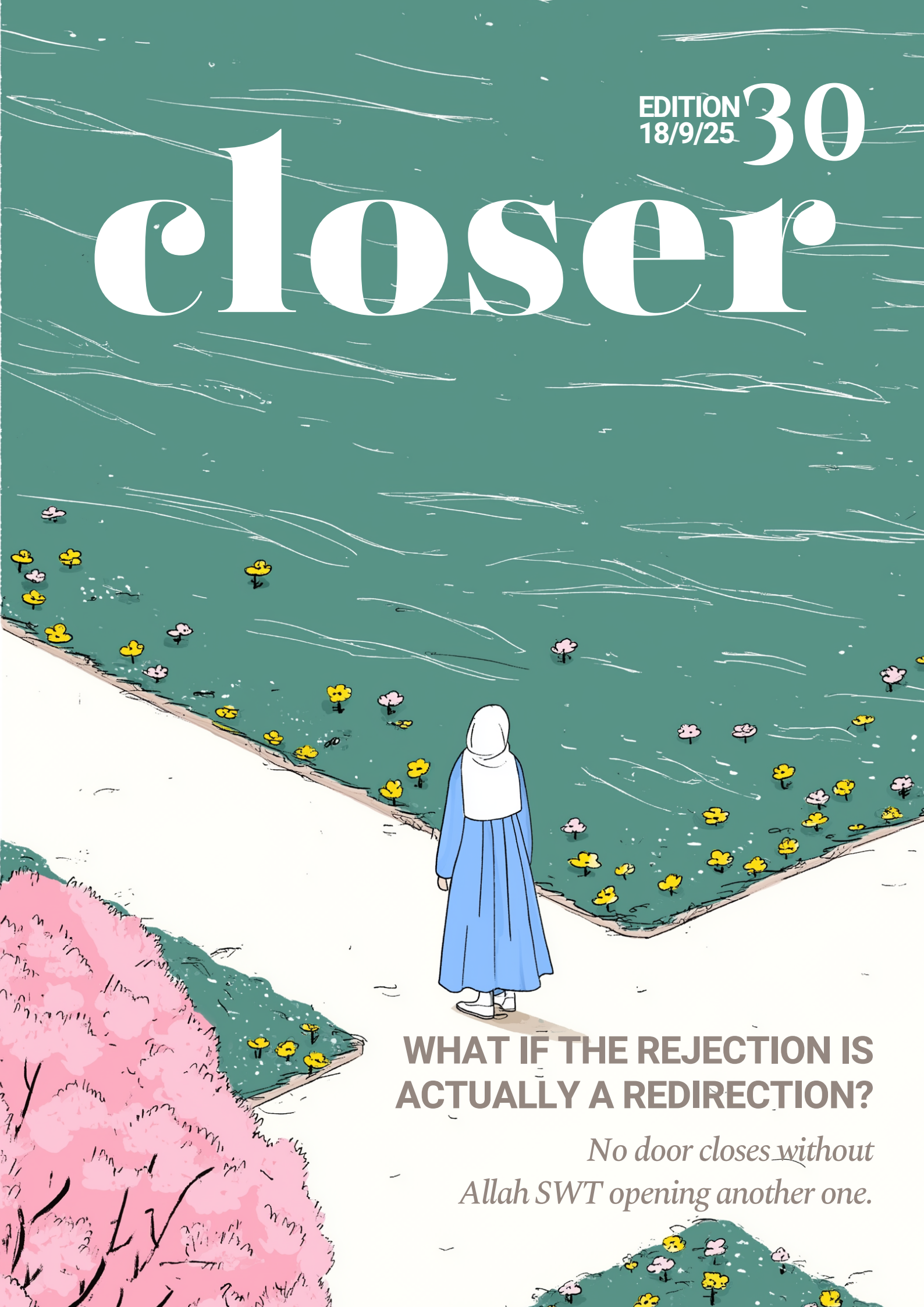


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**WHAT IF THE REJECTION IS
ACTUALLY A REDIRECTION?**

*No door closes without
Allah SWT opening another one.*

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*With Allah SWT,
no door closes without another
opening, no rejection comes
without a **redirection**, and
no hardship passes without
Him **gently carrying** us through.*

Assalamualaikum my Champions,
(and a warm welcome to our Baby Champs!)

We recently concluded our second AA Plus event on our beloved Prophet ﷺ, and as I sit here, trying to summarise everything we've learned together these past three weeks, I cannot help but think about the story of Taif. I am going to try to share with you my thoughts, as gently as I can, because I know many of us may be navigating our own version of "Taifs" right now.

So imagine this scenario: it was a time of immense grief for Rasulullah ﷺ. He had just lost his beloved uncle Abu Talib and his wife , Sayidatina Khadijah RA, the two pillars who had shielded, supported and protected him in Makkah. With the Quraish's persecution intensifying, Rasulullah ﷺ turned his hopeful gaze toward Taif, a nearby town, seeking allies and a safe space to spread the message of Islam.

Rasulullah ﷺ walked miles under the scorching sun, his heart full of hope and trust in Allah SWT's plan. But what happened when Rasulullah ﷺ arrived and called the people to Islam? Not just polite refusal, or at least a non-action ignorance, but outright mockery and rejection! Not only did the leaders of Taif dismissed him, but in a heartbreaking turn, they also unleashed the children and slaves to pelt him with stones.

Blood flowed from his blessed feet, staining the path as he left, ﷺ .

Can you imagine the rejection? The pain? Not just physical, but the ache of a heart poured out in sincerity, only to be trampled. Yet, in that moment of deepest despair, Allah SWT sent Jibril AS offering to crush Taif between two peaks if Rasulullah ﷺ wished. But Rasulullah ﷺ, with his utmost mercy, replied, "No, I hope that Allah will bring forth

from their descendants people who will worship Allah alone." **Even in rejection, he chose dua over destruction, hope over hatred.**

Now here is where **the redirection** shines through like the first hopeful light of the morning.

As a believer, we must see beyond that painful journey from Taif, because it didn't end in defeat! It pivoted Rasulullah ﷺ toward greater blessings. Soon after, during the Hajj season, Rasulullah ﷺ met the people of Yathrib (later Medina), who embraced Islam and invited Rasulullah ﷺ to their city. This led to the Hijrah, the establishment of the first Muslim community, and the triumphs that followed, from Badr to the conquest of Makkah! **What seemed like a closed door in Taif was Allah gently steering him away from a path that wasn't meant to be, toward Medina, and towards a future blooming with victory and light!**

Champs, how do we weave this beautiful story of Taif into our own lives? Because we have all been there - rejections in jobs, relationships, and dreams that seem to crumble like sand. It hurts, of course! But reflecting on Taif teaches us a few gentle lessons to hold onto:

1) Always trust in Allah SWT's Wisdom and the Perfection of His Plans for you. He is Al-Hakim, the All-Wise. When a door closes, it's not random; it's a redirection to something better aligned with your Akhirah. Maybe that "no" was a shield or a protection for you from a hardship you couldn't see coming.

2) To always respond with dua and to hold on to good opinions of Allah SWT (Husnuzon Billah), just like Rasulullah ﷺ. Instead of choosing bitterness, anger or disappointment, call unto Him. Lean to Him. Confide in Him. Your duas can plant seeds of goodness that can bloom in unexpected ways!

3) With every hardship, Allah SWT is always gently lifting you through it. He's always there, providing relief in ways we often might have overlooked.

Champs, as we step into whatever comes next, let's carry this hope: Rejections are not the end; they're merely plot twists in Allah SWT's beautiful story for us. May we have the patience of Rasulullah ﷺ, the faith to see redirections as Allah's Mercy, and the wisdom to know that better is always on the horizon.

To those walking through your own Taif right now, I'm sending you a virtual hug and a dua. May Allah SWT carry you gently to your own Medina, to your own place of peace and victory. :)

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This Session was incredibly therapeutic because it felt like we all huddled together around a campfire to listen to the blessed Seerah of our beloved Rasulullah ﷺ. We chronologically went through the various phases of his beautiful life from his birth, to his life before Prophethood, his marriage, the period when he ﷺ began to receive revelations, the years of boycott, the year of sorrow during which he lost two of his most significant loved ones, and beyond! If you have been wanting to start on learning the Seerah of our Prophet ﷺ, this replay may be a good start! Look out for Part 2 of this session coming in the next event, In Sha Allah

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a beautiful du'a

Ya Allah,
ajksdhajkdhbjahsJHAJ
KSHsdjakhwdhhjsbcjb
askjhdaajksdhakjsdhaskj
ddkjhsdakjKJHKJHN
DDHDKkkduwoqwq.
PleasEeeeEEEEeee.

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#abeautifuldua

I've come to realise that a "beautiful" Du'a doesn't require perfection. I used to believe my supplications needed eloquent Arabic or carefully crafted words to reach Allah SWT. But one of the most profound lessons I've learned is that Du'a is about the heart, not grammar or syntax 😂. We are calling upon the One Who Knows All, Al-'Alim. So, even when my words falter or my mind feels tangled, I turn to Allah SWT. In silence, in gibberish, or in the raw outpouring of my soul, I call on Him. Because who else can understand me perfectly, if not Him? PS: I am a huge believer in Journaling, so sometimes my journal entries do look like the above!

gratitude garden



GRATEFUL FOR THE "MEAL TRAIN"

Have you ever heard of a "meal train"? It's a beautiful way for a community to support someone going through a tough time, like a family loss, a new baby, or a challenging life event. Friends, neighbours, and family come together to create a meal train schedule, ensuring the person has a warm, home-cooked meal every day for a week or more while they navigate their difficulties. Isn't that such a heartfelt gesture?

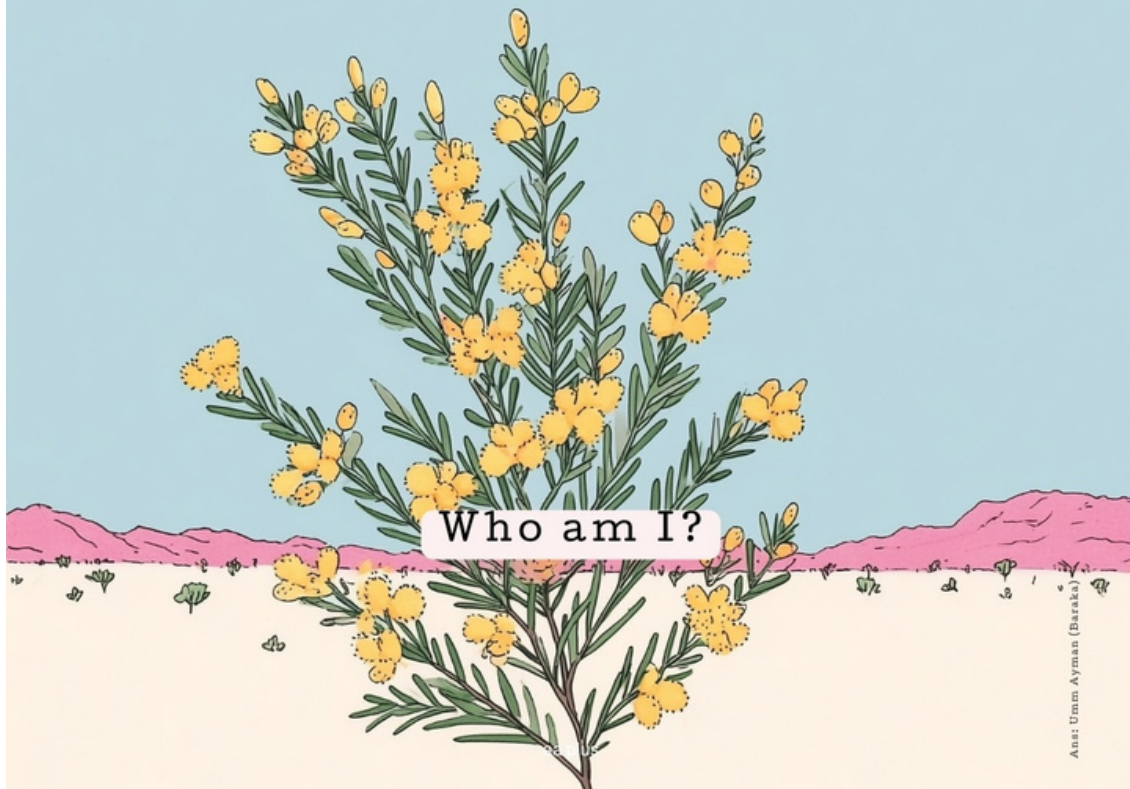
I remember when my mom gave birth to my youngest sister, and our home was filled with dishes lovingly dropped off by our community! Have you ever been part of a meal train, either receiving or organising one for someone special? Share with me!

guess the companion!

I was present
at the birth
of Rasulullah ﷺ

I was among
the first to
embrace Islam

& I'm a woman
known for my
loyalty.



When my team and I did the research for our last Session on the Seerah together, the story of this amazing Sahabiah struck out with me! Can you guess who she is? ❤️

mindset shift

THE
QURAN
GAVE
US A
VOICE.

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Have you ever read the Quran and realised what an honour and blessing it is that Allah SWT, the All-Mighty, has allowed us to read His Perfect Words with **our own flawed voices**?
#Goosebumps. Allah SWT not only gave us the permission to read His Words, but He also generously rewards us for it!!! Champs, may we never, ever take for granted the Quran. May we revere it, celebrate it and give it its due rights! PS: Alhamdulillah, our Rabiulawal Collective Khatam is completed! Thank you, Champs, for always coming together enthusiastically for the Quran!

visual reminder



This beautiful, profound Du'a, made by Prophet Nuh AS after being rejected by his people for 950 years, Subhnallah, has such a significant place in my heart. His cry to Allah SWT was only three words, أَنَا مَغْلُوبٌ فَأَنْتَصِرْ ("I am overpowered, so help me"), but with this sincere Du'a, Allah SWT responded in a way beyond imagination: "So We opened the gates of the sky with pouring water, and We caused the earth to gush forth with springs, so that the waters met for a matter already predestined." ([Qamar: 10-12](#)) Sometimes, when I just can't find it in me to move forth, I recite and repeat these three sacred words: أَنَا مَغْلُوبٌ فَأَنْتَصِرْ

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