

## The Immeasurable Made Measurable

### *Galatians 4:4 AMPC*

**[4] But when the proper time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born subject to [the regulations of] the Law,**

### *Isaiah 7:14 AMPC*

**[14] Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign: Behold, the young woman who is unmarried and a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel [God with us].**

In 1628, crowds in Sweden watched in horror as a new warship, Vasa, sank less than a mile into her maiden voyage, with the death of 30 people on board. Armed with 64 bronze cannons, it was considered by some to be the most powerful warship in the world. Experts who have studied it since it was raised in 1961 say it is asymmetrical, being thicker on the port side than the starboard side. One reason for this could be that the workmen were using different systems of measurement. Archaeologists have found four rulers used by the workmen who built the ship. Two were calibrated in Swedish feet, which had 12 inches, while the other two measured Amsterdam feet, which had 11 inches.

So it is with our lives. When we use the wrong measurements of philosophies and human ideologies to determine how to love one another in real time, and in day to day sacrificing, we like the warship Vasa will find relationships sinking in trouble. As they say in the Milton Bradley game, 'YOU SUNK MY BATTLESHIP'

## So Everything Can Be Measured In Our World

Humans have devised many scales of measurement. There are measurements of inches, feet, and miles used for height, width, and length. We weigh objects in pounds and ounces. We divide time from millennia all the way down to nanoseconds (one-billionth of a second). We measure temperature down to absolute zero (0 degrees Kelvin or minus 459.7 degrees Fahrenheit)

We all use measurements to judge time, relationships, processes, growth and failures in our lives. Has anyone ever heard of the Smoot measurement?

Smoot – As almost every MIT student knows, a smoot is a unit of length equal to five feet seven inches. In 1958, a 5 foot 7 inch tall fraternity pledge named Oliver Smoot agreed to be used to measure the 2,000 feet long Harvard Bridge which connects Boston and Cambridge. After repeatedly lying down on the bridge and having his position marked in chalk, it turned out that the bridge was 364.4 smoots (and an ear) long. Google now offers the option to measure anything in smoots.

The Moment – Whenever somebody asks you to do something and you reply “just a moment,” don’t think you’re being sneaky by not giving them a precise time. You’re not. A moment is a measurement of time used during the medieval period. It is equal to roughly one and a half minutes.

The Scoville – The Scoville Scale is used to measure the amount of capsaicin in chilis, because it’s sometimes important to know the exact temperature of the inferno that’s raging in your mouth.

**But there is one thing we humans will never be able to measure and that is the spirit of almighty God called Elohim or we call YHWH. God is immeasurable in three ways:**

1. ***In the greatness of His power*** according to Ephesians 1:18-19. Ephesians 1:18-19 "I pray...that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe.
2. According to NASA and the BBC news our universe is 93 billion light years in diameter.

**An international team of scientists has discovered a new, massive star system -- one that also challenge existing theories of how large stars eventually die.**

This system is likely the first of its kind ever discovered in our own galaxy," says Benjamin Pope, a NASA Sagan fellow at New York University's Center for Cosmology and Particle Physics and one of the researchers.

**Psalm 147:4-5 AMPC**

**[4] He determines and counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by their names. [5] Great is our Lord and of great power; His understanding is inexhaustible and boundless.**

Would you say with me, GOD'S POWER IS IMMEASURABLE!

God's love is immeasurable according to **Eph. 3:19**-it says, "*and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge*".

King David of old said, "*What is man that thou art mindful of, for I am but just a worm*"

There are many great human philosophers who have given the human race tremendous contributions on the subject of love. People like Mahatma Gandhi. People like Aristotle who once said, love is reciprocal goodwill that only comes when people are similar in virtues. Time does not permit us to name all of the great philosophers who gave our world a better place to live with their contribution to love like, Shakespeare, Oscar Wilde, and Socrates.

But God knew, before you were born, you and I like the warship Vasa could not measure relationship love by ourselves, because of our backgrounds and our past we see love through a glass darkly to compound that issue we try to see love through our religious traditions and catechism and that causes relationship conflicts. It is literally impossible to comprehend an accurate measurement of love no matter how hard we try to love each other in our human and biological family commitments.

**So in the fullness of time God sent His son Jesus Christ made of a woman to give you and me a definition of measuring human love.**

**Ephesians 3:16-19 AMPC**

[16] May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality]. [17] May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love

and founded securely on love, [18] That you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it]; [19] [That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which .far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!

The birth of Jesus Christ is God's tape measurer to the human race for measuring His immeasurable love. All time is measured after this measuring tape called Jesus Christ-when we quote time we say B.C or A.D right? No other man is time measured after like Jesus Christ. We never say 33 Muhammad or 60 Mao Say Tung.

**God is infinite in character power in nature and localized himself in a body so that we could measure him to some kind of standard.**

*This is important because when you do not have God's knowledge of the man Christ Jesus breathing in your heart it is hard to measure love. It will also be difficult to measure his character. I, for example, could not measure time management. I could not measure the depth perception for emotional sensitivity without looking at the man Christ Jesus. I needed to see other kingdom Christ centered relationships to measure love in my own life. I needed a connectivity to the body of Christ to grow in comprehension to his breadth, length, height and depth of his love in a relational way. I have men for example tell me I never realize I was hurting my wife or children with my anger or emotional selfishness. Until they began to measure their conduct and behavior to the man Christ Jesus. This immeasurable God became measurable in love when he was manifested in flesh. He came in the flesh so that we can measure love and intimacy. He came in real flesh and blood so we can experience the normalcy of human relationships because without it, we left to our own opinions and philosophies which destroys relationships.*

**The third way God is immeasurable is with His grace. Ephesians 2:7 "...in order that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace. It's immeasurable because you and I need real real bad in order to practice this love business with each other. We must first admit, I cannot love God back everyday without His grace giving me the power to love. This is a real problem for some of us. We are still trying to love our spouses, family members, and children and saints with human love. You will live very disappointed because you cannot measure love on that basis. You will be like the warship Vasa. I would share to people I was loving my wife like Christ loved the church but I was ignorant of His love and I wasn't loving her the measurement of Galatians 5:22**

**Galatians 5:22-26 AMPC**

[22] But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness, [23] Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge]. [24] And those who belong to Christ Jesus (the Messiah) have crucified the flesh (the godless human nature) with its passions and appetites and desires. [25] If we live by the [Holy] Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. [If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.] [26] Let us not become vainglorious and self-conceited, competitive and challenging and provoking and irritating to one another, envying and being jealous of one another. (Tape ruler-this is God's Measurement of love).

**Isaiah 53:3-5 AMPC**

[3] He was despised and rejected and forsaken by men, a Man of sorrows and pains, and acquainted with grief and sickness; and like One from Whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we did not appreciate His worth or have any esteem for Him. [4] Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains [of punishment], yet we [ignorantly] considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God [as if with leprosy]. [5] But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole.

1. Must experience Isaiah 53 for myself before I can demonstrate it for my wife. This is the measurement of love.
2. If I don't, it is because of selfishness or neglect.
3. Neglect causes the woman to go after the serpent of mismanaging time and resources.
4. Selfishness causes her to anger and depression within herself.
5. I cannot demonstrate Isaiah 53.

This is God's measurement of love. His measurement of love is in the joy set before him he endured the cross. This means when I am measuring God's love by the man Christ Jesus I will have overflow love to evangelize. And to disciple others. And to mentor others And to walk away from sin from my old lifestyle.

- ❖ HOW? BY HIS IMMEASURABLE GRACE I GET THROUGH WORSHIP AND PRAYER AND THE OBEDIENCE TO HIS WORD.
- ❖ GOD EXPECTS YOU AND ME TO ACT ON THIS LOVE BY HIS MEASUREMENTS TODAY!
- ❖ This kind of love expects you to act on it to receive courage, boldness, endurance and long suffering and the power to forgive and serve the people you don't like.
- ❖ Why? Because I am measuring my behavior by this love and not just what I am feeling in the spirit or by some book I read.
- ❖ Nor by reacting out of hurt feelings.
- ❖ I am not basing this kind of love on my skill set or intellectuality.
- ❖ or even by how I was raised.
- ❖ It's measured by the man Christ Jesus wholistically, body, soul and spirit.

The Message version of Isaiah 41 verse 11 tells it best in this regard.

**ISAIAH 41:11-20 - THE MESSAGE VERSION**

But you, Israel, are my servant.  
You're Jacob, my first choice,  
descendants of my good friend Abraham.  
I pulled you in from all over the world,  
called you in from every dark corner of the earth,  
Telling you, 'You're my servant, serving on my side.  
I've picked you. I haven't dropped you.'  
Don't panic. I'm with you.  
There's no need to fear for I'm your God.  
I'll give you strength. I'll help you.  
I'll hold you steady, keep a firm grip on you.

**11-13**

“Count on it: Everyone who had it in for you  
will end up out in the cold—  
real losers.  
Those who worked against you  
will end up empty-handed—  
nothing to show for their lives.  
When you go out looking for your old adversaries  
you won’t find them—  
Not a trace of your old enemies,  
not even a memory.  
That’s right. Because I, your God,  
have a firm grip on you and I’m not letting go.  
I’m telling you, ‘Don’t panic.  
I’m right here to help you.’

**14-16**

“Do you feel like a lowly worm, Jacob?  
Don’t be afraid.  
Feel like a fragile insect, Israel?  
I’ll help you.  
I, God, want to reassure you.  
The God who buys you back, The Holy of Israel.  
I’m transforming you from worm to harrow,  
from insect to iron.  
As a sharp-toothed harrow you’ll smooth out the mountains,  
turn those tough old hills into loamy soil.  
You’ll open the rough ground to the weather,  
to the blasts of sun and wind and rain.  
But you’ll be confident and exuberant,  
expansive in The Holy of Israel!

**17-20**

Let's read col. 2:6-10 together.

**Colossians 2:6-10 AMPC**

[6] As you have therefore received Christ, [even] Jesus the Lord, [so] walk (regulate your lives and conduct yourselves) in union with and conformity to Him. [7] Have the roots [of your being] firmly and deeply planted [in Him, fixed and founded in Him], being continually built up in Him, becoming increasingly more confirmed and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and abounding and overflowing in it with thanksgiving. [8] See to it that no one carries you off as spoil or makes you yourselves captive by his so-called philosophy and intellectualism and vain deceit (idle fancies and plain nonsense), following human tradition (men's ideas of the material rather than the spiritual world), just crude notions following the rudimentary and elemental teachings of the universe and disregarding [the teachings of] Christ (the Messiah). [9] For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature]. [10] And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead-Father, Son and Holy Spirit-and reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power].

1. Now it's time to activate grace so we can receive this kind of love to give it out.
2. We do this in worship and praying in the spirit.
3. We do this by speaking the word out loud.
4. We do this by coming to an altar and making the commitment I will live from this point on by the convictions of the measurement of this Jesus in all of my ways.
5. I will allow mentors and people discipling me to speak into my life.
6. I will be accountable to leadership.
7. I will join the ministry the lord wants me to be part of.
8. I will build a daily prayer life and attend the prophetic worship on Friday nights.
9. I will go and teach that bible study.
10. I will bend that ungodly relationship.
11. I will start paying my tithes.
12. I will go and make right a bad relationship I am not on speaking terms with.
13. I will ask my spouse and children to forgive me for my isolation of my time and emotions.
14. I will make time to spend before the lord to cleanse me of unbelief and fear that keeps controlling my daily relationships.
15. But you have got to want this.
16. Grace says run to an altar like Jacob wrestle with an angel and God will download into you more of the unsearchable riches of his love.
17. So you can have a overflow of love to evangelize others and reproduce yourself.

This is measuring yourself by the immeasurable man Christ Jesus.

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