THE POWER AVAILABLE

The process is interesting. It is how power is made. First, huge shovels dig house-sized scoops of lignite coal. Pulverized and loaded onto railroad boxcars, the coal travels to a generating plant in east Texas, where it is further crushed into powder.

Super-heated, this powder ignites like gasoline when blown into the huge furnaces that crank three turbines. Whirring at 3,600 revolutions per minute, these turbines are housed in concrete-and-steel casings 100 feet long, 10 feet tall, and 10 feet across. They generate enough electricity for entire cities.

A visitor to the plant once asked the chief engineer, "Where do you store the electricity?"

"We don't store it," the engineer replied. "We just make it."

When a light switch is flipped on in Dallas 100 miles west, it literally places a demand on the system; it registers at the generating plant and prompts greater output.

If you are a follower of Christ, you have discovered that God's grace and power likewise cannot be stored. Though inexhaustible, they come in the measure required, and at the moment of need.

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