

The Common Language Index

Every program word in one A–Z list: what it means, where it lives, and where it came from.

Version 3 · October 16, 2026 · Updated to Dave's *Final Common Language Decisions* (October 16) on top of *Common Language Decisions Made* (D1–D20). Built from the current deck, facilitator guide and participant guide for every session (S1–S15), the Wilderness Between guide, and Harvest Charter v11. Replaces Index v2 (October 15).

“The difference between the almost right word and the right word is really a large matter — ’tis the difference between the lightning-bug and the lightning.” — Mark Twain, letter to George Bainton (1888)

This index is the legend on the trail map. If a word is here, every facilitator says it the same way in every session. If a word is not here, it is a supporting metaphor: used once, for one job, then retired.

How to read an entry

- ★ **Spine (Tier 1).** Drawn in the Big Picture. Any facilitator may use it in any session without asking. The artwork settles disputes.
- ◇ **Still open.** None. Every ◇ from v1 and v2 has been ruled; the October 16 decisions closed the last five. Questions that remain are about session content, not names, and live in the Open Issues list.
- **Supporting frame (Tier 3).** A borrowed metaphor or author's model that does one job in one session. Listed so facilitators recognise it; it does not become program vocabulary. Unmarked entries are Tier 2 program words: one name, one definition, one home session.
- Where** gives the session that introduces the term and, after the arrow, where else it does its work.
- Source.** "WhyzMen" marks a term the program coined or gave its own meaning. Otherwise it names the author, tradition or Scripture it was borrowed from. Authors may be credited in a slide footer, a PG "Going Deeper" box, or a one-line "this practice stands on..." note (D14). A designer's framework (Bloom, Fink, Bandura, backward design) is not taught on a participant slide — S11 s22, Bandura's four sources of confidence, is the one deliberate exception (October 16). Scripture is NIV; any other translation is cited after the reference.

A – Z

Term	What it means	Where	Source
A			
Act I / Act II	Retired (D17). In the room, always say first half / second half. The Knapsack appendix (Charter E.2) should be re-worded to match at the next Charter revision.	S2 · S5 · App. E	WhyzMen
Advice wearing a question mark	“Have you considered...?” is advice in disguise and breaks the Clearness rule.	S11 · S12	WhyzMen
Agency · Belonging · Cause (the ABCs of Meaning)	The three places a man got meaning. A lifequake does not erase them; it reorders them.	S3 · S11	Bruce Feiler, <i>Life Is in the Transitions</i>

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Author, The • co-author	God is the Author; the man is the co-author. God authors and a man makes real choices within the story, "in all things God works for the good of those who love him" (Rom 8:28). Matches the middle-voice teaching. Never "God, the co-author."	S5 → S6	WhyzMen; Rom 8:28
Avodah	The Hebrew word that means both work and worship. "The form of service changes. The calling does not."	S2 • S3	Hebrew (Scripture)
B			
Barnabas Turn, The	S8 Practice of the Week. When a man runs himself down: hear it, turn it over, hand it back with a question.	S8	Acts 4:36
Basecamp	Session 1: program overview, covenant and assessment. The doorway. One word, never "base camp".	S1	WhyzMen
Below the waterline	Theory the facilitator carries but never names to the room. See Iceberg Principle.	All FGs	WhyzMen
Benediction	The closing Scripture blessing of every session. Always "Benediction" (D20); "A Sending" is retired so that "sent" is saved for S15's Commissioning.	All	WhyzMen
Big Picture, The ★	The program artwork: first summit, the valley with the Harvest Tree, second summit, Jubilee at the peak, climbers roped and carrying packs. The one map every man keeps.	S1 → all	WhyzMen
Bridge, The	The worksheet "From Mission to First Mile." The mission (unnumbered) is the near bank; planks 1–4 lead to the first mile, which is crossed together in the room. The name is reserved for this worksheet alone (D9). The S5 slide is "Into the Harvest Charter," the movement is "The Hand-off," and the verb survives only in "mourn to bridge."	S12 → S13	WhyzMen
Bridges' transition model (Ending • Neutral Zone • New Beginning) o	William Bridges' descriptions of each phase sit under Feiler's three phases on S3 s19 (October 16). Participant materials say "the Messy Middle," not "Neutral Zone"; Bridges' own terms appear only where the facilitator guide explains Bridges.	S1 • S3	William Bridges, <i>Transitions</i>
Brotherhood • brothers	The men of the cohort and, from S10, a man's triad. "One story for your brothers." Middle word of the program byline.	S1 → S15	WhyzMen
Building • Cracking • Revealing	The container in three moves (D3). The first half <i>builds</i> it (also called the scaffolding, or the provisional personality); the second half breaks it open and <i>reveals</i> what it always held. The second half is not a new container: it has an <i>architecture</i> , written down in the Harvest Charter. Never "filling."	S3	After Rohr; 2 Cor 4:7
C			

Term	What it means	Where	Source
Callback	A slide banner that brings back an earlier session's idea, e.g. "CALLBACK · THE KNAPSACK · FROM SESSION 1."	S3 → S14	WhyzMen
Caring Shift, The (§1.4)	What you cared about most at forty, what you care about now, and when it changed. "Strengths give you capacity. Caring gives you direction." Charter §1.4, not §1.5.	S8	WhyzMen (after Carstensen)
Charter Advance	In-room warm-up writing toward a Charter section.	S2	WhyzMen
Charter at a Glance	One page from every man, read by the pastors before the blessing. Due March 1 (October 16).	S14 → S15	WhyzMen
Charter Sprint	The writing push during the Wilderness Between that finishes Part One.	Interval	WhyzMen
Charter, The — Harvest Charter ★	A man's personal constitution in four parts: Foundation · Vision · Action · Legacy. Always "the Harvest Charter" (or "the Charter" after first use) — never a workbook or binder. Version 11 is current. Lower-case "triad charter" is a different thing.	S1 → S15	WhyzMen
Clearness Committee	Parker Palmer's original practice. In WhyzMen, the longer full-committee format offered on request.	S11	Parker Palmer, <i>A Hidden Wholeness</i>
Clearness Room	A triad practice. One man speaks his question or mission; the others ask only honest, open questions and never advise. Demonstrated at S11, run by triads in Clearness Week.	S11 → S15	WhyzMen (after Palmer)
Clearness Room Guide	The handout for running a Clearness Room in the triad. One name only — not "Triad Guide" or "Clearness Room: Triad Guide."	S11 → Clearness Week	WhyzMen
Clearness Week	The no-class week (Feb 15) when each triad runs its own Clearness Room on each man's mission. Not "Field Week" or "T-shirt week."	S11 → S12	WhyzMen
CliftonStrengths	Gallup's talent assessment: the Top 5 report (\$24, gallup.com). Assigned at the close of S7, taken after S7, results used in S8. Gallup sorts the themes into four groups it calls domains; in the room say "Gallup's four groups," with a footnote that Gallup calls them domains (D15).	S7 → S8	Gallup (Don Clifton)
Cloudy / Clear	Self-rating for a mission draft. "Cloudy is a permitted answer." Mark it, take it to your triad, return in ninety days.	S11	WhyzMen; Rom 8:1
Commission (rung 1)	"I have been sent to ____." The one rung of the mission that names the Sender.	S11	After Bolles
Commission row	Row six of the Convergence Board: the gifts the body names, with an instance beside each.	S8 → S9	WhyzMen
Commissioning	S15: he speaks, his triad stands, the pastor blesses. "Blessing, not evaluation."	S15	Acts 13:3

Term	What it means	Where	Source
Compass	A compass points: it means a man's values (S7 Values Compass) and his Life Theme (§1.1c), nothing else (D11). The Rule of Life is a trellis, not a compass.	S6 · S7	WhyzMen
Compass Worksheet (§1.1c My Life Theme & Compass)	Workview and Lifeview essays read against each other and carved into a Life Theme. "The essays are the marble; §1.1c is the carving."	S6	After Burnett & Evans
Container to Charter (the crosswalk)	The S1 slides that show each brick of the container, what retirement takes, and the Charter section that rebuilds it.	S1	WhyzMen
Container, The	Rohr's first-half structure of identity, boundaries, security and roles: built, cracked, revealed. Lives S1–S3. Two named callbacks point back to the <i>original</i> , cracked container: the S9 Rohr quote and the S15 bookend ("walked in carrying a container"). There is no second container; S10 says "build the architecture" and "the triad charter is the frame that holds it" (D3).	S1 – S3	Richard Rohr, <i>Falling Upward</i> (2011)
Contribution (rung 2)	"I do ___ for ___ so that ___." The working sentence of the mission.	S11	WhyzMen
Contribution Hypothesis	Clause two of the S8 sentence: "...which makes me suspect I am meant to ___ for ___." A guess to be tested. It is not the mission.	S8 → S11	WhyzMen
Convener	The man in the triad whose only job is to send the first text for the triad project.	S13	WhyzMen
Convergence Board, The	S8's one page with six rows: Wiring · Character · Non-negotiables · Trained Hand · Direction · Commission. "A convergence test, not a summary sheet." Row six is filled at S9.	S8 → S9	WhyzMen
Core Two	A man's two core values, his non-negotiables (§1.2). Always two, never five (D20). The two interval requirements in S9 are "the two musts," not non-negotiables.	S7	WhyzMen (after Brené Brown)
Couples Conversation	S3 homework debriefed at S4: surprises, agreements, misalignments with his wife.	S3 → S4	WhyzMen
Covenant, Our	Six starting elements the cohort enters at S1: Confidentiality · Presence over Performance · Listening before Fixing · Punctuality & Follow-Through · Honesty with Grace · Prayer for One Another. "Rules are imposed; covenants are entered."	S1 → S15	WhyzMen (after Priya Parker)
Covenant, The Room's	The five lines read before every Clearness Room: "We are here to listen, not to fix..."	S11	WhyzMen
Curated, not invented	WhyzMen does not paint the pictures. It picks what is true and hangs it where a man can stand in front of it.	S1	WhyzMen

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Term	What it means	Where	Source
Domain Grid	S7 pre-work: candidate values sorted across the Ten Domains, with a star for each non-negotiable.	S7	WhyzMen
Domain Why's, Ten	One line of Why for each domain, drafted with My Next Chapter.	S8 → Interval	WhyzMen
Domains of Life — the Ten Domains ★	The ten areas where life happens, and the ten fruit on the Harvest Tree. Always "domains," never "fields." Use the full canonical names with "&" wherever a domain is named (October 16); order and names are on the last page. The three chosen at S13 are the priority domains.	S1 → S15	WhyzMen
Dunbar's layers • "your five" ○	Friendship circles of about 5 • 15 • 50 • 150. "Your five" is a man's inner circle of men.	S10	Robin Dunbar, <i>Friends</i>
E			
Engine • Fuel • Steering ○	S7 picture. Strengths are the engine, story is the fuel, values are the steering. Used in S7 only.	S7	WhyzMen
Equipping	The valley work that readies a man for the climb: the harvesting and replanting. "He does not climb the second summit on leftover strength."	S1 • S3	WhyzMen
Essential Few, The	S13: choosing the few things that get your best. "Choosing the essential few is choosing your particular life."	S13	After Greg McKeown
Essentialism • "Less, but better" • the 90% rule	"If it isn't a clear yes, it's a no." Taught at S13.	S11 • S13	Greg McKeown, <i>Essentialism</i>
Essentialism Filter (§2.1b)	The three things your mission tells you to decline.	S11 → S13	WhyzMen (after McKeown)
Ethical Will	See Spiritual Testament. The Tier 2 expansion is Appendix K • Ethical Will, Expanded (D20).	S14	Jewish tradition (<i>tzava'ah</i>)
Evidence, not admiration	The witnessing rule: "I saw you ____ when ____." One instance, attached.	S8 → S9 • S14	WhyzMen
F			
Fellowship Gap, The	Session 10. Second-half friendships do not break; they thin. "A design problem, not a character problem." This is the only approved program use of "gap."	S10	WhyzMen
Field Report	S7 homework: share your two values with your wife or a close friend, ask "Do you see this in me?", and bring back the answer.	S7 → S8	WhyzMen
Field Tests, Three	S11: The T-shirt • Two Doors • Three Conversations. "Go get five reactions."	S11 → S13	WhyzMen (after Burnett & Evans)
First Fruits	The cohort dinner with wives about a month after S15. It honors what grew without pretending the orchard is finished.	S13 → S15	Leviticus 23:10

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First Steps Card	The S13 card. Side A: My Essential Few. Side B: First Steps.	S13 → S14	WhyzMen
First summit ★	The career climb of the first half: success, metrics, ladder.	S1	WhyzMen
Five Gates, The	The S11 mission self-check: Recital · Why · Charge · No · Signature. Paired with the Felt Sense.	S11 → S12	WhyzMen
Five Losses, The	Identity · Structure · Relationships · Mastery · Purpose. "Name to mourn. Mourn to bridge." The fifth loss is Mastery, never Power (D4): the thing or things you got good at doing and now have no place to do. On the S1 crosswalk, Mastery is what retirement takes from lane 7, Competence & Fluid Intelligence; some of it comes back converted as wisdom.	S1 → S3 · S15	WhyzMen (after Haylett)
Five Weighing Questions	The S13 evaluation (§2.0). The fifth question: "What in my life would look no different if Christ were not in me?"	S13	WhyzMen
Flourishing Signs, The	In §2.2, the signs you would recognise if you were living it, each labelled with its canonical domain (October 16). Circle three you already live and one you are reaching for. The Charter table is the source; S12 s7 shows eight as a sample.	S12	WhyzMen
Fluid → Crystallized intelligence ○	Raw speed peaks early. Accumulated wisdom rises through life. "Design, not decline."	S1 – S3	Arthur C. Brooks, <i>From Strength to Strength</i>
Focus-Man Protocol	The seven steps of one Clearness Room round: Frame · He speaks · Silence · Open questions · Mirror & affirm · He responds · Close & seal.	S11	WhyzMen (after Palmer)
Forgotten Range, My (§1.1b)	The capacities you never got paid for. "The range is the insight."	S7 – S8	After David Epstein, <i>Range</i>
Four Phases of Retirement	Vacation · Loss · Trial & Error · Reinvent. "Name your phase silently." Moynes' phases overlap Feiler's three phases of the transition, with direct parallels (Loss ↔ the Long Goodbye, Trial & Error ↔ the Messy Middle, Reinvent ↔ the New Beginning).	S2 · S3	Riley Moynes (TEDx)

G			
Galatians Test, The	"Would this sentence still be true, and worth ten years of my life, if Christ were not in me? Rewrite it until the answer is no." Charter §3.1b.	S11 · S13	Galatians 2:20
Gauges (Readiness gauges)	The Retirement Readiness Assessment read as a dashboard, not a report card. "You don't shame a fuel gauge for reading low."	S1 → S2 · S13	WhyzMen
Generativity	The drive to care for the next generation. "The Drive Has a Name."	S11	Erik Erikson
Gleaning	Generosity built into the harvest itself.	S13	Leviticus 19:9–10
Golden Circle (Why → How → What) ○	Sinek's idea behind WhyzMen's name: "Your What flows from your Why." One line on S11 s7 credits it — the mission is the Why put to work (October 16). Also printed in PG1 ("More on the Why").	S1 (PG) · S11	Simon Sinek, <i>Start with Why</i>
Great Listener Card	"Curious, not clever; present, not preparing; slow, not solving." Part of the Listening Kit.	S10 → S12	WhyzMen
Halftime ○	Bob Buford's frame for the midlife turn. Quotes are fine; it is not taught as a frame (D16). These men are already retired, so it appears mainly as part of the curator's history. "The one thing in the box," not "Buford's box."	S1 · S11 · S13 (quotes)	Bob Buford, <i>Halftime</i>
Guide Cards	The pocket communication-skill cards in the front of the notebook, for home, others and triads.	Toolkit	WhyzMen
H			
Harvest Tree, The ★	Soil = Faith · roots = what formed you (story, values, strengths) · trunk = who you are, your core · ten fruit = the Ten Domains · tending = the daily work (the Rule of Life is its trellis) · orchard = the brotherhood · sun = Jubilee overhead (D7). Not "the Grove," not "fields," not "branches = domains."	S1 → S15	Psalms 92:14
Harvest, The	The valley season (D8): a man harvests the first half, tends its seeds and fruit, and is equipped for the climb ("Harvest the First Half," S9). At the second summit a second harvest comes: the shared abundance of everyone's gifts. Never the name of a debrief — debriefs are "What Surfaced" or "Full-Group Debrief."	S1 · S9	WhyzMen; Gal 6:9
I			
Iceberg Principle	One-eighth shows above the water: what to do. Seven-eighths sits below: why, theory and research, which the facilitators carry.	S1	WhyzMen (after Hemingway)
J			

Jubilee ★	The peak of the Big Picture. Release and abundance under God's hand: rest, giving back, forgiving debts, with provision promised before the release. Jubilee is the destination; significance is only the direction.	S1 → S15	Leviticus 25
Jubilee question, The	"What has God prepared in advance for me to do — and what must I set down to walk into it?"	S13	Ephesians 2:10
K			
Kitchen Table Conversation	S4 homework: twenty minutes with your wife on rhythms for the next season — protect, release, build together.	S4 → S5	WhyzMen
Knapsack, The — the pack ★	What a man carries into the second half, chosen by weight (the plane crash at 8,000 feet). Always "the Knapsack" (the pack), never "backpack" (D1). Values ride in the top pocket from Basecamp; the One Thing joins them at S11. The conversions pocket at the bottom holds Wisdom · Both/And · Rope Team · Legacy; the rope hangs outside. "A pack is measured not by what it holds but by what it makes you leave." Callbacks S3, S5, S7, S8, S9, S11, S14; culmination S13; audit in Charter Appendix E.	S1 → S14 · App. E	WhyzMen; Heb 12:1
L			
Life Map	S5: your life drawn as a landscape with chapter titles, "peaks and valleys, not a straight line."	S5 → S6	WhyzMen
Lifquake ○	A life-altering disruption. It names the <i>event</i> ; Moynes names the stages. The Messy Middle may also be described as a lifquake or a liminal space (D5).	S3	Bruce Feiler
Listening before fixing	Covenant line and the one rule of every triad. "Do you want help, or just to be heard?"	S1 → S15	WhyzMen
Listening Kit	From S10: Great Listener Card, Listening vs Fixing, the Month 1 question and the first-meeting run sheet.	S10	WhyzMen
Long Goodbye · Messy Middle · New Beginning ○	Feiler's three phases of a life transition, taught on S3 s19 with Bridges' descriptions under each (October 16). Moynes' four phases overlap them.	S3	Bruce Feiler, <i>Life Is in the Transitions</i> ; after William Bridges
M			
Marriage Shared Vision worksheet	The S4 worksheet a couple completes together. Its result can be added to Charter Appendix C under Marriage & Family. Not a Charter section of its own.	S4 → S5	WhyzMen
Meaning Audit	A hundred points spread across Agency · Belonging · Cause to find the largest shortfall.	S3 · S11	WhyzMen (after Feiler)

Messy Middle, The ★	Session 3's name for how the valley feels as it is lived, and the middle of Feiler's three phases (the Long Goodbye · the Messy Middle · the New Beginning). Normal, necessary, experimental. May be explained as a liminal space or a lifequake (D5). Participant materials never say "Neutral Zone."	S3	Feiler's term, adopted
Middle voice o	Greek grammar used as a teaching device: the actor and the acted-upon at once. A man co-authors his story and is being authored.	S5	Greek grammar
Mission — Personal Mission Statement (§2.1)	Three rungs: Commission · Contribution · T-shirt. Drafted at S11, heard in Clearness Week, checked at S12, final at S13.	S11 → S13	WhyzMen
Monthly Question Arc	The triad's year of questions, climbing from easy to deep.	S10	WhyzMen (after Shasta Nelson)
My Next Chapter	The interval draft of direction, seeded by the Contribution Hypothesis and joined by the Ten Domain Why's.	Interval → S11	WhyzMen
N			
Named by the Body	S9: men at the table name each other's gifts with evidence. "The common good gets a vote."	S9	1 Corinthians 12:7
Naming the Gift	S8 homework. Eleven gift words and an evidence rule: "No instance, no claim." There is no inventory to take.	S8 → S9	WhyzMen; Rom 12, 1 Pet 4
Navigating Transition · Building Brotherhood · Igniting Jubilee	The program byline: middle dots, no terminal period. Confirmed October 16, 2026 — the "-ing" form everywhere. Not "Navigate · Build · Ignite" and not "Celebrating Jubilee."	All	WhyzMen
North Star	The facilitator-guide line on what a man must feel, discover or decide before he leaves the room.	All FGs	WhyzMen
Odyssey Plan o	Three alternative five-year lives. A mention only, offered as "if you want to stretch your imagination" — it is not taught (D16).	S3 · S2 (PW)	Burnett & Evans, <i>Designing Your Life</i>
O			
One level deeper	S12 Practice of the Week: take a conversation one step past the usual. Credit Bradford & Robin (D16), not Arthur Aron.	S12	David Bradford & Carole Robin, <i>Connect</i>
One Thing, The	The single thing that goes into the top pocket at S11, beside the values already there.	S11 → S13	After Bob Buford
Opportunity Map	Sorts the places men can serve by who they serve. Your "for" blank picks the row; your T-shirt verbs pick the column.	S11 → S13	WhyzMen
Orphan Value	A non-negotiable you have no reliable way of delivering: "a gap in practice, not a gap in character."	S8 → S13	WhyzMen
P			

Pack Test, The	Subtract · Select · Shoulder, then four questions for anything that wants a place in the pack.	S13	WhyzMen
Particularity	"The ultimate is only accessible in the particular" — this sunset, this conversation, God here now. A thread that runs through the program.	S2 → S15	After Burnett & Evans; Ps 46:10
Parts One–Four (Foundation · Vision · Action · Legacy)	The four parts of the Charter (D18). Who am I? Where am I going? How will I get there? What outlasts me? Not "Direction," "Strategy" or "Plan."	S1 → S15	Charter v11
Pastoral Review & Blessing	The pastor reads the Charter for three things only: Ground · Rhythm · Open hand.	S15	WhyzMen
Polarities o	S4: tensions a couple keeps rebalancing for life. "Not battles to win."	S4	Barry Johnson, <i>Polarity Management</i>
Practice of the Week	One small relational practice each week, on a card with a tracker. "Ten seconds a day. One story for your brothers." "This is your Rule of Life at work."	S2 → S15	WhyzMen
Priority domains	The three domains that "ride heavy" this season. The other seven ride light.	S13 (§3.1)	WhyzMen
Provisional → True	The provisional self of the first half gives way to the true self: role to essence, building to discovering.	S1 → S15	After Hollis and Palmer
R			
Re-entry, not recap	The opening principle: men talk before they are taught.	S3 → S15	WhyzMen
Read My Story	S6: reading §1.1 aloud in threes for the turns and the thread.	S6	WhyzMen
Reader's Companion	The online reference layer for optional depth (D20). Use this name until the website is running; not "Digital Companion," "the website" or "reference layer."	S2 → S15	WhyzMen
Readings: Required · Going Deeper	Two reading tiers. "Required first. Going Deeper only if it calls to you." One spelling: Going Deeper.	All	WhyzMen
Redemption / Contamination o	"The story that frees" vs "the story that binds."	S6	Dan McAdams
Retirement Readiness Assessment	A self-inventory, not a test. It produces the gauges.	S1 → S2 · S13	WhyzMen
Rewire Retirement	The name of the program. WhyzMen is the name of the group.	All	WhyzMen
Rope, The ★	The triad, full stop (D2). "Nobody climbs unroped." A cord of three strands. The triad's purpose cell is "Our Purpose," not "anchor rope."	S1 named · S10 formed · S13 Rope Up	Ecclesiastes 4:12

Rule of Life	A trellis, not a cage (D11, D12): a statement of chosen identity lived out in four rhythms (daily · weekly · monthly · seasonal), each with a cue and a two-minute version. Each line reads "Since I am ___, I intend to ___" — e.g. "Since I am a loving grandfather, I will talk with each grandchild one to one every two weeks." One name only; "your Rule" after first use. Introduced S4 → built S13 (§3.1c) → tended S14.	S4 → S13 (§3.1c) → S14	Benedict's <i>regula</i> ; Macchia
S			
Satellite Sessions	As-needed sessions on practicalities and Charter-writing workshops. Home of domains 9 and 10.	S1	WhyzMen
Scaffolding · provisional personality	Other names for the first-half structure (D3): useful while the building went up, not meant to stay. Point back to the container; do not make a new one.	S1 – S3 · S10	WhyzMen (after Rohr, Hollis)
Save the seed	"Legacy is not the fruit you eat. It is the seed you hand forward."	S14	WhyzMen; Ps 78:4–6
Second summit ★	The second-half climb toward significance, meaning and legacy: a different mountain, climbed for different reasons. The climb is the journey; the second summit is the place (D6). Say "second mountain" only when quoting David Brooks. Never "third mountain."	S1 → S15	WhyzMen
Seven Open Whys	Purpose · Calling · Identity · Faith · Brotherhood · Legacy · Presence. Pick one Why to test.	S1 → S3	WhyzMen
Shed · Experiment · Write	The three moves that cross the Messy Middle.	S3	WhyzMen (after Feiler)
Signature, The	Clause one of the S8 sentence: "At my best, I am the man who ___." The capstone of §1.3.	S8	WhyzMen
Signed and witnessed	S15: "Your brothers are not signing that your Charter is correct. They are signing that they watched you write it."	S15	WhyzMen; Ruth 4:11
Skills Harvest from the First Mountain	The S8 block that gathers the trained hand of the first half. Kept as named; "mountain" here stands for the first half's climb.	S8	WhyzMen
Small, cheap, reversible	The standard for any experiment. "A prototype, not a resolution."	S2 → S13	After Burnett & Evans
Spiritual Testament	The ethical will written as a Christian, in six movements. It sits in §4.1 and grows in Appendix K.	S14	WhyzMen (after the ethical will)
Step Out	Move 8 of S13, the closing movement that sends the men toward the first mile.	S13	WhyzMen
Subtraction · subtraction neglect (§3.0)	Under load we add and fail to consider removing. §3.0 is "My Subtractions."	S1 named · S13 taught	Leidy Klotz, <i>Subtract</i>
T			
T-shirt, The (rung 3)	Three or four verbs you can say from memory, under pressure. Compression comes last.	S11 → S13	WhyzMen

Tending the Charter	The light rhythm after S15. Amended, never erased: date the change and leave the old line visible.	S15	WhyzMen
Three Good Things	Tell one person a good thing from today, and how it came about.	S9 · Interval	Martin Seligman
Three Markers	Peak Moment · Valley Moment · Turning Point (not "The Turn"). The three scenes that shaped who you became, and the raw material for §1.1.	S2 → S7	After McAdams ("nuclear episodes")
Threshold, My (§1.0)	Four lines: what I am setting down · carrying forward · what still deserves mourning · what I am asking Christ to carry.	S1 → S3 · S9	WhyzMen
Trained Hand, The	Row four of the Convergence Board: the three verbs you would keep doing if no one ever paid you again.	S8	WhyzMen
Trellis	The image for the Rule of Life: "It doesn't restrict growth; it gives it something to climb."	S4 · S13 · S14	From <i>regula</i>
Triad ★	Three men (four allowed, two not), formed at S10. It is the rope (D2). Before S10, say "threes" or "your table"; two-man pair exercises are fine (October 16). S2's "Your Rope Team" looks ahead to the triads. Not small group, not trios. The triad keeps a "check-in schedule"; "rhythm" belongs to the Rule.	S10 → S15	WhyzMen; Eccl 4:12
Triad charter	Six decisions that make a triad work: People · Rhythm · Activity · Progression · Purpose · Commitment. Write it lower-case so it is not confused with the Charter.	S10	WhyzMen
Triad Project	One outing of about three hours, done together, chosen from the spring menu.	S13 → S15	WhyzMen
Tuesday in 2031, A (§2.2)	One page, in the present tense, about an ordinary Tuesday five years out. "Do not write in domains. Write a day." It is the Tier 1 vision.	S12 → S13	WhyzMen
Two Summits ★	What the Big Picture shows: two halves, two summits, one map.	S1	WhyzMen
Two things finished beats seven started	The homework principle.	S4 → S6	WhyzMen
Two-Hour Clearing, The	Two hours a week taken off the calendar now, as the first entry in §3.0.	S8	WhyzMen
U			
Unfinished Shelf, The	The fourteen Tier 2 appendices of the Charter, A–N as titled in Charter v11, presented as five books. "Nothing on this shelf is assigned."	S14 → S15	WhyzMen
V			
Valley, The ★	The place between the summits, where a man regroups, decides what to carry, plants, harvests and is equipped. "Where the work happens." A man's personal low point is always a <i>valley moment</i> , never "his valley" (D5). Never "chasm" or "crossing."	S1 → S15	WhyzMen

Values Compass, The	S7: narrowing a list of candidate values to two core values that point true north.	S7	WhyzMen
VIA Character Strengths	Twenty-four character strengths under six virtues. Values say where; strengths say how.	S6 → S8	Peterson & Seligman
W			
What Surfaced	The name for an in-room debrief (D8), S5 and S6. S7's is the "Full-Group Debrief." Debriefs are never called "the Harvest."	S5 · S6 · S7	WhyzMen
Where. Who. Never Why.	The rule for witness questions. "Why makes a man defend; Where and Who make him locate."	S8 → S9	WhyzMen
WhyzMen	The name of the group: WhyzMen sounds like Wise Men. Rewire Retirement is the name of the program.	All	WhyzMen
Wilderness Between, The	The three-week interval after S10 (Jan 19 – Feb 7): Rest & Gratitude · First Triad Meeting · Direction. It names the calendar interval only, never a place on the map (D5).	Interval	WhyzMen
Wisdom Orbit, The	Why at the center, with What · How · Test · When · Where · Who orbiting it. Wisdom is all of it, integrated and shared.	S1	WhyzMen
Wise Men Still Seek, Knowing Their Why's	The group byline, with no terminal period. Not "Wise Men Seek" and not "Whys."	All	WhyzMen
Witness	Tier 2 program word with one meaning (D10): the man who says back what he saw (evidence, not admiration) and never fixes. The sentence is "What I heard you say was ____." S14 and S15 deliberately use "What I heard you value was ____" for letters and testaments. S3's author slides are "Two Voices, One Passage," not witnesses.	S5 → S15	WhyzMen
Working the Harvest	Four motions: Choose the Fruit · Know Your Tools · Do the Daily Work · Gather the Fruit.	S2 · S8	WhyzMen

Words We No Longer Use

Say the right-hand word. "Settled" means Dave has ruled and the decision is not reopened. As of Decisions Made (October 2026), every line here is settled.

Don't say	Say instead	Status
Men Engaging Retirement · MER	WhyzMen · Rewire Retirement	Settled
"Session 1: Falling Upward"	Session 1: Basecamp	Settled
Navigate Transition · Build Brotherhood · Ignite Jubilee; Celebrating Jubilee	Navigating Transition · Building Brotherhood · Igniting Jubilee	Settled (Oct 16)
Wise Men Seek (without "Still"); Whys	Wise Men Still Seek, Knowing Their Why's	Settled
fields; the Ten Fields	domains; the Ten Domains	Settled

Don't say	Say instead	Status
filling (the container)	revealing	Settled
workbook / binder (for the Charter)	the Charter	Settled
chasm · crossing · the gap (for the valley); Neutral Zone (in participant materials)	the valley · the Messy Middle	Settled
second mountain (in our own voice) · third mountain	second summit (say “second mountain” only when quoting Brooks)	Settled
significance (as the destination)	Jubilee (significance is the direction)	Settled
small group · accountability group · trios (for the triad); "triad" before S10	triad (from S10); threes or your table (before S10); pairs are fine for two-man exercises	Settled
Stage 1 / Stage 2	S1 – S15	Settled
Enneagram	— removed from the program	Settled
Power (as the fifth loss)	Mastery	Settled (D4)
backpack	the Knapsack (the pack)	Settled (D1)
his valley (for a personal low point)	a valley moment	Settled (D5)
Field Week · T-shirt week · clearness style	Clearness Week · Clearness Room	Settled (D13)
anchor rope (for the triad's purpose)	Our Purpose (the rope is the triad)	Settled (D2)
“Not a Cage. A Compass.” (for the Rule)	“Not a Cage. A Trellis.”	Settled (D11)
The Harvest · Full Group Harvest (for a debrief)	What Surfaced · Full-Group Debrief	Settled (D8)
Charter Bridge · “The Bridge” (as a movement name)	Into the Harvest Charter · The Hand-off · "Transition:" (FG label)	Settled (D9)
Weekly Rhythms & Habits (Appendix F)	My Rule of Life (Appendix L)	Settled (D12)
Spiritual Gifts Inventory	Naming the Gift	Settled (S8 FG)
A Sending (closing slide)	Benediction (keep “sent” for S15's Commissioning)	Settled (D20)
tonight	this morning	Settled (Monday 9:00 AM cohort)
Act I / Act II	first half / second half	Settled (D17)
Digital Companion · the website · reference layer	Reader's Companion	Settled (D20)
Direction · Strategy · Plan (as Charter parts)	Foundation · Vision · Action · Legacy	Settled (D18)
God, the co-author	God is the Author; the man is the co-author	Settled (D19)
Two Witnesses · Witness 1 / 2 (S3 authors)	Two Voices, One Passage	Settled (D10)
a new / second container (S10)	build the architecture · the frame that holds it	Settled (D3)
The Turn	Turning Point	Settled (D20)
Find Your Circle	Finding Your Circle	Settled (D20)

Don't say	Say instead	Status
Go Deeper · Read Deeper · ReadDeeper	Going Deeper	Settled (D20)
five core values, ranked	two core values	Settled (D20)
the four domains (Gallup)	Gallup's four groups	Settled (D15)
Buford's box	the one thing in the box	Settled (D14)
the Grove · branches = domains	the orchard · ten fruit = the Ten Domains	Settled (D7)
two non-negotiables (the S9 interval requirements)	the two musts	Settled
rhythm (for the triad's meetings)	check-in schedule	Settled
The Marriage It Lands In	The Marriage Retirement Lands In	Settled (Oct 16)
Sending (S13 Move 8)	Step Out	Settled (Oct 16)
plank 0 · planks 0–4 · plank 5	the mission (unnumbered) · planks 1–4 · the first mile	Settled (Oct 16)
Triad Guide · Clearness Room: Triad Guide	Clearness Room Guide	Settled (Oct 16)
Marriage & Shared Vision section (of the Charter)	Marriage Shared Vision worksheet → Appendix C	Settled (Oct 16)
short domain names (Faith, Recreation, Friends, Joy...)	the full canonical names with "&"	Settled (Oct 16)

Session Names

#	Session title	Subtitle / note
S1	Basecamp	Program Overview, Covenant & Assessment
S2	Who Am I?	
S3	The Messy Middle	Transition
S4	The Marriage Retirement Lands In	Settled October 16 (deck file renamed to match)
S5	Me, the Co-Author & Protagonist of My Story	The Journey So Far ("of," not "in")
S6	Read My Story	Redemption & Continuity
S7	The Values Compass	Who Am I at My Best?
S8	The Strengths Portrait	What Am I Wired to Do?
S9	The Ground Beneath Me & Harvest the First Half	"Harvest the First Half" names the valley season (D8)
S10	The Fellowship Gap & Finding Your Circle	"Finding," not "Find"
Interval	The Wilderness Between	Three weeks; the Charter Sprint
S11	Mission & the One Thing	followed by Clearness Week
S12	Building the Vision	A Tuesday in 2031
S13	The Essential Few & First Steps	

#	Session title	Subtitle / note
S14	Legacy & Letters	The letter you write and the letter you are
S15	Commissioning & Send-Off	Witnessed, blessed, and sent

The Ten Domains of Life

This is the canonical order. Domains 1–8 are written as vision (the Tuesday page, plus the optional paragraphs in Appendix C). Domains 9–10 are written as plans (§2.2b). Use these names in full, with "&," wherever a domain is named (October 16): not "Faith" alone, not "Recreation" or "Recreation & Joy," not "Friends."

#	Domain	Where it is written
1	Faith & Spiritual Life	Vision · App. C
2	Marriage & Family	Vision · App. C
3	Friendships & Community	Vision · App. C
4	Health & Wellbeing	Vision · App. C
5	Identity & Purpose	Vision · App. C
6	Service & Contribution	Vision · App. C
7	Growth & Learning	Vision · App. C
8	Recreation, Adventure & Joy	Vision · App. C
9	Finances & Stewardship	Plan · §2.2b · App. N
10	Practical Readiness	Plan · §2.2b · App. N

Harvest Charter v11 — Section Map

When a slide or guide cites a section number, it should match this table. Decisions Made, section 4, lists the places that did not; the October 15 editing pass corrected them in the session materials.

Part	Sections
Part One — Foundation	1.0 Threshold · 1.1 My Story · 1.1b Forgotten Range · 1.1c Life Theme & Compass · 1.2 Core Values · 1.3 Strengths & Gifts · 1.4 Caring Shift · 1.5 Faith Foundation · 1.6 Discipleship Rhythm
Part Two — Vision	My Next Chapter · 2.0 Evaluation · 2.1 Mission · 2.1b Essentialism Filter · 2.2 A Tuesday in 2031 · 2.2b Stewardship & Readiness · 2.3 Legacy Statement
Part Three — Action	3.0 Subtractions · 3.1 Goals & Action Plans · 3.1b Galatians 2:20 Check · 3.1c Rule of Life · 3.2 The Mechanics (v12: retitle "My Rule of Life — The Mechanics," D12) · 3.3 Accountability · 3.4 Learning Curriculum
Part Four — Legacy	4.1 Legacy Snapshot (story · letter · spiritual testament)

Part	Sections
Appendices (Tier 2)	Fourteen, A–N, as titled in v11: A Life Lessons I Have Learned • B Expanded Range Excavation • C Expanded Domain Visions • D Complete Goals & Action Plans • E Expanded Subtractions Audit: The Knapsack • F Weekly Rhythms & Habits • G Personal Board of Directors • H Resources & Support Map • I Additional Stories for Grandchildren • J Letters to Those I Love • K My Ethical Will: A Spiritual Testament • L My Rule of Life • M Spiritual Autobiography & Discipleship Lineage • N Domains 9 & 10 in Full. (F folds into L is planned for v12, D12.)

Wise Men Still Seek, Knowing Their Why's