Salt and Serenity

Breakfast Toast with Labneh, Roasted Strawberries and Hazelnuts

Serves 2

This recipe makes more labneh and strawberries than you will use for breakfast for 1-2 people, but the leftover labneh will keep, refrigerated, for up to 2 weeks, and the berries will last for a week.

4 cups strawberries, washed, hulled and cut in half, or into quarters if really huge 1 teaspoon sugar Large container of full-fat (3.25%) plain or Greek yogurt (depending on brand, a large container is usually 3-4 cups/750-1000grams). ½ teaspoon kosher salt ½ teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice 4 slices toasted sourdough or whole grain bread ¼ cup toasted skinned hazelnuts, coarsely chopped Honey for drizzling

- Preheat oven to 375°F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. In a medium sized bowl, mix berries with sugar. Spread them out in a single layer on the baking sheet and roast for about 25-30 minutes.
- 2. Line a wire mesh strainer with a few layers of cheesecloth. Set the strainer over a deep bowl. The bottom of the strainer should be a few inches above the bottom of the bowl.
- Stir the lemon juice and salt into the yogurt. Transfer the yogurt into the lined strainer. Fold the ends of the cheesecloth over the yogurt and refrigerate for 24-48 hours. If you used Greek yogurt, it will be quite thick after 24 hours. If you used regular, additional straining time will be required.
- 4. Remove the labneh from the cheesecloth, and put it into a bowl. Discard the whey, or feed it to the pigs, if you happen to keep pigs.
- 5. Spread toast with labneh, top with a few strawberries. Scatter toasted hazelnuts over the toast. Drizzle with honey. Eat and be happy!