

Film Title: **Faith Like Potatoes**

Clip Name: **God Gives Life**

Main Idea: God Gives Life In All Of It's Many Forms

Scene Setup: Angus Buchan has only recently turned his life over to Jesus and begun to tell his circle of influence, including his Zulu farm workers, about the Lord. They can see the change in his life and believe he has a relationship with Jesus, so it is him they call when they need a miracle. After a violent storm hits, lightning strikes two of the Zulus, leaving one of them dead.

Application: Angus is a new believer and has seen Jesus do big changes in his own life. He has begun to share the Lord with his Zulu farm workers, and so they know the Bible says prayer changes things. He is so new in the Lord that he hasn't developed his anti-supernatural hermeneutic that God doesn't still heal the dead. All he knows is the Word says to pray in faith and ask in the name of Jesus, and faced with a situation where all he has is the Lord, he comes like a little child and experiences a great miracle.

God tells us he is the one who originally gave us life. It is His breath that caused the first man to stand up and live. It is His eternal life that we receive that will allow us to enter heaven and live our eternal life. Jesus said He is life. God tells us in another place in scripture that everything in the universe is held together by Jesus.

Every single person who ever lived will be raised from the dead by God someday. In this clip from the true story of Angus Buchan, we see that God sometimes brings a bit of the future to earth in the here and now when we pray in faith. Theologians call it the "Now and the Not Yet." It is an attempt to try to grasp why God sometimes does the thing He plans to do at the end of the age in the here and now. Angus was too new to do anything other than pray in faith, and his prayer was answered, "Yes".

Correlating Scriptures:

1. Genesis 2:7 (New International Version) ⁷ the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.
2. Psalm 103:1-5 (New International Version) ¹ Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. ² Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits- ³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
3. John 3:14-17 (New International Version) ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ "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. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

4. John 11:25 (New International Version) ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

Alternative Ideas:

1. Denominations that serve the entire world issue an annual report, and interestingly, there are people raised from the dead by the prayer of faith every year. But usually these miracles do not happen in America. These incidents, although rare, seem to occur in third world countries, where the people have a simple childlike faith. Almost every story where someone is brought back from the dead involves someone arriving on the scene completely unaware that the person had died. Thinking they are only in deep trouble, the person prays and is shocked when the family reports that they had prayed for a dead person who is now alive. What does that tell us about how we should pray in our lives?

2. Jesus demonstrated His power over death several times. The one most people are familiar with is the miracle of Lazarus coming back from the dead because of Jesus' prayer and faith. Jesus tells us He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Not everyone that died around Jesus was brought back to life, but Lazarus was. If Jesus has the power over life and death, what keeps us from praying for those who die?

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