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Power outages

One evening, while I was working at home, the lights suddenly went out, leaving the whole house in darkness. The power supply had been interrupted without warning. Thankfully, the outage did not last very long. Later, I received a notification from BC Hydro that a large-scale planned power outage would take place in Richmond, affecting many households.

Modern life is heavily dependent on electricity. Most of our daily activities, including our household routines and meal preparation, rely on a steady power supply. When the electricity is cut off, we may find ourselves unable to do even simple things such as cooking or taking a shower. Lights need electricity to shine, and all electrical appliances depend on a power source to function. Without it, they become useless. In the same way, our lives cannot go even a single moment without the Lord.

John 15:4–5 is a well-known passage in which Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and its branches to describe the spiritual relationship between Himself and His followers. Jesus says, "Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" (NIV).

Jesus reminds us that we must remain in Him at all times. We should draw near to God daily through prayer and reading His Word, keeping our lives connected to Him. Just as a branch that is cut off from the vine may remain alive for a short time, it cannot survive for long and will soon wither. How much less can it bear fruit! The branches depend entirely on the vine for their life and strength. Without the vine, they are lifeless and powerless. In the same way, everything we have depends entirely on Jesus.

Let us remind one another to remain connected to the Lord in our spiritual lives and never forget to depend on Him. Apart from Him, we have no strength, and all our efforts will bear no spiritual fruit. As Jesus reminds us, "Apart from me you can do nothing."