

Faith Like Potatoes

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Psalm 23:1-3 ESV

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. John 10:9-10 ESV

If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV

Angus Buchan was a hard working man. He had a passion for his family and a passion for farming, but even though he was succeeding in life, he had no peace in his heart. The harder he worked the more discontent he became. The emptiness became a driving force inside of him that he had no control over. His wife shouted, "I want my husband back." Emptiness in our lives can cause different reactions in us. Have you ever felt empty inside? How does it make you feel? Ask God to fill the empty spots in your life.

The farmer who spoke in the church meeting said, "My life was a mess. I had no where to go to. I had no interest in religion. My heart cried out for reality." While Angus listened his mind flashed back to when he was a boy and the calling he felt on his life. When the pastor said, "It just shows emptiness in the hearts of all people, an emptiness that nothing but the Lord can fill." Angus knew that Christ could fill the emptiness inside of him. He wanted God's peace for himself, his wife, and his children. Do you have peace?

The pastor said to Angus, "God loves wild men who are excited about Him. Paul and the disciples, they turned villages around, they turned the world upside down, it says so in the Bible." Angus said, "You know, I have this urgency in me. I feel it in my heart now. I really want to know God. Is there something I can do?" The pastor replied, "That's God's Spirit in you." The pastor told him to read the Bible.

What do you think God is calling you to do with your life?

Angus loved praying in his "green cathedral". He believed that God was sending him to speak to other people who were lonely and despairing. "Something's changed in my heart. I've changed. Surely there's gotta be people out there, just like me. Despairing, working their heads off every day. God uses ordinary people; those who dare to follow Jesus and believe that He is God."

How do you think God uses you to help those who are lonely and despairing?

Angus believed that God was calling him to organize a big prayer meeting. The local pastors didn't encourage him. One said, "It is difficult to get a bunch of Christians together let alone black and white and Indian." Even though Angus struggled to get support, he knew that God was calling him to continue. When Angus asked God what to say he felt that God told him to "tell the people what is in your heart."

What is in your heart? Are you willing to let God change your heart and life like Angus did?

The Special Features show the true story of Angus Buchan. He and his family continue to share their faith and give hope to hurting people. In the movie Angus said, "Feel this potato. Your faith in God must be like that. It must be real." Angus' family continues to farm. They have an orphanage with many young children who have lost their parents to diseases and other calamities. They believe that God has taken care of them and it is their responsibility to pass that love and concern on to others.

Dear Lord, You have graciously watched over us. Show us how we can pass Your love on to others around us. Fill the empty places in our hearts with Your goodness and love. Give us Your peace as we follow You. Help us live our lives abundantly to Your glory and our good. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.