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Life Without Power!

Dear Friends,

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It is hard to believe how dependent we are on power, but like most things we don't realize how much until it is gone. A blizzard is settling in today and tomorrow they are saying that it will be equivalent to -55 degrees C and the need for power is going to be crucial. Once again when things are going well we may think we do not need the power and only when things go bad do we realize how important the power really is.

In the first part of December, Sharon and I went out to PEI for some meetings with the CEF Directors from across Canada. The trip involved several links from here to Moncton and by the time we landed we were hearing that a storm was coming and there would be up to 50 centimeters of snow. A decision was made that we should head to PEI immediately, instead of leaving in the morning as originally planned as it appeared we would not likely get out of Moncton if we waited till morning. The storm was moving in and by morning it was evident we had made a good decision. By Tuesday there was a full-scale blizzard, eastern Canada style, and by the middle of the next afternoon the lights went out and before long we realized that it was more than just a blown breaker. We had lost our light, but we continued with our meetings but soon it got too dark to see. The next thing we realized was that things were getting cooler and it was apparent that the power was not going to come back on any time soon. We learned that there were over 25 hydro polls down and it would likely take some time for power to be restored. We began to realize that things were changing quickly. We also learned that the lady who was going to do the cooking for our time there was snowed in in Moncton and the food was with her. The owner of the inn had to make a decision, and decided that we would all need to move to the main building and he would hook up a generator which would give us some power and we could keep the fireplace going for some heat. We were now realizing what we had taken for granted: Power!

I was asked if I would help the owner of the inn with some of the things that would need to be done in order to provide heat and light because he had just had surgery the week before and was not supposed to do much lifting. The inn keeper and his wife also told us that they had enough food for a couple of days and that she would have our meals all prepared for us during this time. That first night without power I offered to get up at 4 in the morning to refuel the tractor that was running the generator and put some more logs on the fire. Everything had changed! What we were experiencing was a **life without power!**

When I got home from the meetings I began to think about how often as Christians we are living our lives without Power and the consequences of living such a life. In many ways there were a lot of similarities. The first thing we noticed was the loss of light. In Psalms 119:105 we read, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." We also read in Matthew 5:14 that we are to be a light to the world.

When Sharon and I were married our verse we chose was found in Ephesians 3:20, 21 – “**Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen**”

It is His Power that needs to be our Source! We cannot survive without the light of His Word to light our path, (give us direction) or be the light to the world if we do not have His Power at work within us. When we have lost our Power we have lost our Light and how can we guide a world that is lost?

The second thing we noticed was the loss of warmth. Have you ever noticed when we have lost our Power as Christians the loss of warmth that begins to take place? First of all we become cold in our own lives and that same coolness radiates out to others instead of the warmth of a life with Power.

Another thing I noticed when we lost power was how much human effort it took to try and keep a substitute power source going and although it got us through it was not as good as the real thing. How often as Christians are we substituting the Power of God with artificial power? We have removed His Word from our daily lives and even some of our churches. Where is the power coming from then? It must be from human effort. How much effort is it taking to do things our way instead of God’s way?

It seems as never before in history that we as Christians have relied on substitutes for our source of power and wonder why our families and churches are struggling so. God’s Word needs to be the source of our power. Problems will come just as the blizzard came today but if we are not hooked up to the Source of Power we will not likely survive the storm.

In the last part of Ephesians 3:21 it says, “**to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations**”. When we are connected to the Power of God’s Word He will be glorified through our lives. It will not be what we are doing but rather what He is doing.

Just the other day, I received an email from one of the churches running **Club DJ** the email said, “Last Wednesday four children prayed to receive Christ at **Club DJ** in Gull Lake! Five new kids showed up. God is at work here.” **Now that is real Power!**

God has been putting on my heart lately that if we are serious about reaching the First Nations children then we need to be teaching them about God all year long. I have come to believe in my heart that we are to start up **Club DJ** on as many reserves as possible and since the first of January I have been contacted by 6 different sources who have heard what God is doing among the First Nations through this ministry to children and want to know how they can be a part of it. **Only real Power** can cause things to happen like that.

I have enclosed a copy of our Spring Banquet poster with the dates for each area. I would love to see you there and share with you more of what God is doing! If you are able to come, please phone one of the numbers on the poster for the banquet in your area.

I want to thank each one of you for your part in this ministry to children and young people. We value your faithful prayers as we seek to continue to teach the children about God and His Word. My desire is that the next generation would be one that would live their **life with Power!**

For the sake of the children,



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