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Miracle Mushrooms!

Early in the work of the Pacific Garden Mission, Colonel and Mrs. Clark were faced with bills they were unable to pay **except through prayer**. On one occasion the rent was due and there was not enough to pay it. There had been many requests for lodgings from the down-and-outers. In constantly enlarging their quarters, **their funds had been exhausted**. Based on Christ's promise in Matthew 21:22, **"All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive,"** they decided to spend the entire night in prayer, asking God to supply the rent money to pay the bill the next day. In the morning Col. Clark was surprised to find their front yard entirely covered with mushrooms of the best and finest quality! Mysteriously, these plants appeared far too early for the season! The Colonel did not question the why of it; he merely thanked God for the answer to their prayer, gathered the mushrooms and sold them for enough money to pay the rent and to spare! Mrs. Clark, in writing of this in her book titled, "God is Love," said, **"No mushrooms were ever seen there before—nor any since!"**

God is looking for opportunities to demonstrate His reality and make known His power as we see in 2 Chronicles 16:9, **"For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him."** God's ultimate purpose in supernaturally answering prayer is to glorify God, **"Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me"** (Psalm 50:15). **"Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son"** (John 14:13). This is why God miraculously answered prayer and met our church's financial need through unexpected sources. Hear me tell the story on **60 Live with Pat Huber** (WBPH) at 10 am & 8 pm on September 8 and online now at: www.wbph.org/video-online/60-live-videos/