

A Gift of Faith Book

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**True stories of miracles through
prayer in the 1800's**

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1.) A Chair for a Boat Ride

George Mueller and his wife Mary were getting ready to travel on a ship. Mary would get very sea sick on ships, and needed a special chair that was being sent to them from New York, where they had last visited.

They needed this chair for their journey so she could sit on the deck of the ship and be more comfortable.

George prayed a special prayer for their chair to arrive in time, before they had to leave on the ship. He believed it would, as God gave him faith that it would come in time.

When George and Mary were waiting to board the ship, they found out that the chair had still not arrived yet.

People said they didn't think it would come in time, as there was only a short while left until the ship's departure.

Someone suggested to George that he should quickly go out and buy a new chair for the trip, before it was too late.

However, George felt in his heart that God was going to answer them in time, and he didn't think he should worry and go out and get a new chair.

Nearly everyone had boarded the ship, including George and Mary. Then right at the last minute, before the ship departed, someone boarded the ship with a big smile—and a chair!

Not just any chair, but the very one that George and Mary were waiting and praying for! He gave it to them.

This man was also travelling on this ship but had to wait ten minutes longer than the others before he could board.

While he waited he saw a load of supplies arriving, and included in it was George and Mary's chair. Those in charge of the things being sent unloaded the chair and gave it to the man to pass on to George and Mary.

How happy and grateful they were when the chair was given to them, just in time before the ship left.

George Mueller took off his hat and prayed a prayer of thankfulness to the Lord, Who had made sure that they had just what they needed for the trip, in answer to their prayers.



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2.) The Fur Hat

A little boy was playing outside, and he was cold. It was nearing winter time, and the other children had warm hats to wear, but he only had a straw sunhat.

He ran into the house to ask his mother for a warm hat and told her how cold he felt.

His family was very poor, but found out that God would help them when they prayed. She had faith that the Lord would help them, and told her little boy that he'd get one soon. As he went back out to play, the mother knelt down in prayer to ask the Lord for a nice warm hat for her son.

Later that afternoon a woman came to visit this family. Although she didn't know about the boy's need, she happened to bring over a warm fur hat for him, just his size.

She said to his mother, "I noticed my son's hat today in a drawer of things he doesn't need any more. Then I remembered that your son is about the right size and it would fit him. Do you want it?" How happy the mother and the boy were to receive such a wonderful answer to prayer—to get a warm hat just when it was needed.