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## Beyond science: Finding faith and God

*Chicken Soup for the Soul's stories of faith share miracles, bring hope*

**COS COB, Conn.** – According to the Associated Press, Oxford University will spend more than \$4 million over the next three years to examine why humans embrace God. In an effort to discover if belief in the divine is an innate part of the human make-up, anthropologists, theologians, philosophers and other academics will come together to explore the cultural and sociological roots of faith. The study highlights a modern dilemma for the faith community: In an age when many argue that believing in God is a rational choice, is faith enough?

A new release from Chicken Soup for the Soul® addresses this very question, and offers readers tales of faith, miracles, and spiritual devotion. *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Stories of Faith* (Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC, October 2008, \$14.95, paperback), is part of the new “101 Best Stories” series by the new publisher of Chicken Soup for the Soul books. With refreshed cover designs and interior layouts, books in the “101 Best Stories” series offer the Editor’s favorite tales and poems submitted in the 15-year history of Chicken Soup for the Soul, reflecting the brand’s excitement and energy on this memorable anniversary.

With topical sections ranging from “God’s Healing Power” to “Celebrating Life,” *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Stories of Faith* shares tales of real-life people experiencing the miraculous and divine in the everyday. True to the spirit of the Chicken Soup for the Soul brand, these stories inspire and empower readers while sharing their faith.

In one of many poignant accounts, Ivy Olson shares how a seemingly dismal, penniless Thanksgiving with her two boys turned into a cherished memory. With only three hot dogs left for them to eat between them, a kind neighbor invited them over for Thanksgiving dinner. Upon returning the Tupperware that she had borrowed the previous evening, Olson found her neighbor’s apartment empty. She rushed down to the manager’s apartment to inquire after her neighbor, and he response was shocking: “He gave me a look and said, ‘What lady? That apartment’s been vacant for the past ten or twelve weeks. Nobody lives there.’” Years later the identity of the mysterious neighbor is unknown. However, her kind act inspired Olson to begin her own organization, The Angel Network Charity, to help those with similar situations to her own.

Inside *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Stories of Faith*, you’ll read about:

- Michele and the discovery of a precious bracelet from Jojo, her deceased fiancée, which she believes is a sign that he is watching over her
- A young woman’s loss of her sister Lisa, and her presence in her life as one of God’s angels
- Robert’s tour-of-duty in Vietnam where he saved his brother’s life and doing so his own as well
- A nurse who witnesses an elderly lady’s first steps in over six years

*Chicken Soup for the Soul: Stories of Faith* (Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen and Amy Newmark) released October 2008. 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 and 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 through IMG, the world’s premier licensing agent. 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 and inspiration. 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](http://www.chickensoup.com).

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