



BASED ON AN INSPIRING TRUE STORY

FAITH LIKE POTATOES

STUDY GUIDE



CREW OVERVIEW

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CAST OVERVIEW

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Jeanne Wilhelm (Jill Buchan)

Hamilton Dlamini (Simeon Bhengu)

Regardt van den Bergh (Reverend)

USING THIS DISCUSSION GUIDE

Intended for use after viewing the film, this study guide provides catalysts for biblically-based discussion of various themes found in Faith Like Potatoes. The guide features three themes from the movie and is structured in such a way that groups can choose to discuss the entire guide at once or can focus on one or two themes at a time.

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FILM OVERVIEW/NOTE TO GROUP

Based on Angus Buchan's autobiography of the same name, *Faith Like Potatoes* recounts the Buchan family's struggle to acquire and sustain a farm in the turbulent and racially-charged climate of KwaZulu-Natal, a South African province. Amidst this violent backdrop emerges the faith-based story of Buchan (played by Frank Rautenbach), a man who meets God in the face of hardship and chooses to surrender to the authority of Jesus Christ rather than continue in his stubbornness and self-reliance.

At the beginning of the film, Buchan and his wife Jill (Jeanne Wilhelm) are forced to sell their established farm in Zambia due to violence, lack of education for their children, and an uncertain future for white farmers. Arriving in South Africa with little more than a trailer and some personal belongings, their situation doesn't seem much improved. Jill's outlook, however, remains positive, as she is certain that God will provide for the family. Angus, though, meets frustration at every corner with a mistrust of the local Zulus, the refusal to ask for help with his land, and a temper that flares at the smallest spark.

Eventually, a local Zulu named Simeon Bhengu (Hamilton Dlamini) manages to secure a job on Angus' farm. With Simeon's help, the Buchan family constructs a home and makes strides toward building and growing a working farm. Despite these efforts, Angus continues in a downward spiral beneath the weight of his monumental responsibilities, turning to various vices in futile efforts to find relief. During this bleak time, Jill receives an invitation to attend a local church – an invitation that would immediately and forever impact the Buchans' lives.

(Warning – spoilers mentioned below.)

Realizing the need to rely on someone greater than himself, Angus gives his life to Jesus Christ. Soon after his conversion, Angus feels compelled to share his story with others, leading initially to a local town hall meeting and eventually to widespread speaking engagements. With a family and farm in South Africa, Angus must wrestle with God's call on his life in light of his familial and vocational obligations. However, as Angus willingly shoulders the call of the Gospel and grows in his knowledge of God, he begins to see the power of prayer and the necessity of faith in a series of events (many miraculous, some tragic) that take place in and around his community.

At one point, the people of KwaZulu-Natal face two equally terrifying obstacles: heated racial tension and a devastating drought. In response to these challenges, Angus feels led to call the local farmers together for a major prayer meeting at King's Park Stadium. In that historic meeting, Angus makes the seemingly ludicrous vow to plant potatoes (a crop that requires much water) and calls for divine intervention where the weather is concerned. Several months later, in the midst of the unrelenting drought, Angus and Simeon harvest a massive crop of beautiful potatoes – potatoes that survive and flourish due to the supernatural power of God.

THEME ONE: EMBRACING CHRIST'S TRANSFORMING POWER

Guiding Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV): *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"*

SCRIPTURE REFERENCED:

- John 3:16 (NIV): "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
- Acts 9:18 (NIV): "Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again."
- Romans 8:6 (NIV): "The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace."
- Romans 12:2 (NIV): "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will."
- 1 Corinthians 1:18 (NIV): "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."
- 1 Corinthians 2:14 (NIV): "The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned."
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV): "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"
- Galatians 2:20 (NIV): "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."
- Philippians 1:6 (NIV): "That he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."
- 1 John 1:9 (NIV): "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

DVD SCENES TO REVIEW:

- Going It Alone (00:10:30 – 00:11:30)
- Falling Apart (00:27:16 – 00:31:43)
- Angus' Conversion (00:37:40 – 00:42:00)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

In order to appreciate Angus' spiritual transformation, it's important to witness his condition and lifestyle prior to salvation. Director Regardt van den Bergh devotes nearly forty minutes of the film to Angus' struggles with anger, bitterness, and impatience so as to demonstrate the drastic change in his life following his decision to follow Christ.

Scene to Review: Going It Alone (00:10:30 – 00:11:30)

- Angus is adamant that he doesn't need anyone else's help. What does this say about him? What words would you use to describe his personality?
- Even in this brief scene, we get a good look at the way Angus interacts with other people. What do you think of the way he speaks to and dismisses the Zulu worker? What about the way he treats his wife?
- At this point in the movie, why is Angus so defiantly independent?

At a few different points early in the film, Jill makes a couple of references to God. Whether she's earnestly positing that God will provide or gently suggesting that she and Angus should pray, it's clear that Jill is willing to demonstrate a faith in God that transcends her family's situation. In response to Jill's faith, though, Angus' answers vary from silence to scorn.

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- How do these verses help explain Angus and Jill's struggle to find common ground where religious or spiritual things are concerned?
- Do these verses speak to some of your own experiences? If so, how?

Eventually, Angus' personal turmoil reaches its boiling point. Jill confides in a friend that Angus is "strung out like a guitar string" and that she's just waiting for the snap. Angus, seeking relief from a series of personal and professional setbacks, turns to various vices, but still can't manage to find peace – and makes himself sick (literally) in the process.

Scene to Review: Falling Apart (00:27:16 – 00:31:43)

- How does Angus try to numb his pain? Are his methods effective?
- As you witness the tension escalating in nearly every area of Angus' life, what is your reaction? What are your thoughts about his situation overall? Can you relate to Angus' overwhelming stress and frustration?
- In the middle of Angus and Jill's fight, Jill pleads, "I want my husband back!" What kind of toll does Angus' despair take on Jill? Put yourself in her shoes – what would it feel like to see a loved one in the grip of such unshakable distress?



- Romans 8:6 (NIV) says, “The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.” Take a moment to discuss this verse’s meaning and then decide where (and why) Angus fits on the spectrum.

Amidst the worst of their troubles, Angus and Jill receive an invitation to attend an event at a local church, which leads to a second invitation to attend a worship service. During the latter, a white farmer – similar in circumstance to Angus – delivers a simple, yet powerful, testimony about his faith in Jesus Christ. Angus, flooded with childhood memories of a similar evangelical experience, is clearly moved by the message of the Gospel.

Scene to Review: Angus’ Conversion (00:37:40 – 00:42:00)

- Trace Angus’ transformation in this scene. Start with his reluctance to sit in the front pew and finish with his standing at the altar. Be sure to discuss aspects of his physical and emotional changes.
- During his testimony, the speaker says, “I was cut to the heart. My life was a mess. I had nowhere to go.” How do these words impact Angus? What’s his reaction?

At one point during the church service, Angus begins to recall a childhood memory in which he perhaps first heard the heart of the Gospel (John 3:16 [NIV]: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”)

- What significance does this particular memory hold for Angus? Why did the filmmakers feel the need to include this flashback sequence at all?

Soon after his conversion, Angus meets with the reverend of the church. During the meeting, it’s evident that Angus is a changed man. He is still fiery and passionate, and even refers to himself as a wild Scotsman, but his countenance exudes peacefulness and confidence that were previously absent. As Angus explores his newfound faith, he tells the reverend, “You know, I have this urgency in me. I feel it in my heart. I really want to know God. And I want to know why he knows me. What can I do? Is there something I can do?”



- What's prompting Angus' urgency and fervor to know and understand God? Why would his previous disinterest in God change so suddenly?
- In describing the Apostle Paul's conversion, Acts 9:18 (NIV) says, "Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again." In what ways do Paul's and Angus' conversion stories parallel each other?
- Throughout the Old and New Testaments, the Bible is full of transformation stories. Take some time to consider and discuss various accounts of people who have been mightily changed by coming into contact with the power of God.

The following verses relate to the transforming power of Jesus Christ. As you read them, carefully consider the amazing message that they proclaim.

- Romans 12:2 (NIV): "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will."
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV): "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"
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As you conclude this theme discussion (and using these verses as starting points), consider additional verses that demonstrate Christ's power to renew the mind and spirit.

THEME TWO: TRUSTING IN GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

Guiding Scripture: Proverbs 3:5 (NIV): *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.”*

SCRIPTURE REFERENCED:

- 2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV): “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”
- Psalm 9:10 (NIV): “Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.”
- Psalm 55:22 (NIV): “Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.”
- Proverbs 3:5 (NIV): “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.”
- Isaiah 12:2 (NIV): “Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.”
- Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV): “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”
- Jeremiah 33:2-3 (NIV): “This is what the Lord says, he who made the earth, the Lord who formed it and established it – the Lord is his name: ‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’”
- Matthew 6:33 (NIV): “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.”

DVD SCENES TO REVIEW:

- Three Questions (01:18:21 – 01:20:50)
- Alistair's Gift (01:35:40 – 01:37:42)
- King's Park Stadium (01:38:40 – 01:42:45)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Proverbs 3:5 (NIV) instructs, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” This verse beautifully expresses the concept that we are humans with limited abilities who need to trust in the sovereignty of a God with limitless abilities. Things may not always make sense when viewed through our narrow human lenses, but God’s course for each of our lives isn’t thwarted or threatened by the obstacles presented in this physical world. He is in control. And he wants us to trust in that fact.

At the beginning of the film, Angus is frustrated with having to sell his farm in Zambia and start from scratch in South Africa. Little does Angus know the great plans that God in his sovereign wisdom has for the wild Scotsman – plans to become a witness to the farmers and Zulus in South Africa; plans to open Shalom Children’s Home and care for orphans; plans to preach the Gospel and bring hope to lives filled with despair and destitution.

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A bit later in the story, after Angus has witnessed God’s abiding sovereignty in many ways, he informs Jill that God has asked him some tough questions about his willingness to serve.

Scene to Review: Three Questions (01:18:21 – 01:20:50)

God’s three questions for Angus include:

- Are you prepared to be a fool for me?
- Are you prepared for people to persecute you because of my name?
- Are you willing to spend less time with your family?

These questions present an opportunity for Angus (and, really, for all of us) to stretch himself in trusting in the sovereignty of God. In order to answer these questions affirmatively, Angus must know that God reigns supreme and is in control of his and his family’s future.

- As Angus relays the questions, Jill’s responses range from playfulness to skepticism. Why do Jill’s answers vary? Based on her reactions, what are her major concerns?
- In response to Jill’s unease about her husband spending even less time with his family, Angus says that he will drink from that cup. What does he mean?
- Angus seems to be at peace with the questions, even though God is asking some heavy things. How is Angus able to handle this situation with such composure?
- How about you? If God were to ask you the same three questions, what would your responses be?

Sometimes, God demonstrates his sovereignty and faithfulness on the heels of moments and seasons in this life that shake people to the core. One of the most tragic events in Angus’ life is the accidental death of his nephew, Alistair. Even though Angus knows and trusts God, he can barely stomach the horrendous feeling of guilt and holds himself responsible for Alistair’s untimely death. Yet, even in one of the Buchans’ darkest hours, God gives both Angus and Fergus a reassuring message of great hope.

Scene to Review: Alistair's Gift (01:35:40 – 01:37:42)

- In your opinion, what does Fergus' dream mean? How would you interpret the message behind Fergus and Alistair's final "meeting"?
- How would you describe Angus' response to the news of Fergus' dream? What does this dream represent to Angus? Why is it so important?
- In what ways is this scene a demonstration of God's sovereignty and faithfulness?

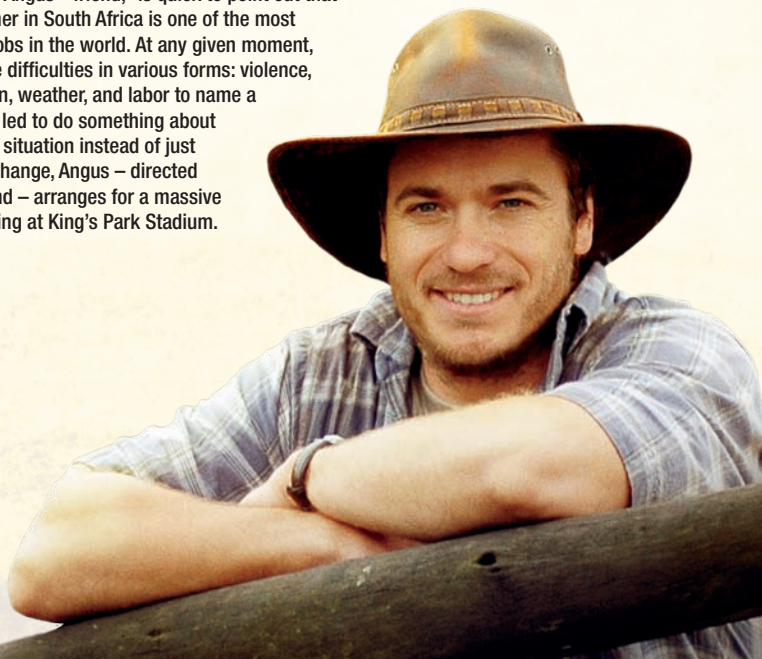
Psalm 9:10 (NIV) says, "Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you." Another verse states, "Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall" (Psalm 55:22 [NIV]).

- With Fergus' dream in mind, discuss how these verses pertain to the tremendous reality of God's enduring sovereignty.

In a scene following Angus and Fergus' phone conversation, Simeon brings a team of Zulu workers to remove the stump that Angus has been trying to take out since moving to South Africa. With a few men and a tractor, Simeon and his team unearth the stump within seconds.

- What is the metaphorical meaning behind the stump and Angus' long battle with it?
- Why is the stump removed successfully at this point in the film?

Angus is a man who faces significant challenges on a daily basis. Percy, Angus' "friend," is quick to point out that being a farmer in South Africa is one of the most dangerous jobs in the world. At any given moment, farmers face difficulties in various forms: violence, racial tension, weather, and labor to name a few. Feeling led to do something about the farmers' situation instead of just waiting for change, Angus – directed by God's hand – arranges for a massive prayer meeting at King's Park Stadium.



Scene to Review: King's Park Stadium (01:38:40 – 01:42:45)

- What do you think of Angus' speech? Is it persuasive? Why or why not?
- Angus gives the speech in his Scottish attire. Is there any significance to his choice of wardrobe? Why would he wear something so foreign to South Africans?
- Realistically speaking, what kinds of things make it difficult for the South Africans to place their trust in the sovereignty of God?

Angus issues a challenge to trust in the sovereignty of the creator of the universe rather than in a weather phenomenon. He quotes 2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV): "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

- 2 Chronicles 7:14 was originally part of an agreement between God and Solomon. How might this ancient promise be relevant to Angus' modern-day situation?

The following verses offer additional encouragement to trust in God's sovereignty:

- Isaiah 12:2 (NIV): "Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation."
- Jeremiah 33:2-3 (NIV): "This is what the Lord says, he who made the earth, the Lord who formed it and established it – the Lord is his name: 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'"
- Matthew 6:33 (NIV): "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself."

As you bring this theme discussion to a close, conclude by tracing the evidence of God's sovereignty in the extraordinary journey that is Angus Buchan's life.

THEME THREE: **LEADING A FAITH-BASED LIFE**

Guiding Scripture: Hebrews 11:1 (NIV): *“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”*

SCRIPTURE REFERENCED:

- Psalm 121:1-2 (NIV): “I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.”
- Ecclesiastes 11:4 (NIV): “Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.”
- Matthew 6:25-26 (NIV): “There I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?”
- Matthew 17:20 (NIV): “I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”
- Matthew 19: 26 (NIV): “Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’”
- Mark 11:24 (KJV): “Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”
- Romans 1:17 (NIV): “For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: ‘The righteous will live by faith.’”
- 2 Corinthians 4:18 (NIV): “So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”
- Philippians 4:13 (NIV): “I can do all things through him who gives me strength.”
- Hebrews 11:1 (NIV): “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”

DVD SCENES TO REVIEW:

- **Pray for Rain (00:46:08 – 00:52:20)**
- **Lazarus Woman (00:59:40 – 01:03:02)**
- **Faith Like Potatoes (01:43:15 – 01:52:25)**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Angus' walk with God is marked by his great faith in the Almighty, and there are plenty of palpable examples of Angus' belief throughout his remarkable story. One of the first displays of this faith occurs when a controlled fire quickly becomes unmanageable.

Scene to Review: Pray for Rain (00:46:08 – 00:52:20)

- Compare Angus' urgency to pray with Simeon's hesitancy. What are the underlying motivators for each man in his approach to the fire's solution?
- The fire occurs soon after Angus' conversion, making it one of the first trials of his newfound walk with God – quite literally, a “trial by fire.” Do you think Angus handles the situation well? Why or why not?

Angus recalls Mark 11:24 (“Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them” [KJV]) while the fire rages.

- It's as though the Holy Spirit helps Angus recollect the verse in the midst of disaster. Have you ever had a similar experience? If so, what happened?
- In what other ways does God speak to us? How does he communicate to us in ways that help to increase our faith?
- Psalm 121:1-2 (NIV) says, “I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.” How does this verse relate to the idea of leading a faith-based life?

As Angus grows in faith, so too does his reputation in the surrounding community. At one point, Angus is called by the local Zulus to come help a woman who has been struck by lightning.

Scene to Review: Lazarus Woman (00:59:40 – 01:03:02)

- As the Zulu woman stands upon command, it becomes clear that this scene is a powerful example of the authority of faith-based prayer. What are your impressions as you witness this miracle?
- Angus gives God the credit for the miraculous turn of events, but the Zulu women try to worship Angus himself. Why?

While there are plenty of verses that address faith, think about the following two: Matthew 17:20 (NIV) says, “I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you,” and Philippians 4:13 (NIV) says, “I can do all things through him who gives me strength.”

- What does it require of us to have faith that can move mountains? How come it seems that this kind of faith might be both the easiest and most difficult to achieve?

- What does Philippians 4:13 mean? How can we do all things through Christ who strengthens us? What does this verse have to do with faith?

Perhaps the greatest example of faith (and the basis for the story's title) comes from Angus' decision to grow potatoes during a horrible drought. When Angus announces his decision to go ahead with the water-reliant crop, his actions are questioned by nearly everyone, including his bank manager, the reverend, his friends and family, and other farmers. But, Angus feels strongly that God is calling him to step out in faith, and what follows is simply amazing.

Scene to Review: Faith Like Potatoes (01:43:15 – 01:52:25)

As Angus, Steyn, Simeon, and the reverend sit outside Angus' house discussing the potato crop, the reverend says, "There's a very fine line between faith and foolishness."

- Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
- Can you think of examples of other people who demonstrate or have demonstrated the "fine line between faith and foolishness"? If so, what happened?
- Angus responds to his friends' concerns with Ecclesiastes 11:4 (NIV): "Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap." What's the purpose in citing this verse?
- When Steyn tells Angus that he's still not sure about the potato crop, Angus responds, "The condition for a miracle is difficulty. For a great miracle, it's impossibility." How does this reply confirm Angus' faith-based perspective?

As Angus and Steyn go to prepare the field, Simeon himself that God has provided for them in the again in the future.

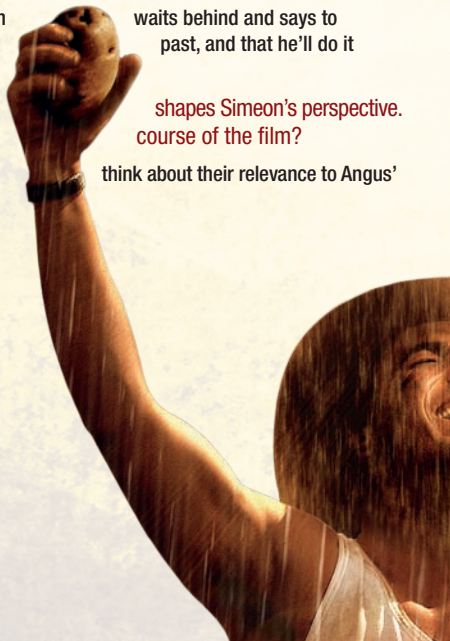
- Consider the way that Angus' faith journey
How does Simeon's faith change over the

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As the day of harvest approaches, Angus and the reverend walk onto an extremely dry field. It seems that the only things thriving in Angus’ field are the withered remains of former crops. When the reverend asks if Angus has checked on the progress of the potatoes, Angus tells him that potatoes aren’t like maize or other crops that grow aboveground; potatoes grow in the dirt and a farmer must have faith that his crop is succeeding.

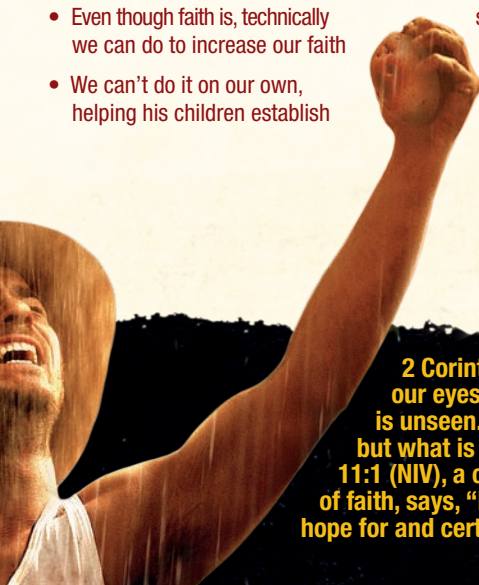
Before the actual harvest, Angus and Simeon bow their heads in prayer, thanking God for the field and the crop, and sending up a final prayer that there might be something in the ground. When Simeon digs up big, beautiful potatoes, the men dance around the field in joy.

- During his celebration, Angus looks up to see dozens, if not hundreds, of people streaming in to help with the harvest. How does this miraculous potato crop serve as a living testimony of God’s goodness and providence to the community?
- How does the potato crop represent faith? How does Angus’ obedience represent his unwavering faith?

At the end of the film, when Angus is surrounded by the orphans from Shalom Children’s Home, he tells the children that their faith must be tangible, like a potato.

- Even though faith is, technically speaking, intangible, what are some things that we can do to increase our faith and make it more substantial in our lives?
- We can’t do it on our own, though. What part does God play in helping his children establish and experience faith-based lives?

2 Corinthians 4:18 (NIV) says, “So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” And Hebrews 11:1 (NIV), a classic verse concerning the topic of faith, says, “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”



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