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Find hope in the power of answered prayers

Chicken Soup for the Soul shares stories of faith, divine intervention and the power of prayer

COS COB, Conn. – Jeanette Sharp’s client, Emily, told her about how her best friend had died in a train accident and, before her death, in the ambulance had prayed that God would send a Christian to raise her children and take care of her husband. When Jeanette related the story to Olivia, the shy, pleasant Christian who was in Jeanette’s hairdresser chair the next morning, she was shocked at Olivia’s tearful response. “I’ve never heard the part about the prayer before,” Olivia said. “You see, I married her husband and raised her children.” In the midst of a tragic circumstance, God had been faithful to answer a dying woman’s prayer for provision for her family.

Jeanette and the other contributors to *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Answered Prayers* (Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC, October 18, 2011, 978-1935096764, \$14.95) share true stories of answered prayers that will encourage readers in their faith and demonstrate the power of prayer.

From stories of provision and miracles to instances of angels among us, the 101 stories in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Answered Prayers* look at the many ways God is present in daily life and working on our behalf.

Whether it’s yes, no or wait, God is in our midst, answering prayers. Just ask B.J. Jensen who, while desperately lonely, joined a singles group at a local church and met Doug, with whom she became fast friends. Neither had expected or wanted anything more, but friendship turned into an engagement, and they have now been married 25 years. “Today Doug and I counsel couples all over the world about answered prayers and heavenly arrangements, teaching them that God gives us not what we think we want but exactly what we need,” B.J. says.

“This book came about because we had so many wonderful stories about answered prayers submitted for my previous book, *Chicken Soup for the Soul: A Book of Miracles*, more than we could use in that volume,” says LeAnn Thieman, co-author of *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Answered Prayers*. “This new book features men and women of faith, who celebrate the power of answered prayers in their daily life.”

Just like Dot Beams, readers will learn that God listens. While Dot was going through a divorce, she had been praying for a white station wagon. Then her boss called her into his office and told her he wanted to give her his. Readers will see how prayer can heal through Marsha Smith’s story about her husband, Bryan, who was diagnosed with terminal cancer. After putting Bryan on prayer lists across the country and asking friends and family to diligently pray, Bryan had numerous tests and procedures that came back cancer free and he is still cancer free fifteen years later.

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Answered Prayers (Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen and LeAnn Thieman) will be released on October 18, 2011. Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC, publishes all the latest titles in the famous Chicken Soup for the Soul book series, which are distributed through Simon & Schuster, Inc. Since 1993, books in the Chicken Soup for the Soul series have sold over 112 million copies, with titles translated into over 40 languages. Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing also licenses the right to use its famous trademark to high quality licensees. The company is currently implementing a plan to expand into all media, is working with TV networks on several TV shows and is developing a major Internet presence dedicated to life improvement, emotional support, inspiration and wellness. In 2007, “USA Today” named *Chicken Soup for the Soul* one of the five most memorable and impactful books in the last quarter century. For more information visit: www.chickensoup.com.

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