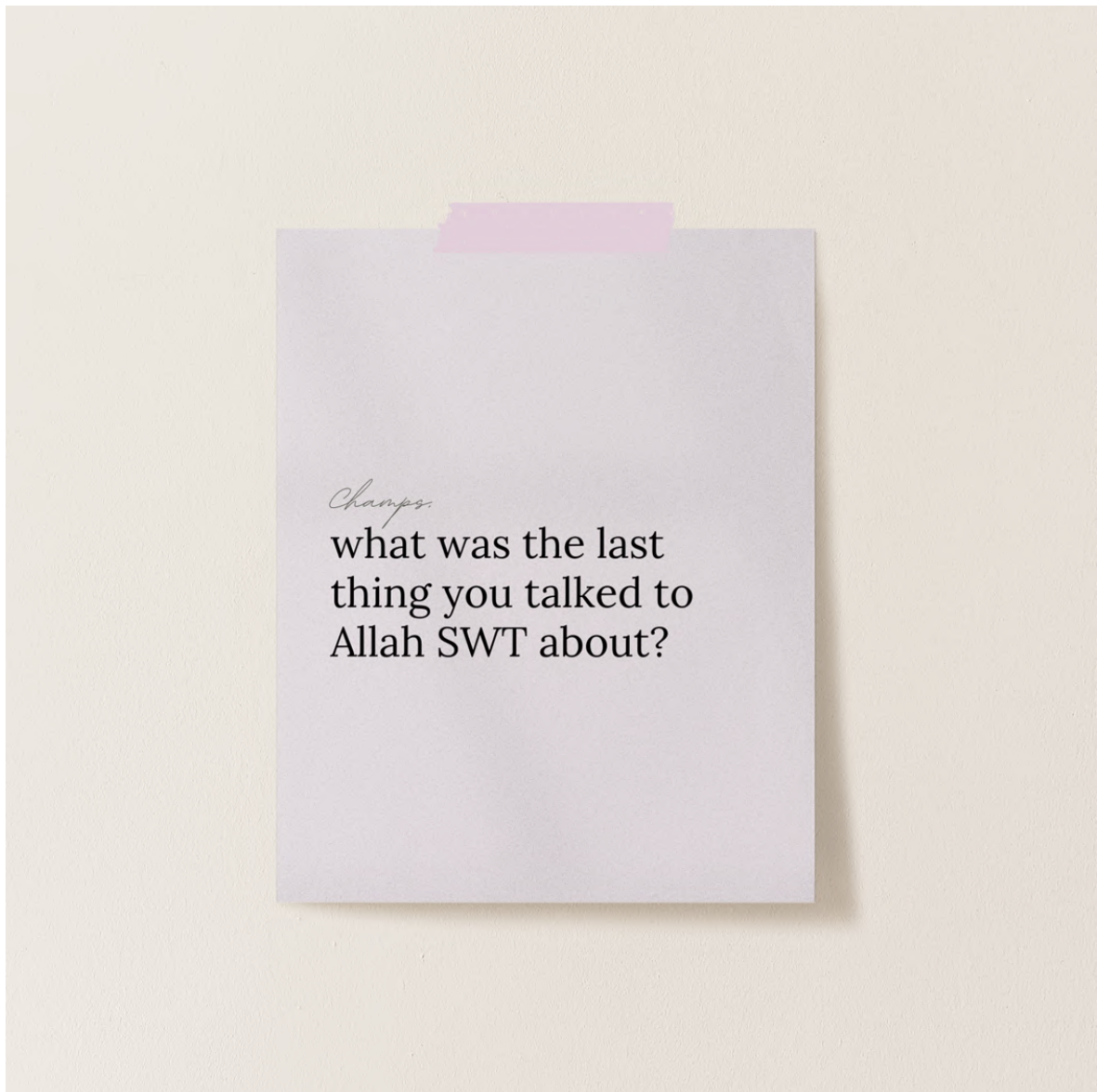
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muslim meme



Whenever people say I have "good energy", I always secretly say in my heart, "that's because I follow a religion that teaches me smiling is an act of worship!". Isn't the Sunnah of our beloved Prophet ﷺ so, so beautiful? I pray may we all get to reunite with him ﷺ in the highest of Heavens, Amin!

to ponder



Mine was you.

And with that, my dearest Champs, thank you for spending your Thursdays with me this year. I pray may I get the blessing to be in your Inbox for as long as He wills.

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