



# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

## Failed To Charge

*One Sunday morning, while helping with a children's program in the church gym, the electrical power suddenly went off. Fortunately, the backup lighting came on and we were able to continue. After ten minutes of no main power, I was asked to find out what was going with the adults. When I went to the sanctuary, I found the service was really dark but still in process. There were no windows in the sanctuary and the backup lighting did not come on. The Pastor continued using a flashlight because 400 people could not see to get out. No one had checked that the batteries for the emergency lighting failed to charge leaving no lights in the time of need.*

*Every church should check that they are charging, not only their backup lighting batteries, but also the spiritual batteries of those who attend. The world is getting darker and darker and Christians are becoming spiritually burned out. As it is necessary to test the church backup lighting, we must verify that our Church services, programs, media, music, sports, and events are providing the necessary power to keep the saints electrified. We need to provide the charge so that others can continue to let their light so shine among men.*

*"Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness." Luke 12:35*

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