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**AN HOMAGE TO A BASIC,
BUT EPIC SUNNAH!**

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become elevated, sacred acts of worship*

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Bismillahirrahmannirrahim:

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Assalamualaikum my Champions,

Alhamdulillah, we started [our second AA Plus Event](#) a few days ago with a Session focusing on Rasulullah ﷺ's Daily Sunnahs, and I am extremely grateful that Ustazah 'Alimatunnisa reminded us of the profound beauty of starting everything with '***Bismillahirrahmannirrahim***'. This simple yet powerful Sunnah is something that we do so often that it's easy to overlook its immense significance. **Its frequency might make it feel routine, but in truth, it's a transformative act that elevates every moment of our lives.**

After Ustazah's Session, I sat to reflect on how profoundly beautiful ***Bismillahirrahmanirrahim*** is. It is not just a phrase, but it is a transformative dua. A declaration of purpose. **A much-needed mental reset that reminds us that Allah SWT is in control, not us.** And that we are always in dire need of His *Rahman* (Mercy) and His *Rahim* (Compassion).

But most of all, this utterance of ***Bismillahirrahmanirrahim*** elevates even the simplest task into a sacred act of Worship.

For example, let's take the act of eating. By starting with "***Bismillah***," we transcend this daily task into a moment of **Gratitude** and **Remembrance**. With every bite, we acknowledge Allah SWT is our ultimate Provider, and that nothing can happen without Him! The simple utterance of Bismillah reminds us that every blessing, no matter how "ordinary", is incomplete without connection to Him.

***Bismillahirrahmannirrahim* should also not be confined to the tongue; it is something that the heart must feel, and a principle that we should all try to live by. When we start everything with Bismillah, we know that Allah SWT is**

guiding us, and that His Blessings are upon us. He is the only One Who can make all that is difficult to be easy, all that is closed to be open, and all that is mundane to be sacred.

Champs, let's make a commitment together.

Let's pause before every action, big or small, and say *Bismillahirrahmanirrahim* with mindful intention. Let's turn every step, every task, and every dream into an act of worship. Imagine how Barakah-filled our lives would be when every beginning is rooted in Allah SWT's name!

May we weave this epic Sunnah into our days, transforming the ordinary into the extraordinary, one *Bismillah* at a time. ❤️

PS: Of course I had to [re-listen to our past Class on the Tafsir of Bismillahirrahmannirrahim with Ustazah Huraidah!](#) This is my 5th listen, and I'm still getting so many gems, Ma Sha Allah!

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Whether helping at home, caring for the needy, or easing the burdens of others, the Prophet ﷺ always showed us that true greatness lies in serving with humility. Join us in this special session as we uncover the often-forgotten Sunnah of Service, and learn about simple, everyday acts that can transform our Character and bring us closer to Allah SWT. Let's revive this Sunnah and make service a part of our lives, In Sha Allah! PS: This is the 3rd Session from our Event, "Becoming Our Best Selves: Shaping Our Character Through the Prophet ﷺ's Perfect Example". [If you haven't had the chance to read the full event itinerary, you should do so here!](#)

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mindset shift

OUR
DEFAULT
RESPONSE:
BE KIND.
BE EASY-
GOING.

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I'm writing this Closer email fresh off our therapeutic Session with Ustazah Syariati, where we explored the beautiful character of Rasulullah ﷺ—his unmatched gentleness, kindness, and approachability. (Can't wait to share with you the playback for this lesson, In Sha Allah!). Ustazah beautifully highlighted that as believers, **kindness should be our default response**. This is the way most pleasing to Allah SWT and the example set by Rasulullah ﷺ, even when faced with harshness or injustice. We never know the struggles someone else might be facing, so let's always choose kindness.

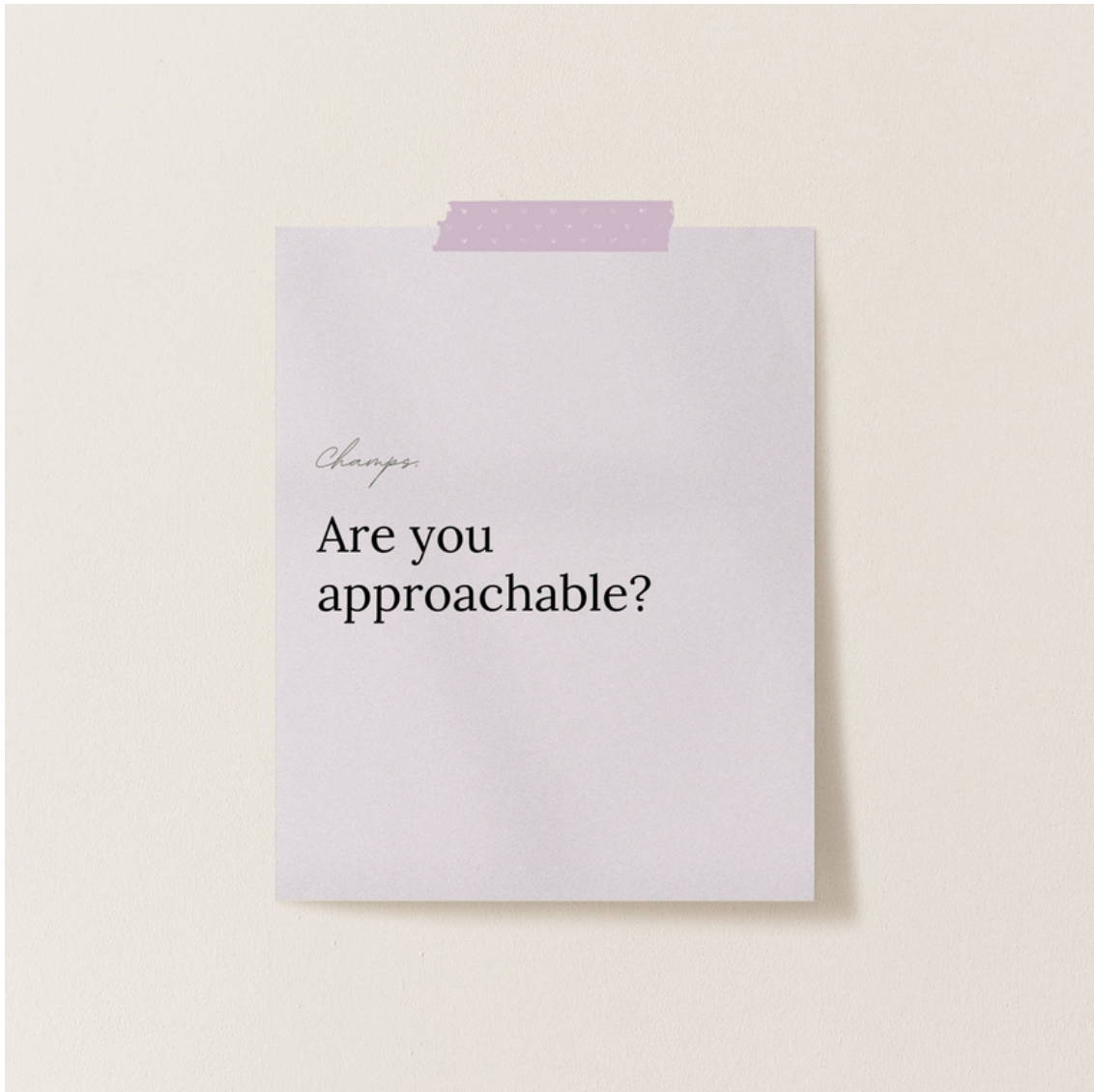
visual reminder



Ustazah 'Alima shared with us her favourite Selawat in our last Session with us, and I can't help but make a wallpaper out of it as it's so beautiful. Ustazah explained that the ك / *Ka* in the Selawat above, which means "you" (referencing to Rasulallah ﷺ), instantly brings to mind his presence, ﷺ, as if he ﷺ is standing right before her. Isn't that a profoundly moving and comforting thought?

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to ponder



Rasulullah ﷺ is known for his warm and approachable nature, always greeting others with a smile and kindness. He ﷺ listened attentively to everyone, regardless of their status, making them feel valued and respected. His humility and openness, ﷺ, fostered trust and love among his companions. But what about us? How do we ensure others feel comfortable approaching us? Do we smile and greet others warmly? Do we listen actively? Are we humble in our speech and in our actions? How's our body language? Do we show genuine interest? And most of all, are we consistent with our approachability, or do we only do so when convenient? Questions to ask myself first before anyone else. 🤔

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