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Allah can do more
with your **surrender**
than you can ever do with
your (perceived) control.

Assalammualaikum my Champions,

I have been repeating these words to myself over and over again as of late, **"You are safest in Allah's Hands. Surrender and Trust Him."** I repeat these words because, for a big chunk of my life, I have desired control. Control over where I studied, who I befriended, what I purchased, when I should get married, have children, move countries etc etc.

But Allah SWT, in His Mercy and through His Subtleness, taught me many times over that the only One who is in complete control is Him. And that the faster I surrendered to His Plans and let go of the *delusion* that I have control, the more at peace my heart would be and the better my life would flow.

One example I can think of at the top of my head is the desire to "control" the people closest to us, our dearest ones.

We know that we cannot change our loved ones, no matter how well-intentioned we are. Their hearts, their guidance and their lives belong only to Allah SWT. But yet we try to control how they should change, how they should learn about their Rabb, how fast their spiritual transformation must be, etc etc. And that desire to control will not only disappoint and exhaust us, but it will ruin the relationship too.

So what do we do?

Do we do nothing?

Not at all. Our act of Surrendering to Allah SWT and Trusting in Allah's Plans for that person while consistently secretly praying for them and being compassionate and gentle to them is one of the best things to do for our beloved.

How do I know this?

Because that was what a loved one did for me. :)

Champs, today I pray that your Trust in Him will always be firm and unshakeable so that nothing and no one can make you doubt His perfect plans. I pray you remember that not only are you safest in Allah's Hands, but everybody you hold dear too.

I pray you trust and surrender to the truth that we are all safe in His Hands.

the knowledge vault



Ihsan (loosely translated as 'Excellence') is one of the concepts in our Deen that I have always been attracted to, and have aspired to attain, but it was only after recording this TKV Episode with our beloved Ustazah Huraidah that I realised my definition of 'Ihsan' all these years was incomplete and Dunia-based. This episode

was eye-opening for me, and a much-needed reality check that excellence that is devoid of sincere love for Allah SWT and Rasulallah ﷺ is not Ihsan. So what is it *really*? You gotta listen in for yourself, or join me and your fellow Champs at this Sunday's Listening Party where we'll listen to the class together and share our reflections! (PS: You don't have to listen to the class prior, simply bring yourself **and** your attention to the Session!)

[Listen to the new TKV episode Here](#)

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come together

Tahajjud Nights

Asia

Friday, 10 November
4.15am SG / MY

ROTW

Friday, 10 Nov
4am UK / 10pm CT



It's time for one of my favourite community sessions on AA Plus - our Jumaah Tahajjud Nights! ❤️❤️❤️ For the benefit of our new Champs, here's how our Tahajjud Night works. First, choose a session that suits your timezone (Asia / ROTW, or you can come for both too!) and then jump on to [Zoom](#), joining us as we gather to engage in Dhikr, make Duas, send Selawat to Rasulullah ﷺ and reflect together. Our Tahajjud sessions also serve as a great accountability system for those

striving to wake up, ***and stay up***, to perform their own Tahajjud prayers. So Champs can also proceed to go off and perform their own personal prayers, and then return to the Call for Duas and reflection when they are done. Our Tahajjud Sessions for Asia usually last about 1hr 15 mins as we recite Surah al-Kahf together, and ROTW (Rest of the World) Sessions are usually 45 mins long. If there's anything else you need clarification on, feel free to ask!

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heartwork

pray as much as you ache
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Our hearts will never stop aching for all of our brothers and sisters who are oppressed all over the world, and hence, we should never stop praying. Pray as much as you ache, as much as you worry, as much as you tear. Pray more than you post, pray more than you protest and keep praying to the One who is Most Just and All-Knowing.

[Watch the Replay of our Session on Courage, Hope & Unity](#)

a beautiful dua

Ya Allah, allow
me to be gentlest
to my family, and
be from those
who protect her
kinship.

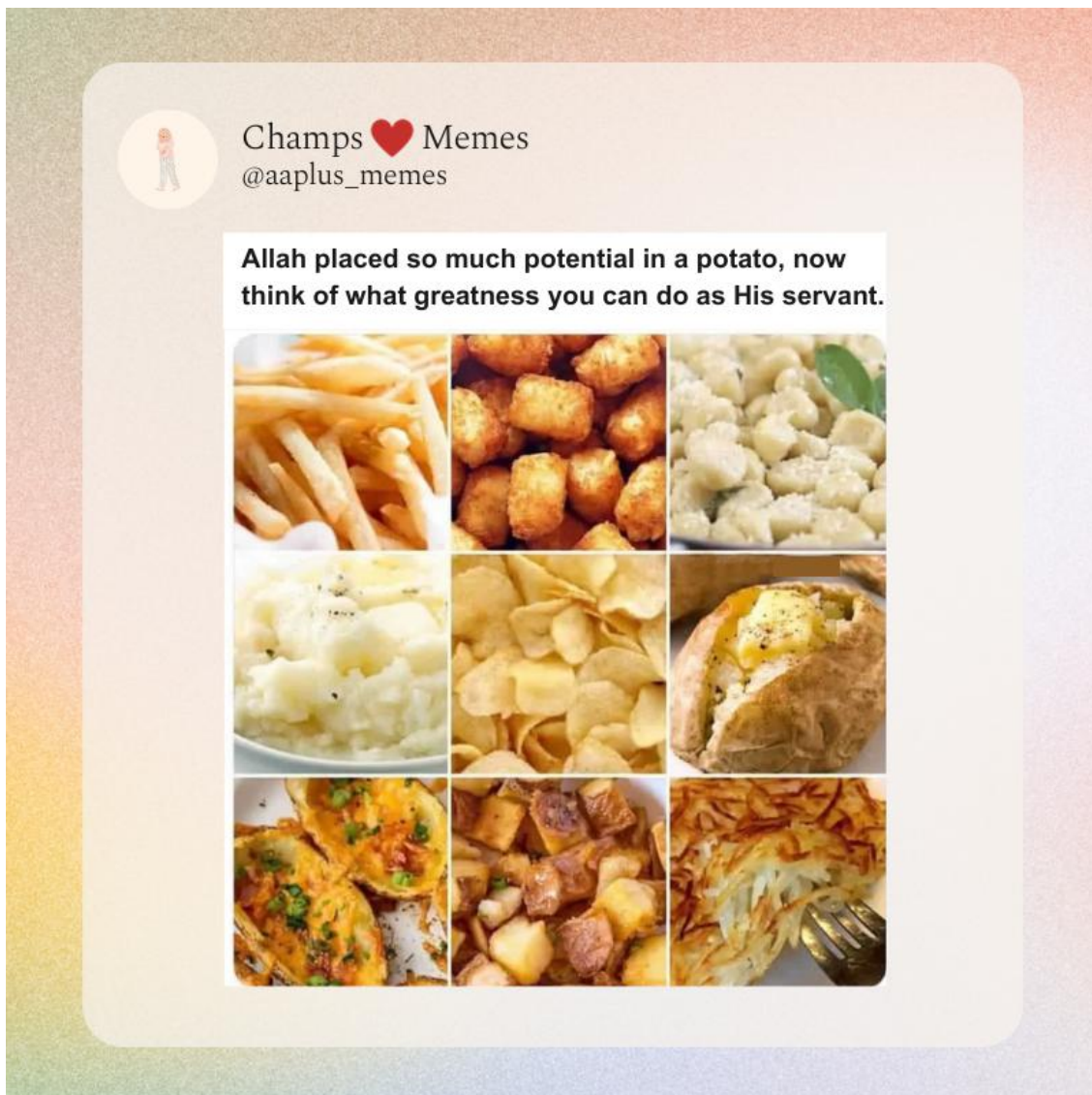
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I am currently spending time with my extended family, and this prayer has been on my lips a few times. Serving our families is such a huge honour and a priceless blessing, and especially in this end of times where the foundation of the family unit is shaky and disintegrating, we as believers have to protect it at all cost. We must strive to inculcate love for our Deen in our children; we must care for and serve our elderlies with gentleness, and we must make sure our homes are spaces of tranquillity, safety and kindness. Ya Rabb, allow us to be the best to our

families just like our Rasulallah ﷺ, for he ﷺ said, **"The best of you is he who is best to his family, and I am the best among you to my family."** (Tirmidhi)

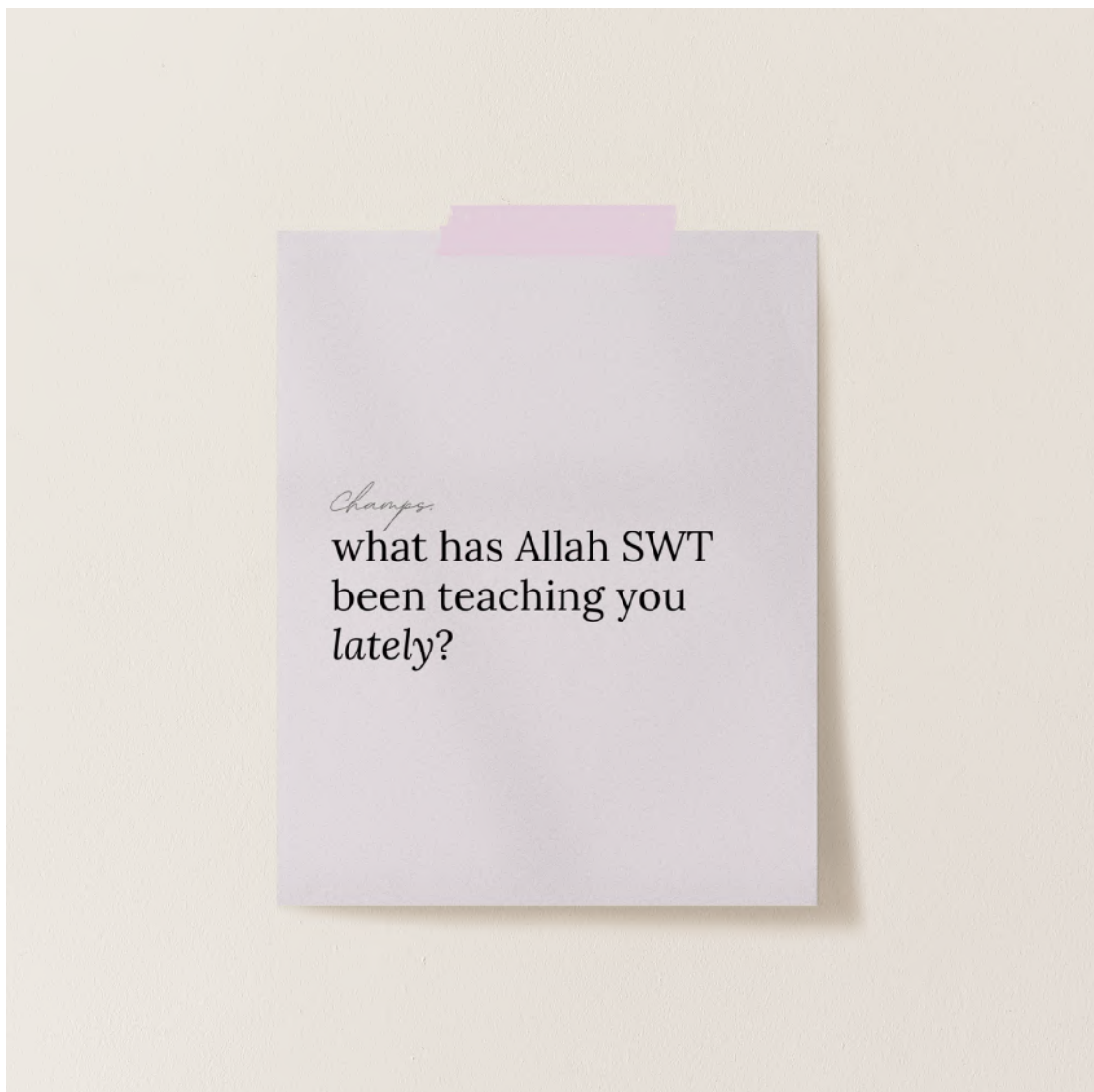
muslim meme



I can't believe I'm writing about my first love here on Closer, but here we are. POTATOES!!! Potatoes are **so** versatile - it's a comfort food and can be cooked as a side or the main attraction. It can be roasted, steamed, boiled, fried - you name it, you have it. It's the best. But we are only talking about *potatoes*, one of the

maaaaaany creations of Allah SWT the Most High. What about us, then? The Bani Adam, whom Allah SWT have said in the Quran, "**Indeed, We created humans in the best form.**" (Quran 95:4) Wouldn't you think that Allah SWT have already instilled in us the highest potential and the skill set to do amazing things during our time in this world? So straighten your back and sit up straight Champs, don't forget you are Allah's chosen Khalifah in this world!

to ponder



One of my favourite journaling prompts is this very particular question. If I am drawing a blank for an answer, then chances are, either I haven't been mindful of my Rabb lately, or I have been rushing, rushing, rushing and have not prioritised my connection with Him. I say this because **Allah SWT is always, always teaching us**. Always! It's on us to be spiritually awake and aware to catch His guidance. At this very moment, He is showing me time and again that our time in this world is but temporary, and that if we want to succeed in this world **and** the next, we will have to keep Rasulullah ﷺ and the Quran closest to our hearts. What about you? What have Allah SWT been teaching you lately?

And with that, my dearest Champs, I pray may He gently teach, guide and move you to always surrender and have full trust in Him in all of your affairs. It's the only path to take if you want complete peace in your heart.

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