

## Why Magellan Failed

On Wednesday, October 11, 1994, NASA's Magellan space explorer fell silent. The Magellan had circled Venus more than 15,000 times since arriving at the planet in 1990, but on this day NASA scientists intentionally changed the satellite's course and sent it veering into the planet where it burned to a crisp in the atmosphere.

Why would NASA send the Magellan -- which cost \$900 million -- plummeting into the planet? Because the Magellan was virtually out of power. One final experiment had drained its batteries to the point where it could no longer transmit data.

Without power, you see, even the highest technology is worthless. We see and understand the importance of power everyday in the centers of Life Care and American Lifestyles and in the work of Life Care at Home -- everything from electrical currents that enable air conditioning and lighting to computers that we have come to depend upon to such a great degree.

The presence of power in the life of a Christian is also essential. Without the power of God, even the most committed Christian can not realize his or her potential and can bear no fruit. Draw upon your reservoir of power today and through the weekend.

And church, of course, is one recommended way for getting your "battery" recharged.

--Beecher Hunter