

## It Was Called a Jeep

Do you – or someone in your family – drive a Jeep? It is a popular vehicle that had its beginnings in wartime. In 1941, an early August issue of *Parade* magazine devoted three pages to “the Army’s most intriguing gadget” that could do “practically everything.” One officer said it could do anything except bake a cake.

The military had given a list of 10 priorities to American automakers for a universal military vehicle. The manufacturer came up with the G.P. (general purpose) invention, later known as the “jeep.”

And quite a vehicle it was. The jeep could handle a 40-degree slope, drive in a 30-foot circle, and tilt right or left on a 50-degree angle without tipping over. It drove up rocky mountains, crossed scorching deserts, forded shallow streams and roamed beaches. It hauled materials and ammunition, carried personnel, dodged snipers and pulled other vehicles out of the mud. After the war, of course, the jeep was adapted for civilian life.

The Apostle Paul said that he could do everything that was God’s will for him, not through his own abilities, but through the strength that Christ gave him. Just as with Paul, whenever God has a job for us to do, He will provide the power and whatever we need to accomplish it. We are limited only by our lack of trust and our unwillingness to obey.

When we are asked to do something, we usually measure it by our natural talents and past experience. But God often pulls us out of our comfort zones. Moses went from being a shepherd with speech problems to a mighty deliverer who confronted the pharaoh of Egypt. Fearful Gideon led a vastly outnumbered army to victory in battle. God gave both men assurances that He was with them. He gives us the same assurance in His Word. Through God’s power, we can handle all the twists, turns, deserts and tough terrains of our lives.

Remember that today as you go about your God-directed work in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home.

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