



#### SHARING LOVE FROM YOUR KITCHEN

When you bake bread, how do you know how much flour to add? Do you use measuring spoons and cups, or do you create the dough by feel? Are you more likely to make quick bread or wait for the magic of yeast? Whatever your method, why not warm up the oven and make some bread to share with love? Use your favorite recipe or try this one.

#### NO-KNEAD FOCACCIA

##### INGREDIENTS

1 ¼-oz. envelope active dry yeast (about 2 ½ tsp.)  
 2 tsp. honey  
 5 cups all-purpose flour  
 1 Tbsp. kosher salt  
 6 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil, divided, plus more for hands  
 Flaky sea salt

##### Preparation

1. Whisk together yeast, honey and 2 ½ cups lukewarm water in a medium bowl and let sit 5 minutes.
2. Add flour and kosher salt and mix with a rubber spatula until a shaggy dough forms and no dry streaks remain.
3. Pour 4 Tbsp. olive oil into a large bowl. Transfer dough to bowl and turn to coat in oil. Cover with plastic wrap and chill until dough is doubled in size, at least 8 hours; or let rise at room temperature 3-4 hours.
4. Generously butter a 13x9" baking pan or an 18x13" rimmed baking sheet. Pour 1 Tbsp. olive oil into center of pan. Keeping the dough in the bowl and using a fork in each hand, gather up edges of dough farthest from you and lift up and over into center of bowl. Give the bowl a quarter turn and repeat process. Do this 2 more times to deflate dough while you form it into a rough ball. Transfer dough to prepared pan. Let rise, uncovered, in a dry, warm spot until doubled in size, at least 1½ hours.
5. Place a rack in middle of oven; preheat to 450°. Dough is ready if it springs back slowly, leaving a small indentation when poked with a finger.
6. Lightly oil your hands. Gently stretch out dough to fill pan. Dimple focaccia all over with your fingers. Drizzle with remaining 1 Tbsp. olive oil, and sprinkle with flaky sea salt. Bake until puffed and golden brown all over, 20-30 minutes.

Recipe with helpful videos available at [blctcmn.co/bread](http://blctcmn.co/bread)

# LOVE Beyond MEASURE

*How tall are you? How many likes did you get on that post? How big is your house? How much do you make? How many years until you can retire? What grade did you get? How far apart do we need to stand to be safe? How many times do I have to tell you? What time do you have to wake up? How many steps did you get today? How many years has it been? How long until we get there? What's your pain level from 1-10?*

We measure our lives in so many ways, but God counts differently. Through these forty days of Lent, we'll explore God's scales. Each day asks a new question to ponder about God's love beyond measure. You'll be guided to a verse that may not have all the answers, but will meet you in wonder for the ways God measures with love.. These are glimpses of a different kind of love, that does not keep score or even always make sense. This Lent, we remember the surprising and subversive power of love beyond measure.

#### CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTIONS

If you have kids in your life, consider using any of these titles to talk about God's expansive love.

- *The Runaway Bunny*, by Margaret Wise Brown (1942)
- *Images of God for Young Children*, by Marie-Helen Delval (2010)
- *What is God Like?* by Rachel Held Evans & Matthew Paul Turner (2021)
- *Maybe God is Like That Too*, by Jennifer Grant (2017)
- *I Love You This Much*, by Lynn Hodges & Sue Buchanan (2001)
- *Who Counts? 100 Sheep, 10 Coins, and 2 Sons*, by Amy-Jill Levine & Sandy Eisenberg Sasso (2017)
- *The Marvelous Mustard Seed*, by Amy-Jill Levine & Sandy Eisenberg Sasso (2018)
- *Guess How Much I Love You*, by Sam McBratney (2008)
- *Love You Forever*, by Robert Munsch (1986)
- *David Gets in Trouble*, by David Shannon (2002)
- *God's Dream*, by Archbishop Desmond Tutu & Douglas Carlton Abrams (2008)

<b>DAILY PRAYER:</b> Good and Gracious God, open my eyes to see your love at work in me. Then open my hands and heart, and teach me to love without keeping score or counting the cost. In Jesus' name, Amen.	1	2	3	4
	What's my status?	Is one person significant?	How many people need to be in church for it to matter?	How many times do I need to forgive?
	Matthew 18:1-4	Matthew 18:12-14	Matthew 18:20	Matthew 18:21-22
	Ash Wednesday			

<b>1st Sunday in Lent</b>	5	6	7	8	9	10
	What's the most important thing? 1 Corinthians 13:13	How long does love last? 1 Corinthians 13:8a	How much credit does God need? Matthew 8:1-4	What is the size of God's love? Ephesians 3:18-19	What can God's love do? Ephesians 3:20-21	What do I have to do to be good enough? Matthew 19:16-26

<b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b>	11	12	13	14	15	16
	How expansive is God's love? Psalm 103:11	What lasts? Psalm 102:25-27	How many different kinds of What people are allowed to eat with Jesus? Matthew 9:9-13	How many people does it take to do God's work? Matthew 9:37-38	How much of God's Spirit do you get? John 3:34	Is God fair? Matthew 20:1-16

<b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b>	17	18	19	20	21	22
	How long is too long to be away? Luke 15:11-24	Is God's love a zero-sum game? Luke 15:25-32	Where's the limit of God's love? Matthew 9:18-26 & Romans 8:38-39	How much do I matter? Matthew 10:29-31	How much can God carry? Matthew 11:28-30	What does it mean to be first and best with God? Matthew 20:20-26

<b>4th Sunday in Lent</b>	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Will a google search increase my understanding of God? Romans 11:33-34	Who am I that God would love me? Psalm 8:3-5	What if there's not enough? Matthew 14:15-21	How much is enough? Exodus 16:15-16	Bonus activity: Make bread with yeast. Describe what happens to the dough. Matthew 13:33	How many ways can you imagine what God looks like? Matthew 23:37-42

<b>5th Sunday in Lent</b>	29	30	31	32	33	34
	How would you measure these things? Isaiah 40:12	How far is God's reach? Psalm 18:16-19	How much faith do you have to have for Jesus to save you? Matthew 14:23b-33	How far can I wander from God? Psalm 139:7-10	What kind of time frame does God operate in? Psalm 103:15-17	What does "humble" look like? Matthew 21:1-5

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	35	36	37	38	39	40
	What's the most important commandment? Matthew 22:37-39	What's worthwhile? Matthew 26:6-13	Who determines "fair market value"? Matthew 26:14-16	How costly is the promise? Matthew 26:26-29 Maundy Thursday	How much does love give? Matthew 27:35-36 Good Friday	How powerful is this love? Ephesians 1:17-23

<b>LENTEN WORSHIP TIMES:</b>  Wednesday Night Services - March 1 - 29 (MPLS & MTKA) 7:00 pm Livestream will alternate between campuses  Maundy Thursday - April 6 - 7:00 pm (MPLS & MTKA)  Good Friday - April 7 - 7:00 pm (MPLS, MTKA, & Spirit Garage)	<b>EASTER WORSHIP TIMES:</b>  Sunday, April 9 6:00*, 8:00, 9:30*, 11:00 am (MPLS) 9:30 am (MTKA) 10:30 am (Spirit Garage)  *Services will be livestream at <a href="http://blctcmn.co/stream">blctcmn.co/stream</a>
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