



“Yes Chef”

Kristin and I love to cook. It’s therapeutic for me to come home and spend time in the kitchen making something delicious. It seems to me like there are basically two kinds of home cooks: the recipe follower and the pantry cook. I’m usually a pantry cook. I love looking at all the things we have and throwing something together. Kristin, is a strict recipe follower. She got me a cookbook for Christmas that one of my favorite chef’s just released: *Texture Over Taste* by Joshua Weissman. The book explores how texture affects our food. Now this may sound like I’m a food nerd (and I am), but have you ever thought about how the crunch of a raw carrot is different from the satisfying crunch of a perfectly fried piece of chicken? That’s what this book explores. There are 78 recipes in this book and since I’m typically a more free cook, I’ve decided to follow every recipe to the T as an exercise in becoming a better cook.



The first recipe I made was an everything bagel cracker. I’ve never made a cracker before so this was a fun place to start. I love to bake bread and knead dough so I’ve become pretty familiar with how different types of dough come together and as I started to make this cracker dough I felt like it wasn’t going to come together. I became frustrated with myself. What did I do wrong? The book said to keep kneading until the dough became smooth. After 8 minutes it continued to break apart and I thought, “surely there is supposed to be more oil or water in this...” So I read the recipe closer. It called for “3½ tbsp of olive oil.” I did a double take and shook my head as I realized... I had put in teaspoons (tsp) instead of tablespoons (tbsp). That one little letter “b” made all the difference. I re-made the dough and the crackers turned out beautiful and delicious. Follow the recipe. It’s going to be a fun exercise for me because I generally like to be a little more free when I’m cooking. But I’m committed to finishing all the recipes by the exact recipe.

It’s easy to miss the small things and they can make a big difference. We are reading the New Testament together as a church this year. Like my commitment to getting through all 78 recipes. I hope that you will commit to read through these 27 books with us. These words are life giving for all of us. It’s going to take committing to the plan and taking the time to accomplish this goal together. I hope you can join us and we can all grow together and closer to Christ through this Bible plan. You can join us on the YouVersion Bible app and I’m happy to help you get signed up for that. Let’s not miss the small things and see what God can do with us together.

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Members’ Birthdays

- Sun, January 28– Donna Moore
Mon, January 29 – Priscilla Wilson
Tues, January 30 – Mike Collins
Wed, January 31 – Lindsey Carrizales, Amanda Banister
Thurs, February 1 – Mark Wimberley, Craig Peek, Benita Littleton
Fri, February 2 – Chuck Samson, Kimberly Romero
Sat, February 3 – none

Prayer Requests (church attendees & families). Please call with updates

- Our sympathy to: W.D. (Dave) Farnham & family in the loss of his wife, May Farnham
- Judy Ward’s grandson, Oliver McKay (son of Lindsay)...tonsillitis surgery 1-17/home
 - Rebecca Habibelahian ...broken arm surgery 1-23/Azalea Orthopedics Surgery Center, Tyler
 - Judy Dorsett’s mother, Roxie Schlaht...heart valve surgery 1-31/Houston Methodist
 - Julie Moore...foot surgery 1-18/home
 - Doris Raney’s sister, Delores Hall...heart procedure 1-17/Arlington
 - Judy Dorsett’s brother-in-law, Billy Fleming...angiogram 1-18
 - Elizabeth Flores’ daughter, Vania Maldonado & newborn daughter Aleyah/UT Health NICU, Tyler
 - Nikki DuBose’s mother, Nancy Kissinger...pain from scoliosis issues/home
 - Josh Moreno...cardiologist appt. 1-18
 - Claudia Limon...stress testing
 - Gracie & Carlos Murillo’s son, Max...awaiting kidney transplant match
 - Hospice Care: Martha Rodgers; Anita Wiggin’s brother, Bill Meadors; Lisa Collins’ mom, Glenda Beard; Roger Littleton’s sister, Elizabeth Boynton
 - Military: Hattie Graham’s granddaughter, Karah Lawyer (E5/GSM2) Asian Countries; Liz Flores’ son, Jared Maldonado, in Middle East
 - Cancer Diagnosed: Bill Hauck’s sister, Marie Kirby; Laura Pool; Daniela Matchael’s sister-in-law, Joana Cortez; Cindi Livingston, mother of Anna Fay Wicker’s daughter-in-law; Doris Raney’s niece, Stacy Bates; Rusty Morris; Miriam Inestroza’s mother, Luce Torres; Trayona Skiles; Mary Boehler’s niece, Denise Leach; Kellis White; Jack & Paula Harris’ son-in-law, Carlos Banuelos; BJ Davies; Bob & Tonya Foster’s son, Jim
 - In Rehab or Recuperating: Christy Warnock’s brother, Duncan Frizzell; Ginny Hedge; Bill Hauck; Linda Whitmire; Linda Campbell; Judy Dorsett’s brother-in-law, Brady Pollock; Don & Pat Greenlee’s son, Joshua; Becky Walker; Tina Quattlebaum’s dad, Bill Green; Vicki Dossett; Debbie Leatherwood; Sue Ratliff’s son, Marc Ratliff; Barbara Hearn’s nephew, Jeff Shumate; Barbara Hearn’s great nephew, Blaise Shumate; Kern & Barbara Railsback’s granddaughter, Waverly; David Yarbrough; Beverly Moore; Shirley Bailey’s sister, Charlott Hutson; Win James; Drew Douglas’ mom, Pam Douglas; Katherine Hellwig; Marylyn Wright’s sister, Jeanne Gage; Laura Pool’s sister-in-law, Brenda Bickley

Bible Reading Plan, Grace & Peace		
Day of the Week	Date	Scripture
Sunday	1-28-2024	Matt 19:1-15
Monday	1-29-2024	Matt 19:16-30
Tuesday	1-30-2024	Matt 20:1-16
Wednesday	1-31-2024	Matt 20:17-34
Thursday	2-1-2024	Matt 21:1-22
Friday	2-2-2024	Matt 21:23-46
Saturday	2-3-2024	Matt 22:1-22