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The purpose of this document is to summarize a few Power Measurement Ideas. The related power measurement scripture document records the idea of **excellence** in the Bible, which leads to the requirement for **teamwork**, which leads to the need for my **gift** and **calling** of **power** measurement.

Recording the Idea of Excellence

My process is to collect scripture for **words I use when talking about Power/Faith Measurement**. Words such as: Calling, Purpose, Kingdom, Grace, Cross, Gifts, Heart, Design, Anointing, Oil, Talking, Tabernacle, Offering, Name, Power, Authority, Tithe, Predestined, Acceptable, and Respected.

Recording the Gospel

This idea of excellence is in the forefront of the **gospel**. It is at the beginning in Genesis, and it is developed throughout the Bible. Because of this placement, (if we believe the Bible has integrity), excellence must be a key to the **meaning** of the Bible.

Intro to my calling

If the **gospel** is the meaning of the Bible in a **nutshell**, then my calling may be to build a better nutshell. I am not talking about creating a new **gospel**. I am talking about fleshing out a gospel that has already been started. For example: in **Church** history, there is a calendar that presents the **gospel**. The first half is about getting from **Death** into **Life**. The second half of the calendar is about what you do in life. When Billy Graham spoke, he is talked about the first half of that calendar. He got people into life. My focus is on what happens in **Life**. See more on my calling at the end of this document. By the way, **Life** and **Death** are capitalized because I am emphasizing the definition of life and death presented in Genesis.

Genesis as a Meta-Model

Genesis is my **meta-model**. It is the **model** I use to **model** the **gospel** or build my **nutshell**. **Meta-models** enforce integrity. **Meta-models** guarantee the whole model will agree with itself. I have learned to use this idea and the meta-model concept from my preachers and teachers. It is complex, but not complicated. Using Genesis as a model is not a new idea.

Enforced Integration

Genesis is the **model** for my **nutshell**. Relationships introduced Genesis are the **meta-model** for my **model**. As I pick up the story line, I pick up gospel ideas. Then I organize, or model, or understand those ideas using the relationships presented in Genesis. That way, I am forcing integration upon everything I see as I go along. With my method, I am

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forcing the Bible to agree with itself. The measures in Genesis control the meaning of the whole Bible, Old and New Testaments.

New Ideas Spring from Experience

It is my **nutshell**. It is my **gospel**. Like the Church, it is a work in process. It measures the current state of my comprehension of the relationships presented in Genesis.

I am continually developing my **nutshell**. It develops by pulling new ideas from the story line and organizing them to my Genesis meta-model.

New ideas come to me from the story line of God and his people, including my personal story line. In other words, my new ideas come from both kinds of Word of God, the written Word (Logos) and my personal (Rhema)Word.

Summary of Power Measurement Ideas

Must Measure Desire – Examine Heart

If we do not measure our heart, we can not give it to God.

How can we give a desire, if we do not know it?

How can we describe our heart's desire, without our mind?

We can pray in the spirit, but how will God change our heart?

When we measure our heart, our first measurement tool is our spirit.

Our spirit measures our heart.

Our spirit will tell our mind what is on our heart.

Circumcision cleans our heart.

Our examination brings us spiritual revelation.

For example: when we pray in the spirit, our heart comes to mind.

Our examination centers on Desire

Whether our heart is clean or dirty, it is our heart.

Whether our heart is clean or dirty, we must know it.

Whether our heart is clean or dirty, we must give it.

It's not about right or wrong, it's a relationship.

It's not about right or wrong, it's about desire.

For example: when we pray in the spirit, our desire comes to mind.

God speaks to us through our spirit with our heart.

Revelation will let we know what to say.

All our communication must be done this way.

Communication with others will let us know what to do.

For example: our suppliers need to know our requirements and our customers need to know what we can do to help them.

Our spirit light will show us the way.

Ask yourself, what comes to mind when you pray in the spirit?

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Must Completely Release Desire – Circumcise Heart

Must first examine heart

Before a desire can be communicated, it first must be known.

Your heart links your mind and your spirit.

Must Know your heart.

Use your spirit lamp to examine your heart.

When your spirit examines your heart, your mind will know what is on your heart.

God speaks to you through your heart.

Again, ask yourself where your mind goes when you pray in the spirit?

When you know your heart, circumcise it.

Open it up to God.

Completely expose it to God.

Share it with him.

Circumnavigate your world with him.

Pray about it. Talk about it.

If you have measured your heart, you can use your measurements to organize your talk.

Circumcise simply means to open heart to God.

Visualize scissors cutting all the way around the heart.

When we open our heart, God changes our heart.

When we open our heart, we sacrifice our old heart.

When we open our heart, the exam light intensifies.

When we open our heart, the bright light refines it.

When we open our heart, the light expands it.

When we open our heart, we lose our old desire.

When we open our heart, it will never be the same.

We sacrifice old desires, we get an expanded heart.

Scripture says we circumcise, and it also says he does it.

We open our heart, he expands the opening.

He gives us a bigger and softer heart.

There will be a good battle

Believe me, when you get a new desire there will be a reluctance to give it to God.

For good reason, you do not want to lose it.

You want a sharp contrast.

The better you know your heart, better the contrast.

Even when you get it recorded, there will be a battle because you like your heart.

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But gloriously, your faith in God kicks in. God wins.

Sharp contrast is your personal revelation from God.
To see the contrast, these ideas must be written down.
There are business techniques for doing this quickly.
Techniques for recording what, not how and when.
By recording these ideas, we begin to measure our faith.
Because of previous experience, your confidence in God's heart will win.

Your history of measured faith will win the battle.

You will recognize God's heart.
His is the one like it came directly from the Bible.
Looking back, you prefer his; and
You wonder why you were so excited about yours.
Yours is the one like it came directly from you.
His is your personal word from him, your faith.

A personal word from God is your faith.

The Bible is a general word to man from God.
This is your personal word to you from God.

As you live by faith, you will measure it.

We measure it with a vision.
We measure it with a prayer.
We measure it with a plan.
We measure it with performance.
We measure it with performance history.
We measure it with performance forecasts.

You will also measure the faith of others.

We are designed for teamwork.
We must see beyond ourselves.
We must share our faith.
If we don't, God's participation is blocked.

Faith is a Cycle

Confidence is your performance forecast.

Forecasts are historical.
Confidence is historical.
Confidence is what you know you can do.

Confidence comes from a vision.

We see ourselves as God sees us.
This new perspective affects our decisions.
He participates and we get new ideas.

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Circumcision
New vision

Confidence is a Cycle

A cycle of focus
There is a focus on the future.
There is a focus on the present.
There is a focus on the past.
Faith is historical.
Faith has a base.
Been there, done that.
I can do it again.

Confidence is faith.

Confidence in the Word is Faith
Faith starts with Circumcision

The Common Meaning of Calling

Calling is Talking

When you call someone on the phone you want to talk to them.
Afterwards, your “call” with them means your talk or conversation with them.
As a verb call means “to talk” and as a noun it means “the talk”.
“The talk” is the conversation itself as a planned creation.

Calling is Conversation

The word “Calling” in the Bible is the same type of word.
Throughout, the Bible uses it the same common way.
Even in Romans, it means our conversation with God.

Conversation is Creative

Conversation is a planned creation.
Like all creation, creative activity has an object.
As part of God’s creative activity, we have an assignment.
That assignment controls our conversation with God.
That assignment controls our conversation with Everyone.
As part of God’s creative activity, we are creating a plan.
Creative activity has organization, assignment and purpose.
Common Conversation is creative.
Calling is creative.

Before Time Began, We Received an Assignment

God wants to talk with us and he has given each of us a calling or an assigned subject for our conversation with him.

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Before Time Began, We Received an Assignment

Within Our Assignment, The Door is Open

There is a time for everything.

When it is time to plan, the door is open.

Within that assignment, the door is open.

God wants to talk about that subject.

The door is open.

For Example: My Calling and My Gospel

Power Measurement (Comprehension, Meaning, Gospel)

Comprehension has always been in the forefront of my gifting. **Comprehension** is the ability to summarize and repeat a **meaning**.

The name I have given my calling is **power measurement**. Any **measurement** is about **meaning**. Along the way, I have created a **power measurement tool** that organizes my summary methods. So, my calling about finding **meaning**.

The **gospel** is the **meaning** of the Bible in a **nutshell**. **Preachers** comprehend **main ideas** in the Bible and preach them in a **nutshell** called the **gospel**.

The **gospel** has evolved. As soon as I heard about the **gospel**, I tried to find it in the Bible. I discovered you find it in the preacher. The gospel has evolved as the **Church** has improved. God is perfecting the **Church**, and as that is happening, the **Church** is perfecting the gospel. This evolution is easily seen as we look back over **Church** history. Improvements to the **gospel** have been resisted. The most resistance usually comes from the people with the previous improvement. However, as God is perfecting his **Church**, his **Church** is perfecting its **gospel**.

Part of My Calling may be to Build a Better Nutshell

It has always bothered me that the **nutshell** I hear being **preached** is not as good as the **nutshell** I personally get when I read the Bible. It bothers me the challenges to the **gospel** as currently being preached are answered by the one I get.

It has always bothered me that I have a good gospel, but I have no desire to be a preacher. I began reading the Bible from cover to cover in 1985. Almost as soon as I began doing that, I got the idea I could build a better nutshell. I knew I could do it but I also knew I was not going to preach it.

Until lately, I was too embarrassed to show my gospel to others.

And when I did, it was not well received. Like Sarah, I also laughed at my calling. My calling has grown faster and broader than I would have preferred. Until lately, I never wanted to show my gospel. When realized people did not see the need for teamwork in the gospel, I realized people needed my gospel to understand the need for faith

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measurement. I realized the thing that makes the Bible so interesting to me, was not common knowledge. So here I am showing it.

Why I Continually Read the Bible

I read the Bible because it is fun. I am continually organizing my **nutshell**. With my commute, I am able to read the Bible a little every day and when I am on vacation or on the weekend I am generally able to increase that reading. When I read, my mind is constantly comprehending. It is constantly summarizing **new ideas** from the story line and **organizing** them with the relationships presented in Genesis. Another way to say this: Genesis is my **meta-model**. It is the **model** I use to **model** the **gospel** or build my **nutshell**. **Meta-models** enforce integrity. **Meta-models** guarantee the whole model will agree with itself. I have learned to use this idea and the meta-model concept from my preachers and teachers. It is complex, but not complicated. Using Genesis as a model is not a new idea. I have also noticed the people who do this enjoy reading the Bible. I continually read the Bible because it is fun.

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I own my Nutshell.

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I assume the Bible is well written

When people write, they use story lines and they develop **relationships**. The Bible uses both **relationships** and lines to introduce us to a meaningful life. In the end that meaning is **relational**, like the righteousness of being in the right place with God.

The best writing, like the Bible, emphasizes **relationships** because all meaning is **relational**. All meaning is a geometry or a **measurement**, and not just an endless line. Another way to say it is there is more to life than the road trip. If it is just a road trip, it is without **meaning**, it is vanity, it is futility, and it is emptiness.

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Like a good book, the Bible gives us the **relationships** in Genesis so we can participate in the development of **meaning** on our road trip.

We are the **Church**. So, **Church** history is a development of meaning as we go along a road trip. From prophesy, we know this **Church** road trip will end about the time we are not interfering with each other.

History is “his story”. We are “his body.” By faith, we learn how to integrate. We measure faith to see how we function as parts of his body, without interfering with each other.

Looking back over **history**, we can see improvement all along the way. God is building his **Church**. Usually after the fact, we notice the improvement we see was written as **prophesy** in the Bible. Prophesy is the story line which helps us understand the **relationships** in Genesis. God is building a perfect **Church**.

Integrity must be built-in

Without a **meta-model**, it is impossible to integrate. **Integrity** must be built in. I am presenting my **nutshell** because I noticed from talking to people that other people seem to be organizing their Gospel in a different way. For example, some other people seem to be memorizing scripture and linking the scripture they have memorized.

A personal **gospel** is a **model** that requires a **meta-model** for **integrity**. Plus, like reading a well-written book, meaning can not be expressed story line only. **Meaning** is revealed somewhere above the **relationships**. The story line helps you flesh out the **relationships**. Those **relationships** provide **integrity**. **Integrity** supports **Meaning**. **Meaning** is revealed somewhere above those fleshed out relationships. So, there must be a **meta-model** for **integrity**.

As I began my process, I noticed my **nutshell** was at least **integrated** and I knew where it fit in **Church** history. I also noticed other **nutshells** failed to **integrate**. They failed because **integrity** was not built in. For **integrity**, every **model** needs a **meta-model**. Genesis is a **meta-model**.

My nutshell describes the “shining city on the hill”, a city that draws people to **Christ**. It is a metaphor for the **Church**. It is a focus on **Life in Christ**. It is not new. In the **Church Calendar** from Church history, half is devoted to getting to that city and half is devoted to what you do once there. My purpose is power **measurement** for living by faith in that city. So, my focus will be on the **meaning** of life in Christ.

Because it is fun, I am looking for people to help me with my **nutshell**. So far, I have developed some main ideas from the scriptures using Genesis as my **meta-model**.

With this document, I want to introduce this fun process. Here I first present some main ideas that are **relationships** from Genesis fleshed out by ideas from the story line. Scripture and supporting ideas are presented at the end.

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The Fun Way- Only Way to Read the Bible

The Humble Way – Assume it makes sense.

The fun way to read the Bible is to assume it agrees with itself. We assume this when we read any book. If we are humble, we give a book the benefit of the doubt. For the book to have any meaning to us, we assume it makes sense. To learn anything, we must respect the ideas as logical constructions before we decide whether or not we will use them as models for living. We first see the idea. For the book to be profitable to us (for the whole to be greater than the sum of its parts) first we have to see how it agrees with itself. We force the book to agree with itself.

Force that assumption – Be Teachable

The fun way to read the Bible is to force it to integrate with itself. If your respected teacher outlined a truth, you would expect his example of that truth to fit the outline. As you understand the example, to understand his idea you must fit your understanding of the example into his outline. This fitting process is fun because it is powerful. It speeds up the process of you seeing his idea.

Building Blocks for Power

Like building blocks speed up the process of building, the outline speeds up the process of seeing his idea. You must fit the example into the outline to see his idea. Until you see it, you can not evaluate its power.

Biblical Building Blocks

Even though it was written by several men, the fun way is to assume it was written by one man. To understand writing, you must understand what the words meant at the time and place they were written. Knowing what the words meant, you still have to force them to fit into the framework presented in the relationships defined by at the beginning of the writing.

Understand all Powerful Ideas to Avoid Some

Take witchcraft for example. To avoid witchcraft, you have to know what it is. Avoid witchcraft, but do not be afraid of ideas. To avoid witchcraft, you first must see it as an idea. Competing powerful ideas have challenged us and helped us see our gospel. All power must be seen, but only one power should be used.

Is the Bible Confusing or Boring?

For some reason, any other way to read the Bible will misrepresent God. The way it is written, any other approach to understanding leads us to describe a mean, angry and unreliable God. People who read the Bible without enforcing integrity say the Bible can mean many things. They do not find God, they find the opposite. Even if you don't believe, a capricious God is very confusing.

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Also, any other way is very boring. I think Bible was designed to kick you out if you do not enter the right way. You wouldn't read any other book very long if it did not have integrity.

Teachable is Fun

So even if a person does not believe, to find the God of the Bible we need a gospel. We need a model for to see the integrity. The fun way is to look for integrity. The fun way is to build your gospel with integrity. The fun way is the only way learn.

Complicated?

It is not complicated, but it must be complex. Anything that has meaning is complex. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts. The meaning of life is complex. Life is as simple as it can be and still have meaning. Complicated is confusing. Complex is powerful. With relationships for meaning, the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. The Bible is designed to give us some basic relationships with a basic story line that we can use to flesh out our understanding of those basic relationships, as we flesh out our own personal relationships.

Hall of Faith Measurement

Hebrews 11: Hall Of Faith Scripture

The Holy Bible, New King James Version

Faith is

Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)

¹Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Faith is substance and evidence.

If faith is substance of things hoped for.

If faith is evidence of things not seen.

Then faith is described as a product, a measure of effectiveness.

By Faith the elders obtained a good testimony.

Hebrews 11:2 (NKJV)

²For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony.

By their product, the elders left us a testimony.

Their testimony was the evidence they left, their substance.

Testimony is a product attribute measurement.

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It was measurable, not pie-in-the-sky.

We know about it because it was so measurable.

By Faith “We” understand the worlds were created by the Word

Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV)

³By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

By Faith Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice than Cain

The excellence scripture, Hebrews 11:4:

Hebrews 11:4 (NKJV)

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

His excellent gift was his witness he was in the right place.

His excellent gift was his witness he was doing the right thing.

His excellent gift was his witness he was with God.

God told him of his gifts through his excellent gift, or product.

God told him of his purpose through his excellent product.

His excellent product was his substance, his evidence, his faith.

His excellent product was his faith in his God given gifts.

His excellent gift still speaks to us.

Without Faith it is impossible to please God

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

⁶But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

We have to believe that God exists.

We have to believe that God rewards.

To please God we must come to him with those rewards.

Faith is what we bring to him.

Faith is the substance and evidence of our belief in him.

Faith is the history of a cycle with God.

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Faith is an objective measure of our confidence.

Noah's Ark Measured his Faith and Condemned the World

By Faith Noah

Hebrews 11:7 (NKJV)

⁷By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Noah's Ark objectively measured his confidence.

It was evidence he was right with God.

It was substance of his hope for the City of God.

It condemned the World.

By Faith Abraham obeyed, dwelt, waited, and produced.

By Faith Abraham obeyed when he was called

Hebrews 11:8 (NKJV)

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

By Faith Abraham dwelt in the land as a foreigner

Hebrews 11:9 (NKJV)

⁹By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;

By Faith Abraham waited for the city

Hebrews 11:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

By Faith Abraham (with Sarah) produced.

Hebrews 11:11 (NKJV)

¹¹By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she^o bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.

Therefore from old Abraham we were born many.

Hebrews 11:12 (NKJV)

¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born *as many* as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

Faith is not receiving promises.

Faith is believing the promises

Hebrews 11:13 (NKJV)

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¹³These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off •were assured of them, embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Faith is believing, not receiving.

Faith is seeking a place.

Faith is seeking a homeland

Hebrews 11:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland.

Faith is seeking a better place

Hebrews 11:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵And truly if they had called to mind that *country* from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return.

Faith is seeking a place in God's City in a heavenly country

Hebrews 11:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly *country*. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.