THE COW PEN

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Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13

This film is dedicated to the men and women who sacrificed themselves for the independence of a free and independent American nation.

FADE IN

EXT. BATTLEFIELD - DAY

The screen is dark and all that is heard is gun fire that is faint at first and then becomes louder. Men are shouting loudly as the screen becomes lighter and then...

AMERICAN OFFICER

FIRE!

A line of Continental Soldiers fire a volley at the British.

The scene cuts to the British Soldiers in their lines.

BRITISH OFFICER
Keep your ranks men. Return fire at will;

fire at will!

Soldiers on both sides have men that fall in the ranks as if shot. The battle looks real.

Noah Grant reloads his musket and fires off a round.

NOAH

We got em on the run boys!

A voice over the loud speaker begins to talk.

VOICEOVER

Thank you ladies and gentlemen for coming out to today's re-enactment. We hope you enjoyed it and please feel free to walk around the camps and ask questions. Have a great day!

Noah and his friend Pete walk towards their campsite.

PETE

For someone who loves history you sure do

Mess around a lot.

NOAH

Look out, here comes serious Pete!

PETE

That may be but you of all people should be a little more serious.

NOAH

That's your problem Pete. You got to learn to let your hair down a little.

PETE

I usually don't have much hair to hang down.

NOAH

You make a good point brother.

PETE

Besides your silly humor, your great, great grandfather was in that war.

NOAH

I know that and I have the utmost respect for him. I just like to have a little fun that's all. You need to lighten up!

PETE

Mary says that to me all the time.

NOAH

Let me ask you something. If you could go back to this time period, would you?

PETE

I don't know, probably not. I'm too old for this.

I mean I do find it a fascinating time don't get

me wrong, but no, I don't think so. Why?

NOAH

I'd be on it like white on rice.

PETE

You're not going anywhere except home and then to work tomorrow.

NOAH

Once you got there you'd never want to come back as old fashioned as you are.

PETE

You're so funny ha, ha. See you in the morning.

Noah and Pete go their separate ways.

INT. NOAH'S HOME-DAY

Noah comes in the front door and his wife, Sara, greets him.

SARA

So, how was the big battle?

NOAH

Oh not too bad. We beat them again.

SARA

Don't those guys ever learn?

NOAH

I guess not but that's what makes it so fun. Have
You ever wondered what it was like living back in
that time period?

SARA

I know I wouldn't like to live back then. Noah

Honey I'm a southern girl who needs a lot of
pampering.

NOAH

Oh, how could I have forgotten that? Pete said the same thing.

SARA

You mean about the pampering? (Laughing)

NOAH

About the living back then part you nut.

SARA

Please take those smelly clothes off.

Noah heads to the bedroom and gets out of his re-enactment clothes.

He gets dressed and walks into the living room with the old family Bible and sits down.

NOAH

Pete says I mess around too much at
the re-enactments. You knew I had
a great, great grandfather in the Revolutionary
War didn't you?

SARA

I remembered you saying something about it a long time ago. I read about him in that Bible.

NOAH

You did huh? It says here that he was a man of great faith in God and a great soldier.

SARA

Maybe that's why I like him so much. Your mom used to tell me that he was the one that started the chain of becoming christians in your family; besides your dad.

NOAH

Yes I remember her saying that. I wish my dad would have listened and done the same.

SARA

There's still time Noah. God's in control.

NOAH

I hope He does something soon with dad. Hey,
You teach on the Revolutionary War right?

SARA

I do but we don't get real in depth with it, why?

NOAH

The kids, do they listen to you about this stuff or do they blow it off?

SARA

I think for the most part they are interested in it.

I try to make it interesting for them, like my teachers did for me in college.

NOAH

Has anyone ever told you that you're the best Teacher at that school?

SARA

As a matter of fact I know one guy that tells me that all the time. He's a teacher's pet.

NOAH

Who is this smart man you're talking about?

SARA

Well, he smells like a smoke stack right now. Please do us all a favor and go take a shower.

NOAH

Are you saying I stink? (Smelling his armpits)

SARA

Kind of, sort of, go away...please! (Laughing)

Noah walks into the bed room and looks at the family Bible a little more. He sits and smiles as he reads the name.

NOAH

Jeremiah Grant! You must have been one hell of a soldier buddy. You lucky dog! I think I would have loved living back then.

INT. HOME-AFTERNOON

The phone rings and it's a doctor from the hospital. Sara answers the phone.

SARA

Hello.

He's in the shower right now. This is his wife, Sara, Can I help you Doctor? (Pause) Well we know that his dad's had a few problems but......... He's there now? What room?

Ok, I'm sure it won't be long. We'll be on our way in a few minutes....

Thank you Doctor, ok, goodbye.

Sara hangs up the phone very concerned. Noah's father has Cancer but the Doctor is hopeful that they can get it in time. Noah get's

out of the shower and changes. He walks into the living room where Sara is. Sara looks very sad.

NOAH

Hey, what's wrong with you?

SARA

Honey, there's a problem. It's your dad Noah.

He's in the hospital and he's not well. They think it may be that cancer again.

NOAH

Oh my God! Ok let's get up there. He's pretty tough.

I hope he can hang in there.

SARA

I know you're frustrated with him because he won't take care of himself. Ever since mom died he hasn't been the same.

NOAH

That's an understatement. I try to tell him that all the time. Let's go see him.

Noah, Sara and Olivia leave the house and head to the hospital.

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM-DAY

Noah's dad is in bed and doesn't look like very good. Noah is with Sara and his daughter, Olivia.

NOAH

Dad can you hear me?

DAD

I can hear you son. I'm not dead yet.

NOAH

Well at least you haven't lost your sense of

humor. I love you dad in spite of how you act.

DAD

No preaching today you understand that?

NOAH

I'm not here to preach I just want you to take better care of yourself that's all. Have you thought about what we talked about a few days ago.

DAD

I have but I told you no preaching.

NOAH

Here we go again right? I'm just concerned about your spirit, and your heart that's it.

DAD

You're preaching again!

The Doctor comes into the room and starts to talk.

DOCTOR

I take it you're his son Noah?

NOAH

Yes sir I am. This is my wife, Sara, she said you were talking about the cancer returning.

The doctor takes Noah and Sara away from Noah's dad.

Doctor

It has but I think we may be able to get it in time. He's been sedated so he may be out of it for awhile. He needs some rest.

NOAH

I like your confidence doc. We worry about him all the time.

DOCTOR

Have you thought about a residential setting for him?

After the surgery, he will need a lot of care.

NOAH

The old folks home? They'd throw him out.

SARA

No they wouldn't. You make him out to be some crazy person. Your dad can be really sweet.

NOAH

Are we talking about the same guy.

DOCTOR

He should be on a strict diet and he needs to be looked after a little more often. It's just a fact of life that he's getting older and needs more care than usual, especially now.

NOAH

I guess we'll think about it and let you know.

DOCTOR

He's scheduled for surgery tomorrow morning ok so go ahead and finish up here. He will be asleep pretty soon. Thanks for coming up here so quickly.

SARA

Thank you doctor.

The doctor walks out of the room and Noah goes back to his dad.

NOAH

HEY DAD!

DAD

My gosh I'm not deaf. Why are you talking so loud?

NOAH

Sorry about that. Hey, the doc says you need your rest so we're going to leave now ok. Your surgery is tomorrow afternoon.

DAD

Yes I know that. Thanks for coming up.

NOAH

That's it! That's all you want to say is thanks for coming up?

SARA

Honey he don't mean anything by it. Come on let's go. See you tomorrow dad ok?

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DAD
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Ok honey thanks. I'll see you then.

NOAH

He called you HONEY? We'll be praying for you dad.

Noah's dad raises his arms in a gesture to leave so they walk out.

NOAH

He is his cheerful old self isn't he?

SARA

Oh come on. He's scared that's all. I'd be scared too.

NOAH

I'd like to give him scared. He calls you honey and is a crab to me. Let's get out of here.

INT. NOAH'S HOME-DAY

Noah is sitting on the couch with Sara watching T.V.

NOAH

What is it with guys like my dad and Pete?

SARA

I remember a guy not real long ago who was just like them. You were the same way Noah.

You didn't want to know the truth.

NOAH

I guess you're right. Pete is just as bull headed as my dad.

SARA

Don't give up on them Noah. I didn't give up on you did I?

NOAH

No you didn't. I've been praying for these two and it seems like I hit a brick wall with them.

SARA

He hears you Noah. Just remember, it's His timing, not ours so keep doing what you're doing and it'll work out. You've got to have faith.

NOAH

My dad may not have that much time Sara. I can't wait for things to work out.

Noah gets up and heads to the kitchen. Sara sits and stares at the T.V. not knowing what to say.

INT. NEXT DAY- OFFICE

Noah is sitting at his desk and looks over at Pete. Pete is working on some paper work. Noah takes a paper and crumbles it up.

NOAH

Think fast!

Pete drops his pen and puts his arm together to make a basketball hoop.

PETE

Lucky shot as always.

Sherry the Manager of the company walks in as the paper flies by her.

SHERRY

So guys, I see we're hard at work today?

PETE

Why good morning Sherry. How are you?

SHERRY

I'm doing pretty well. I was anyways until I got an email a little while ago.

NOAH

This email has to do with.....?

SHERRY

It has to do with both of you. They want to go overseas with our business because they say it's too expensive here in the states.

PETE

Noah and I have given these people everything, more so if you ask me.

SHERRY

I know that. What do you think I've been doing the last hour or so on that phone? I know you guys are great at what you do.

NOAH

What's the bottom line then Sherry?

SHERRY

Corporate says they will make a decision in a month.

That's all I can tell you. I'm working on it so......

Sherry walks out frustrated over this decision on Pete and Noah.

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So what are we supposed to do now?

PETE

I'm so close to retirement. This figures don't it?

NOAH

It just hasn't been my week.

PETE

It's only Monday for crying out loud.

NOAH

Well, we can sit here and tell jokes.

PETE

No, no I'm not in the mood. You wouldn't...

NOAH

You know I would. Hey, did you hear about the horse

That walked into the bar?

PETE

Yes I did and the bartender said" Why the long face"?

NOAH

I must be getting old. I don't remember telling you that one. How about the seal that walked into the bar?

PETE

The bartender said."Hey, what d'ya have"? The seal said, "anything but a Canadian Club". I've heard These a thousand times you goofball.

NOAH

You're no fun anymore. So, what's our game plan?

PETE

We start looking around for work I guess. We have done well here and our accounts are in good shape. Those people know they get good service from us.

NOAH

Who is going to want two older guys? Maybe our clients will put in a good word for us huh?

PETE

This is so lame what a joke. I never thought this would happen to us.....ever.

NOAH

How long have we worked together here?

What, about 15 years or so?

PETE

Yah about 15 years and it's been a lot of fun.

NOAH

I wonder what Sara is going to say about this?

PETE

I know what Mary will say. She'll probably come up here screaming at Sherry. (Laughs)

Pete smiles at Noah and they both get back to work.

INT. PETE'S HOME-EARLY EVENING

Pete is sitting out in his backyard and he is extremely angry. Mary comes out and brings him a drink.

MARY

Here you go honey.

PETE

Thanks. I love it back here you know what I mean?

I am so angry right now I could just...

MARY

You've spent enough time and money back here I know that. What's wrong with you?

PETE

I may be sitting back here a lot more now.

MARY

What's happened? Don't get your blood pressure up on me.

PETE

Sherry came in to the office this morning and informed me and Noah that we may be let go.

MARY

How did this all come about? You two have been there forever.

PETE

Apparently they want to send our work overseas because it's least expensive. Out with the old and in with the new I guess.

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MARY
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Can they do that; just take your job away from you.

Don't they care about people's families. If I have to

I'll go up there and set them straight.

PETE

You talk about my blood pressure, listen to you!

It's not for sure yet. Sherry wasn't happy about it.

I guess that's a good sign.

MARY

Now you got me mad. Doesn't anybody care anymore?

Well, come on let's go in. Dinner is about ready.

They hold hands as they walk back up to the house. Pete and Mary are very disturbed over the news.

INT. NOAH'S HOME -EARLY MORNING

The phone rings loudly and its 4 a.m. Noah answers the phone and listens. He drops the phone.

SARA

Noah, what's wrong? Who was that?

NOAH

That was Mary.

SARA

Mary? What does she want at 4 o'clock in the morning?

NOAH

It's Pete, honey.

SARA

What about Pete? What's happened?

NOAH

Pete just died of a heart attack Sara. My best friend has just died.

Noah gets up and walks to the bathroom.

EXT. PETE'S HOUSE-DAY

Noah and Sara are at Pete's house to comfort Mary.

MARY

Thank you for being here. I don't know what to do Sara. He was my life.

SARA

I know Mary. We loved Pete very much.

NOAH

Mary, if you need anything at all, all you need to do is ask and it's done ok?

MARY

He loved you like a brother Noah. He talked about you all the time. I'm thankful for you and Sara. I really am.

PETE

Was there any kind of sign that Pete might have a problem last night?

MARY

He was upset about work. He told me that

you two may be fired in a month and he was angry about it.

Sara looks at Noah as if "Why haven't I heard about this"?

NOAH

Honey I was going to mention it to you but
I thought I should wait. Sherry told us she was
going to fight hard for us to stay. She means
what she say's and I believe her.

SARA

I think you still should have told me.

NOAH

You're right, I'm sorry honey.

PETE

Pete's wasn't like you Noah. You can let stuff roll
Off your back but he couldn't. He took things real
Personal you know?

NOAH

I know Mary.

SARA

Whatever you need you let us know ok? Are the kids on their way home?

MARY

Tomorrow they'll all be here.

SARA

We love you Mary. (Sara hugs Mary. Noah then

hugs Mary also).

Noah and Sara leave as Mary walks out to the back yard looking it over. Tears start to roll down her cheek as scene fades.

INT. CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS-MORNING

The Sunday School Teacher, Eric, Is talking about the responsibility of a Christian. The class has about 7 couples.

ERIC

It is our responsibility as Christians to tell others
about Jesus. I know I need to do it more and you probably
feel the same. We get caught up at work and at other places
and feel funny about bringing up Christ.

S.S. WOMAN

I've got some good news to share if I may Eric.

ERIC

Sure go ahead. We always want to hear some good news.

S.S. WOMAN

My mother, after several years of praying, finally accepted Christ on Friday. I am so excited for her and I want to thank the class for your prayers.

ERIC

That is wonderful, all right. (Claps his hands)

S.S. WOMAN

I just feel so blessed. I love all of you.

ERIC

I know that's a burden lifted off your shoulders.

Ok let's wrap it up with prayer.

Eric prays for the class and then dismisses them. He calls to Noah before he can walk out of the room.

ERIC

Hey Noah, I heard the news about your friend Pete.

I'm really sorry about that. I know we all have been praying for his salvation.

NOAH

Yes but why him and now? He was my best friend Eric. I loved that man.

FRIC

You sound like you've put all of this on your shoulders

Noah.

NOAH

Pete was my responsibility. Nobody knew Pete better than me.

ERIC

Jesus did. He knows everyone a lot more than you and I. I know you're hurting but you've got to move on. Guilt is a horrible thing and very hard to get rid of.

NOAH

If think if I could have explained things better to him, maybe...

ERIC

Maybe nothing Noah. Stop this do you understand?

You did everything you knew possible. Let's pray right now.

Eric says a prayer with Noah but Noah is agitated about Pete's death.

ERIC

You've got to have faith Noah.

NOAH

Faith; I just lost my best friend and my dad's cancer has returned too. I was also told that I may be out of my job in a month . How much can a person take Eric? I'm about to here with it right now.

Noah walks away from Eric upset.

INT. NOAH'S HOME - EVENING

Noah is sitting in his chair just staring at the wall.

SARA

Hey, is anybody there?

NOAH

It will be a lot different going in to work tomorrow and not seeing Pete there.

SARA

Give it time ok. I miss him too.

NOAH

I know you do honey.

SARA

Are you coming to bed?

NOAH

I'll be there in a minute ok.

Sara walks into the bedroom and closes the door. Noah is sitting in his chair.

NOAH

God, I am trying to understand what's going on here.

I really am trying. If this is a test I'm failing miserably.

I need some help Lord, I really do!

INT. WORK-DAY

Noah is at work and sitting at his desk. He keeps looking over at Pete's vacant desk. He gets up and walks over and looks on the desk and there is a calendar. Sundays date is circled but had nothing written on it. Noah is confused about this.

NOAH

What were you planning to do Sunday big guy?

Noah walks over to his desk and gets on the phone and calls Mary.

NOAH

Hello Mary, hey it's Pete. Are you doing alright?

MARY

I'm trying to hang in there. Is there anything wrong?

NOAH

Well I was just calling you to see what Pete had scheduled for Sunday. He has it circled and I was just checking to see if it was something important. Do you know why?

MARY

I was going to tell you but I just thought...

NOAH

Tell me what?

MARY

Pete, he was going to surprise you and come to

Sunday school and attend the class with you. He really
wanted...

Mary is in tears and Noah has a tear coming down his cheek.

NOAH

I'm so sorry Mary please forgive me.

MARY

I can't talk about this now ok, Goodbye.

Noah hangs up the phone and puts his hands over his face.

INT.HOME-MORNING

Noah gets up from the table and goes to the bedroom. He starts getting some clothes together and putting them on the bed. Sara walks in.

SARA

What are you doing?

NOAH

I'm getting my stuff together for the re-enactment.

SARA

Do you think you should go to that?

NOAH

I have to Sara. I've got to do something. I'll go see

my dad afterwards. He should be done with all the surgery and be awake.

SARA

Were you going to include us?

NOAH

This is something I've got to handle Sara, not you.

SARA

You can't do this on your own don't you understand that?

NOAH

All I know is I can't stay here and think about this. I Need to go do something that'll take my mind of it for awhile.

SARA

Don't you shut us out Noah Grant. We've been through tough times before. Faith is what got us through those times and faith will get us through this.

NOAH

Faith, faith, stop it will you? I have had it up to here with faith. Just let me go do this alright?

SARA

I hope you find what you're looking for out there on that battlefield. You know its right here (picks up the bible), not out there.

NOAH

Do you know where my shoes are? These boots will

Have to do.

Noah puts on some boots, then gets his stuff and walks out of the house. He gets in his van and drives off to the battlefield.

EXT.BATTLEFIELD-MORNING

Noah pulls up to a parking spot at the battlefield and realizes nobody is around. The welcome center looks empty too.

NOAH

Ok this is weird. Where is everybody?

Noah puts his wallet in the glove box gets out and puts on the rest of his things and starts walking towards the camp area.

NOAH

Well looky here! My lucky day.

He reaches down and picks up a dollar bill off the ground and puts it in his pocket.

NOAH

Now, let's see what's up here.

As he begins to walk he notices the temperature starts to change.

My gosh... It's freezing.

Noah falls to the ground shaking. He looks around and his van is gone and there is no parking lot or welcome center.

NOAH

Where's my van...the welcome center?

PICKET 1

Where'd you come from? (Taken back by suddenly

seeing Noah)

NOAH

Who are you?

Noah looks and see's two soldiers with their muskets pointed at him.

PICKET 1

How'd you get here and how'd you break our lines?

NOAH

Why are you pointing those muskets at me?

PICKET 2

Cause you are our prisoner that's what fer.

NOAH

A prisoner? What are you talking about?

PICKET 2

We're at war or haven't you heard?

NOAH

At war... Are you guys drunk?

PICKET 2

You don't know there's a war on huh? We have been fer the past 5 year.

NOAH

We're at war with who?

PICKET 1

The British, you know, those men that wear those

red coats.

NOAH

Red coats... Great Britain? You guys are nuts.

Noah starts to walk away but hears both triggers going back on their muskets.

PICKET 2

Another step and you die son.

NOAH

I think there has been a huge misunderstanding guys.

PICKET 1

Close your mouth and walk that way.

Noah starts walking with the two picket soldiers behind him.

They look like they're afraid of Noah.

INT. MORGAN'S TENT- DAY

The two picket soldiers enter Morgan's tent while Noah is guarded outside.

MORGAN

Why are you two here?

PICKET 1

Sir...We have to report a man got through our picket line, but we got him sir. He just...showed up sir. He's outside under guard.

MORGAN

Who is he where'd he come from?

PICKET 2

It's just like he said General, one minute we were by ourselves and then the next, there he was all balled up on the ground.

WASHINGTON

Is he touched in the head or what?

PICKET 2

He scared the heck out of us. There's no way he walked up on us.

Washington gets up and goes to the picket soldiers and smells around them looking for signs of liquor.

WASHINGTON

Well they haven't been of strong drink sir. He just dropped right in huh?

PICKET 1

As God as my witness sir he just appeared, that' what happened. That is the truth.

MORGAN

All right already. You two act like he's a ghost or something. Nobody just comes from no wheres you understand. Bring him in here.

Noah is led to a large tent and one of the soldiers goes in while the other guards Noah. He looks around and is amazed at all the people he see's. In a short time Noah is brought in to the tent.

INT.MORGAN'S TENT- DAY

MORGAN

My name is General Morgan. You broke our picket

NOAH

line. How'd you do this?

Excuse me sir I didn't break your line. Did you say Morgan?

I did now who are you?

NOAH

My name is Noah Grant.

MORGAN

You're found snoopin around my camp, why?

NOAH

I wasn't snooping sir. I don't know how I got here.

MORGAN

You hear that Colonel? He doesn't know how he got here.

Colonel Washington is sitting besides Morgan.

WASHINGTON

General I think we have a spy.

NOAH

I'm no spy sir. Wait, you're Colonel Washington...

head of the dragoons?

WASHINGTON

That would be correct. How do you know that?

MORGAN

You know Colonel Washington?

NOAH

Well, in a way, yes. Sir, this will sound strange

but could you tell me what...... year it is?

MORGAN

(Laughs) It'd be January 1781. Why do you ask?

NOAH

That's impossible. General where are we right now?

The name of this place what is it?

MORGAN

It's a cow pen, why?

NOAH

When I left my house this morning it was March 22nd,

2011. I was at Cowpens National Battlefield...hey wait...

MORGAN

I'll have no more of this, he's raving.

Morgan looks at Washington and both are in agreement.

NOAH

I'm here, I'm actually here!

MORGAN

You are here, where?

WASHINGTON

Are you sure you're all right?

NOAH

I don't know. This is amazing!

MORGAN

Guard! Take this man over to see the surgeon.

The guard comes in and grabs Noah from behind.

NOAH

The surgeon, no wait, I'm not sick I need to warn you...

Noah is punched in the stomach and he loses his breath. He is dragged to the surgeon's tent and put in shackles. He is punched again in the face by the guard.

GUARD

I'd shut your mouth if ya knew what was good fer ya!

EXT. MORGAN'S TENT-DAY

Noah is taken away. Morgan and Washington are trying to figure out who Noah is and how he got there.

WASHINGTON

It looks like you've got a real live one there General.

MORGAN

He's an odd one for sure. How did he get past the first pickets? That soldier that brought him in said he just appeared right in front of him. How?

WASHINGTON

Yes and he looked frightened when he was speaking.

You just don't appear out of nowhere. Did you notice
his boots?

MORGAN

I did. I've never seen any boots like that before. Come on now, nobody just comes out of thin air.

WASHINGTON

I wonder what he meant by 'I'm here, I'm actually here?

It's Like he knows this place.

MORGAN

So, you believe there is something "un-natural" going on here?

WASHINGTON

Do you have another explanation? Those pickets were not drunk but were scared. I've never seen the men act like that before.

MORGAN

Come on Colonel, what, you think he's a ghost? (Laughs)

WASHINGTON

He seemed pretty sure about that date he was talking about. The year 2011!!

MORGAN

We'll interrogate him later. We'll see what the surgeon says first.

INT. SURGEON'S TENT-AFTERNOON

Morgan walks into the tent and seems upset as to the blood on Noah's face.

MORGAN

How's my prisoner doin? What happened here?

NOAH

I love your welcoming committee.

GUARD

The prisoner got a little out of sorts sir and I put em back in line.

MORGAN

Get em cleaned up and bring him some food and water. Then bring em to me without beating him again. Is that understood?

GUARD

Yes sir, General!

A while later Noah is brought to Morgan's tent.

INT. MORGAN'S TENT- AFTERNOON

Morgan and Washington are sitting at a table. Noah is brought in.

MORGAN

You left here earlier yelling about you had to warn me about something.

NOAH

If today is January 15th, 1781, then you will be attacked by Colonel Tarleton and his Army at dawn on the 17th.

MORGAN

How do ya know this?

NOAH

I told you I'm not from this time. This battle took place 230 years ago. It's history that's why I know.

MORGAN

Do you have any proof of this?

No sir I don't think so. I'll check my stuff to see if I have anything.

MORGAN

What you want us to believe is preposterous you know that don't you?

NOAH

Yes but I can help you.

MORGAN

Help us, help us how?

NOAH

I was a history major in college. I can tell you their strength and where they'll come from.

MORGAN

I already know Tarleton's chasing me. It's just a matter of time.

NOAH

That's why you and Greene split your forces in Charlotte to separate the British forces am I right?

MORGAN

We had to do that. We're trying to lengthen their supply lines.

NOAH

You were supposed to keep them on the run but

you chose to disobey that order and stop here, at

Cowpens. Why here General?

MORGAN

Because I think we can lick them that's why.

NOAH

And you will sir, you will.

WASHINGTON

You know the outcome...Mr. Grant?

NOAH

I know that Tarleton has about 1,100 soldiers and this includes the 17th Light Dragoons, the 7th Royal Fusiliers, the 71st Frasier Highlanders, The Royal Artillery with two three pounders and the Tory Militia. And yes, I know we'll crush them.

MORGAN

We'll crush them?

NOAH

Yes sir it will be a disaster for the British.

MORGAN

Forgive me if I don't get too excited about all of this.

How do we know you're being truthful about this

whole....story?

NOAH

Come on sir, how can I be so detailed and have all this knowledge if I'm not who I say I am?

MORGAN

What kind of force do we have?

NOAH

You sir have about 1,000 Soldiers which includes Colonel Washington and his Dragoon's, The North Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee Militia's, and a few hundred Continental soldier's.

WASHINGTON

His information is accurate General. But now, what to do with him?

NOAH

What to do with me? Sir I'm here to help you.

WASHINGTON

We can't take any chances and we can't have him runnin about shooting his mouth off either.

MORGAN

We'll put him in the infirmary for now. This is all so impossible to understand.

NOAH

I won't tell anybody else I promise.

Morgan pauses and looks over at Washington.

MORGAN

I have to think on this.

What's there to think about

WASHINGTON

This isn't something that happens every day you understand that? We need some time.

NOAH

Everything I've said is true and you know it.

Besides, you don't have that much time.

MORGAN

Guard! Take him back and shackle him. I don't want him loose in the camp understood?

The guard grabs Noah and starts tugging on him to leave the tent.

NOAH

A rider will come telling you the British are coming in the morning sir I promise you. It will be a woman.

I'm telling you the truth let me go I'm telling the truth.

You've got to listen to.

Noah is dragged off to the infirmary.

WASHINGTON

Why the infirmary sir?

MORGAN

You were right Colonel. We can't have him running around with this knowledge. He'll be safe where he is and no one can talk to him.

WASHINGTON

Have you thought about what if he is who he says

he is?

MORGAN

He just appeared out of nowhere right?

WASHINGTON

According to both pickets that is correct sir.

MORGAN

Then he'll be all right where he's at for the time being.

I have one more test for him.

INT.INFIRMARY TENT-EVENING

Noah is laying on the cot thinking.

NOAH

I don't blame them for not believing me. Heck

I wouldn't believe me. I'd have me locked up too.

Noah turns over and goes to sleep.

EXT. CAMP- EARLY MORNING

A rider comes into the camp yelling that the British are heading their way. It is a woman. Noah wakes up and hears her talking to the guards.

Morgan comes out to see what's going on and then heads over to the prisoner's tent.

INT. INFIRMARY TENT-MORNING

MORGAN

We might have some use for you yet. Guard, leave us.

The guard looks at Morgan confused and leaves the area.

Thank you General.

MORGAN

I've changed my mind. Not a word of what's been discussed is that understood? If you do, I'll come hang you myself.

Morgan leaves the tent and Noah breathes a sigh of relief.

EXT. CAMP AREA-DAY

A militia man comes to the prisoner tent and gets Noah.

JEREMIAH

I've got orders for you to come with me?

NOAH

Who are you?

JEREMIAH

I'm Jeremiah Grant and I'm here to fetch you and bring you over to our camp. Come on, come with me.

NOAH

(Under his breath) My great, great grandfather?

What is going on?

Noah is amazed. He knows this guy. It's his great, great, grandfather. Noah is really confused but goes with Jeremiah over to the South Carolina Camp area.

EXT. MILITIA CAMP-MORNING

JEREMIAH

I guess you're going to stay a spell with us. The general said that we'd be taking care of you for a bit.

NOAH

What group are you with?

JEREMIAH

I'm with The Militia. There over here by the fire.

Noah see's about fifteen rangers and they're all looking at him. Jeremiah introduces Noah to the guys but they are not very comfortable with him.

JEREMIAH

We might as well sit for a spell.

NOAH

It beats being in that other place, thanks.

NOAH

How long have you men been fighting this war?

JEREMIAH

I think about 5 year now. It's been a long time I know that.

NOAH

I give you guys a lot of credit.

JEREMIAH

We been runnin from those British for awhile now and I guess the general's had enough. They'll be here soon.

I know Jeremiah. They'll come from that direction right over there at dawn.

JEREMIAH

How you know that?

NOAH

I just know that's all.

JEREMIAH

Where you from?

NOAH

I ...live kind of close to here. How about you?

JEREMIAH

I live a good ways off. I haven't been home in a long time. I'd love to see my family.

NOAH

Don't worry about them they'll be fine.

JEREMIAH

How'd you know that?

NOAH

I just know that's all.

JEREMIAH

You believe in God huh?. That's what keeps us going.

We have faith that He will see us through all this.

Faith...Sometimes it takes more than faith.

God let's things happen.....

JEREMIAH

Things happen and there isn't always a reason.

Many of my friends have died in this war but I'm

Not blamin God fer it.

NOAH

And yet, you still have a lot of faith?

JEREMIAH

Without faith I'd be lost.

NOAH

Yes, I heard that before. Sometimes I get confused of why He lets things happen. My faith has wavered at times.

JEREMIAH

Well, we have faith that God is helping us with them

British. We need all the help we can get ya now?

A guard comes over to the Ranger camp.

GUARD

General Morgan needs to see you Grant.

NOAH

We'll talk when I get back ok Jeremiah?

INT. MORGANS TENT-LATE MORNING

MORGAN

How did you know a rider would be coming this morning?

NOAH

I think I can clear this up sir. May I show you something?

MORGAN

What do have for me?

NOAH

I have money, from my time, called dollars. I think you will know who this man is on the front.

Noah shows Morgan the money.

MORGAN

Washington is on this? What kind of paper is this?

NOAH

It's special paper sir. George Washington is the first President elected of these United States.

MORGAN

All right then. Let's just say for a minute that you are from the future. Why are you here?

NOAH

That will be a problem. I don't know how it happened.

MORGAN

There must be a reason then.

I'm not sure but I do know a lot about this time period.

I know quite a bit about you sir.

MORGAN

Really, tell me something.

NOAH

You were in the French and Indian Wars; you were captured at the Battle of Quebec which was no fault of yours by the way, you were a hero at The Battle of Saratoga but you didn't get the credit like Benedict Arnold got and this ticked you off so you resigned your commission and went home.

MORGAN

Why did I go home?

NOAH

Because you were passed over for promotion and you felt betrayed by Washington. He pleaded with you to come back and you came back and down here to meet with Nathaniel Greene in Charlotte. General Greene split his forces with you going one way and him the other to split the British forces.

MORGAN

That is quite.....impressive.

NOAH

I love history General that's why I know so much. **MORGAN** Do you know what my defenses will be here? NOAH I think I remember. MORGAN Good, I'll draw them up. Meanwhile you get over to the rangers and again, not a word. NOAH No guard.....sir? MORGAN Go before I change my mind. NOAH (Smiles) Thank you sir! **EXT. MILITIA CAMP-MORNING** Jeremiah is by the fire with other militia. NOAH Hey Jeremiah, what's everyone doing now?

JEREMIAH

Oh, there getting their rifles ready, cleaning and such.

NOAH

I can see why you all have faith in Morgan.

Several men are looking at Noah.

JEREMIAH

He's a good man. I hear General Washington is a good man too. He's lost a lot of battles but we all still have faith in him.

NOAH

I read about his loses but he never gave up.

Noah is talking to himself and Jeremiah is looking at him in a strange way.

NOAH

If anyone had the excuse to throw in the towel it was him. Defeat after defeat, people wondering if he was indeed the right choice for Commander of the Army, soldiers who were really just farmers, no discipline in the ranks.....

JEREMIAH

You seem to know a lot about him. Way more than anyone else around here.

NOAH

But everyone still believed he would turn this war around and he did.

JEREMIAH

He did, with a lot of help from God. That's what we believe.

NOAH

Do you think it was God's plan to lose so many battles, men and whatever else, during the first 3-4 years of this war?

JEREMIAH

All of us believe that God has a plan. Sometimes those plans don't favor us but we won't give up.

NOAH

And you get all of this fromfaith?

JEREMIAH

You sure are a peculiar type aren't you?

NOAH

That's what my wife always tells me. (Smiles)

JEREMIAH

If we don't have faith, then what else is ther to live fer?

NOAH

You would like my wife Sara. She believes like you do.

JEREMIAH

Don't ever give up on the Lord cause He ain't given up on you.

NOAH

I haven't really given up. I've just had some bad things happen lately. I know God is good.

EXT. WATER TROUGH-DAY

Noah see's the woman who rode in the camp that told everyone the British were coming over by the water trough.

NOAH

Hey, I just wanted to thank you...

WOMAN

Thank me, for what?

NOAH

For riding in here and warning everyone.

WOMAN

I hate them British. They killed my mom and father at Ninety Six.

NOAH

You rode all the way from Ninety Six! You are truly an amazing woman.

WOMAN

I came from Walnut Grove.I thank you sir for the compliment.

NOAH

I knew you'd get here ok.

The woman looks confused at what he's saying.

WOMAN

Well, you're welcome then.

Just as they begin to walk away from each other, Soldier 2 walks up.

SOLDIER 1

Well now what's this eh? You here trying to get

the miss are ya?

NOAH

Buzz off buddy. You've got nothing to say to me. SOLDIER 1 What you hangin with the likes of this man fer? **WOMAN** We were just talking now go away. NOAH You heard the lady, go away. **SOLDIER 1** What you gonna do about it if I don't leave? (Pushes Noah) NOAH Oh nothing...but this. (Noah punches him in the face and knocks him down). NOAH How's that feel? **WOMAN** Leave us alone why don't you. **SOLDIER** I'm leavin but this ain't over, not by a long ways. We'll settle this later don't you worry non. NOAH I look forward to it. **WOMAN** Who is that man? NOAH

I was captured by him and another soldier. When they took me from Morgan's tent he beat me just for the fun of it.

WOMAN

Be careful of him. He looks like someone who would try to get you back some way.

NOAH

Thanks ma'm I'll be careful.

EXT. ROADWAY-DAY

Colonel Tarleton and his force of one thousand and one hundred British soldiers are marching towards Cowpens in pursuit of Morgan. Tarleton is 26 years old and is a dashing officer but he is brutal also. He is an efficient Cavalry Commander who does not like to take prisoners.

TARLETON

The lads look well this morning Major. I think we will have to move at a quicker step if we are to catch Morgan at the cow pen.

MAJOR

They are doing their best sir. There is not enough food to sustain us and they haven't much rest. I do fear that if we don't stop soon and let them rest, that they will not be able to fight when the time comes.

TARLETON

That's complete rubbish Major. It is your job to have them ready, each and every day. Is that understood?

MAJOR

It is sir, it is.

EXT.CAMP-DAY

Noah is walking around the area just looking at history right before his eyes.

NOAH

Lord, how did these people do it? This is amazing

God thank you for letting me see all of this. People

would kill to be in my shoes right now.

As Noah is walking a soldier approaches him.

SOLDIER

Grant the General wishes to see you now.

NOAH

All right where is he?

SOLDIER

He is waiting in his tent, follow me.

INT. MORGAN'S TENT-DAY

NOAH

You wanted to see me General?

MORGAN

Yes I did. Here's the map of the area. Show

me how I deploy my men.

NOAH

Ok sir now let me see what we've got here.

Noah looks over the map and begins to tell Morgan where he's put his defenses. Morgan sits down and gets two glasses out and puts them on the table. He pours wine in both of them.

MORGAN

I never would have believed it not in a 100 years. I am stunned.

NOAH

I know it's hard to believe. Heck I pinch myself

just to make sure I'm not dreaming.

MORGAN

Sit down Grant and have a drink.

Morgan pours some rum in a glass for Noah.

NOAH

Isn't it kind of early for that sir?

MORGAN

It's never too early for this son.

NOAH

I guess it's 5 o'clock somewhere right?

MORGAN

5 o'clock?

NOAH

Sorry sir it's just a stupid saying.

Noah takes a drink and almost has to spit it out. It's terrible!

MORGAN

I just drew those plans up. Nobody knew

what I was going to do here. Where did you

come from?

I'm from the year 2011. I am really into history and as you can see from my clothes, I like this time period.

MORGAN

Where did you get those clothes?

NOAH

I bought them. We use the for re-enactments or what you may say make believe war. It shows people how wars were fought in this time period and how they dressed. Does that make sense?

MORGAN

None of this makes any sense.

NOAH

I totally agree with you sir.

INT. CHURCH OFFICE-DAY

Sara has gone to the church to speak to Eric.

SARA

Hi Eric, thanks for meeting with me.

ERIC

No problem Sara. What's on your mind?

SARA

It's Noah, I think he's losing faith and I'm not sure what to do. I keep trying to tell him to pray and have faith but he just looks at me and I know

he's not listening.

ERIC

I know Sara. I prayed with him last Sunday after everyone left and he just looked confused. I told him things happen in life that we can't explain.

SARA

I have too Eric. First it was his dad and he's not well at all. In fact, he's in the hospital and they're not sure if he will make it. Then there's Pete, his best friend, who he was trying to get to church and Pete died of a heart attack a couple of days ago.

ERIC

It's been a tough week on him for sure. People's faith can tend to sway when stuff like this happens.

That's why it's up to us just to be there and be supportive.

SARA

I know but he just shuts me out. I can see in his eyes that he is losing faith. He feels responsible for Pete dying and him not accepting Christ. He keeps saying "If only I did this or that".

ERIC

Time will heal his wounds Sara. God has a way of healing people who are hurt like this. Just stay supportive of him and I will call all the class members and have them pray too ok.

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SARA
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Thank you Eric, for everything.

ERIC

Where is Noah right now?

SARA

He went to that re-enactment at Cowpens. I told

him not to go but he insisted on doing it.

ERIC

Maybe that was a good thing for him to do.

God may show him something there. You never

know. He needs to stay busy.

SARA

I hope you're right.

ERIC

We'll see ok. Let's pray right now all right?

SARA

That sounds good.

Eric prays with Sara.

INT. MORGAN'S TENT-DAY

NOAH

Did you know that this site here is a National Par?

It is in honor of you and the men that fought here.

I respect you and the men sir.

MORGAN

The battle, will we win the day?

NOAH

You are going to give a moving speech to these guys sir. They will be brilliant tomorrow. Your tactics are excellent and the British will walk right into the slaughter.

MORGAN

That well huh? These men have gone through so much.

They have given everything and have asked for nothing in return. That's why I love them so. They do what's expected and go without many a time. Up against the best army in the world, they made a stand that not many would be able to do.

NOAH

All of you have my respect. I know the men have a lot of faith in you General. They'd follow you anywhere I think.

MORGAN

They have faith in their abilities to fight, in their leaders, and in their rifles and muskets. But the difference with these men here is their faith in God, that He will see them through all this. The death, the blood, all the misery these men have seen is beyond words. I am not a religious man but it works for them.

NOAH

I used to have that faith but sometimes I think

God's not listening.

MORGAN

These men pray all the time for God's intervention in this war.

NOAH

I know you've got a lot to prepare so I'll let you get to it.

MORGAN

I may get some sleep in.

NOAH

Oh and sir, may I fight tomorrow along side the

Militia?

MORGAN

And risk losing my intelligence man, not gonna

happen son.

NOAH

Will you at least think on it sir? You may reconsider.

MORGAN

I don't know. I'll think on it but not promising nothing

got it?

NOAH

Got it sir and thank you.

Noah walks out of the tent.

INT. TARLETON'S TENT- EARLY EVENING

Tarleton has his officers in his tent for a meeting.

TARLETON

I'm sick of chasing Morgan all over bloody South

Carolina. We need to catch him and finish him.

MAJOR

You may have your wish sir. One of our detachments have found Morgan and it appears he is in a defensive position at that cow pen.

TARLETON

Is that so? Where's the map of that area?

MAJOR

That's just it sir, we don't really know what kind of ground he's on. We know that there is water on his left flank and to his rear.

TARLETON

So, Morgan is making it hard for his men to run away is he? He will rule the day he did this. Now we've got him. How far away is he?

MAJOR

He's probably ten miles or so from us.

TARLETON

We will attack him in the morning then. Plan on getting the men up early and we'll hit them at dawn.

Tarleton's officers look at each other but are afraid to say anything. The Major is concerned about having no food.

MAJOR

The men sir have not had any food. What shall we do about that?

Tarleton

We'll make do as we always have Major. When we crush Morgan's Army tomorrow morning they'll have all the food they need now won't they?

MAJOR

Very good sir.

The scene around the British camp area is not good. The men look exhausted and are starving. The constant marching with no food is taking its toll on them.

EXT. RANGER CAMP-EARLY EVENING

Noah is sitting by the fire. The camp area is earily quiet. Jeremiah walks up and sits down next to Noah.

JEREMIAH

Well, you were right Noah.

NOAH

I was huh, right about what?

JEREMIAH

Them British are comin. They're about ten mile or so from us.

NOAH

Oh yes, they're coming buddy. By the way Jeremiah, what's your last name?

JEREMIAH

That would be Grant. I know right, you and me have the same last name. I was goin to tell ya but the general called fer ya.

Your name is Jeremiah Grant!

JEREMIAH

Yah it is, is there something wrong.

NOAH

No, no it's just strange that's all.

Noah remembers reading his family Bible and there is a Jeremiah Grant mentioned in it. He would be Noah's great, great, grandfather.

JEREMIAH

You look like you saw a ghost or something. You all right Noah.

NOAH

I'm fine...really I am. Big day tomorrow huh?

JEREMIAH

I think we're ready for them. I know the General is tired of runnin from them and just as well cause we're tired too! (Laughs)

NOAH

You be careful tomorrow morning alright?

JEREMIAH

I'll be whatever the Lord wants me to be. He's gotten me this far and I don't see why He won't let me go a little further.

NOAH

Your faith is so..... I mean, you really believe that He has your back don't you?

JEREMIAH

He has my back?

NOAH

I'm sorry, you believe that He will get you through this and if He doesn't, then that's alright with you huh?

JEREMIAH

He's in control Noah not me. I'm not much in control of anything. I learned long time ago He's first in my life.

My wife...

NOAH

Becky?

JEREMIAH

How did ya know her name was Becky?

NOAH

There's a lot I know about you and didn't realize it till you told me your last name a few minutes ago.

JEREMIAH

I believe I may have missed something somewhere.

What you mean?

NOAH

Do you notice how different I am from the lot of you here?

JEREMIAH

You talk different. It's the way you use your words.

It doesn't make a difference anyways. We're here and the British are coming from over there. It'll be a good day tomorrow.

JEREMIAH

A good day huh. More men will die tomorrow just like all the others. It's never a good day to fight.

NOAH

I didn't mean it like that and of course you're right; it's never a good day to fight. What I mean is that victory will be ours Jeremiah. We will win this battle in a landslide I tell you.

JEREMIAH

A land huh?

NOAH

It will be a huge defeat for the British tomorrow my man just wait and see.

JEREMIAH

I've been prayin a lot that we'd all get to go home and see our families soon.

NOAH

It will be a lot sooner than you think. You and all the rest of the lot here deserve it. I'm honored just to be

able to sit here with you.

JEREMIAH

It sounds like you got a lot of faith yerself there Noah.

NOAH

Does it now? Well maybe you're rubbin off on me.

(Laughs) Hey what's that?

JEREMIAH

It's really good vittles, here have some.

Noah eats some of the meat and looks like he likes it.

NOAH

Hey this ain't bad. What is it?

JEREMIAH

It's squirrel...Killed it myself.

Noah spits it out and Jeremiah laughs at him.

NOAH

I've got to take a walk.

Noah walks through the camp area when he see's picket 1 waving for him to come over to him.

PICKET 1

Out fer a walk are ya? You hit my friend aways

back and it's time to pay for it.

NOAH

What are you talking about? That was between

him and me.

PICKET 1

Well pardon me mister but I don't think so. Here!

He throws a knife at Noah's feet.

NOAH

What do you want me to do with this?

PICKET 1

Pick it up and defend yourself that's what.

He lunges at Noah as Noah picks up the knife and a knife fight ensues.

NOAH

What is this going to prove?

PICKET 1

Nothing, except you'll be a dead man.

They keep fighting until Noah's had enough.

NOAH

Alright, we've done this your way. Now we'll

Do it mine.

Noah gets in close and kicks the Picket in the thigh. The Soldier falls on the ground and Noah holds the sword up To his throat when he hears someone yell.

WASHINGTON

You two there, stop this instant. Stop I say.

Noah stops and backs away from picket 1.

PICKET 1

Sorry sir, this man started it.

WASHINGTON

The man doesn't even own a knife so get back

to your camp area. The enemy is out there, not in

here. You two understand?

He's lying sir.

WASHINGTON

Enough, now get back over to your area, move it Grant!

EXT. MILITIA CAMP- EVENING

Noah goes his way and the picket1 goes his. Noah see's Jeremiah at the fire.

NOAH

What is wrong with some of these guys?

JEREMIAH

What happened?

NOAH

I just had my first sword fight.

JEREMIAH

I take it you won.

NOAH

Colonel Washington broke it up.

JEREMIAH

I'm glad you're ok. I'd hate to have you die

on me. I am just getting to like ya.

NOAH

Well gee thanks Jeremiah. That was so heart

warming. (Laughs)

INT. TARLETON'S TENT-EVENING

Tarleton has gathered his officers to make plans for the assault on Morgan.

TARLETON

I want to make it clear to everyone that Morgan must not escape tomorrow. We have to destroy his army.

We cannot linger here in the south much longer.

MAJOR

Sir, do you know when we'll be re-supplied? We are down to almost nothing. (Silence in the tent)

TARLETON

As I stated earlier we will get our supplies after Morgan's defeat. That should do us for a while.

MAJOR

The scouts report that they have in the area of 400 continentals which means most of their force will be Militia. This should help us a great deal.

TARLETON

You know what I like best about their militia? They run!

The officers all start laughing and if this will be a sinch in

The morning.

MAJOR

(Breaking up the laughter) We do not know the ground sir and I suggest before we attack that we do some probes to see where all of their defenses lie.

TARLETON

Major you really do get tiresome. This will make no matter whatever ground they're on. They aren't half the soldier that we are and that is our advantage. A toast gentlemen.

The British officers raise their glass as the scene ends.

EXT. RANGER CAMP.NIGHT

Many rangers are gathered around the fire.

JEREMIAH

It won't be long now. Do you know how to load your musket quickly?

NOAH

No not really. Can you show me?

The two get up and go over to a clearing. Jeremiah gives Noah instructions and is amazed that Noah is pretty quick to load.

JEREMIAH

You may have to fire that thing tomorrow and at least I know yer ready.

NOAH

I don't think he'll let me fight them. I want to but due to my...circumstances he may not.

JEREMIAH

What is all the mystery anyway? Those pickets said you came out of no wheres right in front of them.

What's going on?

NOAH

You want to know huh?

JEREMIAH

I've been yer friend heres haven't I? I think ya owe me that.

NOAH

You're right Jeremiah and I'm sorry. The truth is.... that you and me are related.

JEREMIAH

How so's?

NOAH

Jeremiah.....you are my...great, great, grandfather.

Silence come between them as Jeremiah gives him a strange look.

JEREMIAH

I don't understand what yer sayin.

NOAH

I'm not from this time period. I'm from the future.

That's why those pickets don't understand how I got

through the lines.

PICKET

You mean comin out of no wheres huh?

NOAH

That's right. The only way I could have got through is to just.....drop in. Morgan had a hard time with

this also so don't feel alone. Heck I don't even understand why I'm here or how I got here.

JEREMIAH

I'm a lost fer words right now.

NOAH

So am I buddy but hey, at least you know that your blood line goes on right?

JEREMIAH

Maybe you can tell me what it's like where yer from after the battle.

NOAH

I'd like that very much. Oh, before I forget, here
I want you to have this.

Noah pulls out a one dollar bill with George Washington on it.

JEREMIAH

Is this...

NOAH

It's money, a one dollar bill in my time period.

JEREMIAH

That is kind astrange. (flipping it back and forth).

Hey that's George Washington!

NOAH

He becomes the first President of these United States.

A commotion has started in the background. It's General Morgan with Washington at his side. He's talking to the men and reassuring that everything will go well tomorrow.

EXT.RANGER CAMP-LATE EVENING

Jeremiah is by the fire writing something down. He is sitting alone while the others are asleep.

INT. MORGAN'S TENT-LATE EVENING

Morgan has finished up final preparations for the battle. It's now 11 pm. Noah is in the tent pleading to fight with the S.C. Rangers.

NOAH

General please, I have to be able to be involved somehow. This is such an opportunity for...

MORGAN

For you to get killed and I don't want your blood on my conscience.

NOAH

You know General, I met my great, great, grandfather out here did you know that.

MORGAN

Your grandfather? That's even more reason for you not to be involved.

NOAH

I beg to differ sir. What an opportunity of a lifetime to fight with a relative who was part of something as

like this. This man has helped me with faith. He has so much faith in you as do the others. But there faith lies in God. Everyone of them believes that God has His hand on this army and that God will help them defeat the British.

MORGAN

They're good men, all of them, and I trust they will do the job in the morning. Do you believe in God?

NOAH

I do sir. I've had a string of bad things happening to me lately and I blamed him. I asked for forgiveness because I know things happen, and there doesn't always have to be a reason that we'll understand. I know this now.

MORGAN

I'm happy that you learned something. I'll think about it and I'll let you know in the morning.

NOAH

That's all I can ask sir. General, thank you for what you did here too. I didn't get to thank you but on behalf of our country, I thank you for your service.

Morgan smiles as Noah leaves the tent. He heads over to the Ranger camp but is intercepted by Picket 2.

PICKET 2

Getting in good with the general I see huh? Well tomorrow

no one will be there to save you so be ready.

NOAH

Be ready for what?

PICKET 2

I told ya that I hadn't forgot about what ya did to me.

You best be lookin out.

Noah walks off and shakes his head and goes to the camp. Everyone is asleep so Noah gets his bed roll undone and lays down.

EXT. CAMP- 3 AM, JANUARY 17, 1781

All of Morgan's camp is up and getting ready for the British. Noah is startled by all the noise. He looks up and see's Jeremiah.

NOAH

Everyone getting ready huh?

JEREMIAH

You best be up too Noah.

NOAH

I don't know why, he won't let me fight.

JEREMIAH

Ya never know now get up and get ready.

EXT. BRITISH CAMP- 3 AM.

The British are in line formation ready to march towards the cow pen. Tarleton speaks to the men.

TARLETON

Men, this is what we've been waiting for. A few miles away lies Morgan's Army. They have set up a defensive position and are waiting for us. By defeating them, we will be in control

of the south and the war will be over very soon. Have courage and listen to your officers, and we will end this battle with a victory.

The men give shouts and praise to Tarleton. They are ragged and hungry but are ready to push on. Tarleton turns his horse around and leads the men down the road towards the cow pen.

TARLETON

Forward......March!

EXT. THE COW PEN- 6 AM

Everyone is in place and are prepared for the attack. Morgan is riding his horse and has another with him. He rides up to Noah.

MORGAN

Against my better judgement, I have decided to let you be with me in the rear. Here is your horse. You do know how to ride a horse don't you.

NOAH

It's been awhile sir but I believe I can do it. Thank you sir.

MORGAN

What happens after this Grant? The future...what happens?

NOAH

In 8 months or so we're going to corner Cornwallis at

Yorktown. The French have the sea blocked and Washington
and are guys have the front of the fort blocked. Cornwallis
surrenders but does not come out himself. He sends a general
junior to him to surrender their sword.

MORGAN

How bout after this war?

NOAH

Believe it or not we have to fight the British again. It's called the war of 1812. They invade us and almost win but I think God intervened and sent a hurricane and a tornado and it tears them up. We make our stand in Baltimore and the British are turned away.

MORGAN

And you, you live around here in your time?

NOAH

Yes sir I do. The United States is never invaded again and we become one of the major powers of the world. The place that were on this morning is a National Park now.

MORGAN

Well Grant maybe we can try to help you get back there after this battle.

NOAH

That sounds good sir thank you.

EXT.BATTLEGROUND. 6:30 AM

Morgan, on horseback, rides out to the men and delivers a speech. The British are 2 miles away.

MORGAN

Remember boys; just hold your heads up. Two fires and then you'll be free. When you return to your homes, oh how the old

folks will bless you; and the girls will kiss you for your gallant conduct. We fight today not just for our country, but for each other, that we may make it through these difficult times, together.

The American Army is ready. Everyone is silent. The British begin to form up as two 3 pounder grasshopper cannons fire one volley each. A huge sheer breaks the silence by the British Soldiers.

The British Light Dragoons charge at Morgan's sharpshooters who are up front. Shots ring out dropping several British soldiers off their horses. The attack fails but Tarleton gets his men on line and they begin to march into the heart of the American Army.

A second volley of deadly fire rings out into the British lines. Many men are dropped but this doesn't faze Tarleton.

MAJOR

Sir, maybe we should fire the grasshoppers into them and get them dispersed. The Dragoons had no effect.

TARLETON

Nonsense Major, we will reform and strike their center.

They will run I promise you.

The British reform and march again towards the Americans.

MORGAN

Wait boys, wait. When you see that they are within 50 yards give them a pounding. Shoot the officers and the sergeants.

The British march within 50 yards and shots ring out again, staggering the British but they are able to reform. An order is given for the first two ranks to take relief to the third rank. Tarleton see's this and thinks the Americans are retreating.

TARLETON

Look boys, they're retreating as I told you they would.

Charge after them men, charge!

Tarleton's Dragoons charge again into the American lines but Colonel Washington's Dragoons come from behind the woods and surprise the British. They are driven ack. Colonel Washington in the meantime is in a sword fight with Tarleton. His sword is broken but manages to fend off a British officer. Another British officer is coming up from behind Washington to kill him. Washington's slave is on horseback and see's what is about to happen. He pulls out his pistol and shoots the British officer and kills him. Washington is saved but Tarleton shoots Washington's horse. Tarleton's horse is shot from under him also.

Morgan comes to his men that have fallen back and regroups them.

MORGAN

Face about boys. Give them one more volley and the victory is ours. We go back no further. Reform the lines and fire.

Shots ring out that devastate the British. It is now hand to hand combat and many British are lying about on the ground. Noah see's Jeremiah and he is battling a British soldier. Another soldier is coming close to Jeremiah and it looks as if he may be killed.

NOAH

Jeremiah, no, look out.

Noah runs towards Jeremiah looking for anything on the ground to use as a weapon.

MORGAN

Grant, stop where you are. You hear me, stop!

Noah grabs a sword off the ground and intercepts the British soldier and a fight ensues. After a minute or so Noah gets the upper hand and stabs the British soldier in the arm. He saves Jeremiah.

The British are now giving up. They've been massacred. Cries ring out of "Remember Wax Haws" where the British slaughtered several hundred American soldiers not to long before this battle. The American officers restore order and the victory is complete. The Americans have won a decisive battle. Jeremiah is safe. Noah has just saved his great, great grandfathers life.

NOAH

Lord Jesus is this why I was brought back here; to save my grandfather. This is really bazaar. (Laughs)

JEREMIAH

You save my life Noah. I am proud to know you.

Morgan comes up on his horse yelling at Noah.

MORGAN

Grant, Grant, you disobeyed my orders. You could have been killed. Noah smiles at Morgan but then a shot rings out. Noah is grazed on the right side of his head and he falls to the ground. Blood is coming out. A rifle barrel comes into focus as it is still smoking.

PICKET 2

Jeremiah panics and gets on the ground with Noah.

I told you I'd get you little bugger!

JEREMIAH

Are you all right Noah? It's me Jeremiah, talk to me.

No God please don't take him.

NOAH

I couldn't help myself. I thought you were going to

be killed and I could not let that happen. I'm....sorry.

Noah passes out. The battle is over. Many British have surrendered. Only 200 British soldiers leave the field. Morgan yells for the surgeon and he along with two other soldiers take Noah to the surgeon's tent.

JEREMIAH

He can't die sir. I'm his.....great, great, grandfather.

MORGAN

He is Don't worry, he'll be all right.

Noah is brought into the surgeon's tent. He is left alone. About five minutes late Morgan comes into the tent only to find a blanket on the cot. Noah has disappeared. He looks on the cot and there is a green and white looking paper. It's a one dollar bill with Washington on it. Morgan picks it up. There is some blood on it and he wipes it away. He smiles.

MORGAN

Hope you found it back to where you came from?

He smiles and puts the dollar bill in his pocket and walks out of the tent.

EXT. BATTLEGROUND-DAY

Noah begins to wake up. His vision is blurred be he hears some people around him asking if he's ok. Noah looks up and can see.

RE-ENACTOR

Hey Noah, are you ok? You've got a nasty cut on the right side of your head.

NOAH

Yah help me up will you?

Noah is helped up and he sits by his truck.

RE-ENACTOR

Whoever put that bandage on your head didn't do a very good job. The thing looks ancient. You sure you're ok?

NOAH

Oh yes, I'm fine. Go ahead of me, I'll be there in a couple of minutes.

Noah watches all the re-enactors go over to the camp site.

NOAH

What a crazy dream. I must have hit my head hard.

He reaches to feel the right side of his head and feels
the bandage.

NOAH

Wait a minute. I didn't have this on when I got

here. Ancient bandage??

Noah smiles and is extremely excited. He pulls the bandage off and it looks real old and has his stained blood on it.

NOAH

Does this prove I was there? Probably not.

He checks his knapsack and see's an old looking paper that looks like a letter. He is really excited but what is it?

JEREMIAH VOICE-OVER

Hello Noah, if you are reading this then that means yer safe and have made it back to wherever ya came from. I feel that God has blessed us both with us meeting the ways we did. I'll pray fer you and

yer family and that yer faith will be restored to what it was when you came committed to God. I have faith in you Noah. Jeremiah.

Noah has tears in his eyes. He did make it back. It wasn't a dream.

NOAH

God thank you for what happened. No one will ever believe me but I think I understand why I went back. I will try to always have faith in you.

Noah goes and finishes the re-enactment and then heads to the hospital. He goes into his dad's room.

NOAH

Hey...dad. How are you?

DAD

I feel much better today. (Smiles)

DOCTOR

I don't understand it but he is much better. Great pulse, heart beat, his skin looks better. What a huge turnaround in 24 hours.

NOAH

24 hours? It's been a couple of days hasn't it?

DOCTOR

Unless I missed something, you were up here with your wife and daughter yesterday.

Noah sits down for a second looking confused.

DOCTOR

What happened to your head? Did you fall today at the re-enactment? That's a deep cut Mr. Grant I need to clean that up now.

NOAH

Thank you Doctor. I don't know how I got it.

DAD

We need to talk also son. I believe it's time you and me tie up some loose ends. I'm sorry ok?

Noah is so happy. He gets up and hugs his dad.

3 MONTHS LATER.....

NOAH

Hey, Sara, where's all of my stuff at?

SARA

I washed it remember. It smelled like a smoke stack. Here you go.

Sara walks into the bedroom and hands Noah his re-enactment clothes.

NOAH

Thanks sweetie I appreciate you getting this done for me.

SARA

Just one thing and I want you to promise me you

won't do this ok?

NOAH

What do you want me to promise you?

SARA

Whatever you do, NO MORE EATING SQUIRREL!!!

You smell awful after you eat that stuff. (Smiling)

NOAH

It's a man thing honey. (Laughing)

SARA

It's a nasty thing, just awful.

She laughs as she walks out of the room. Noah finishes getting dressed and goes out of the house and gets into his van. He is heading towards the re-enactment at Ninety Six. He drives about an hour or so and arrives. No one is there. There are no cars and no people.

NOAH

Ok where is everyone today? I'm sure it was today.

He gets out and see's the welcome center but it looks empty. He gets the rest of his gear on and starts walking over to the center .

NOAH

Well now.... finders keepers!

Noah finds a quarter on the ground and puts it in his pocket.

Man it's June andIt's freezing.

Oh no, NO....NOT AGAIN!!!!

THE END