Father’s Day 2016
My God Can Do Anything!

Jeremiah 32:17
17 Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:

WD-40

“All of life’s problems can be solved with two things: duct tape and WD-40” a wise man once said.

WD-40 is an incredibly versatile product. It was developed in 1953 by Rocket Chemical Company. The goal of their three man team was to create a rust-prevention solvent and degreaser. It was designed specifically to protect the outer skin of the Atlas Missile from rust and corrosion. It took 40 trials to develop the perfect Water Displacement formula, hence the name WD-40.

The product worked. As a matter of fact, it worked so well that the employees at the rocket facility began to sneak WD-40 out of the shop to use at home for a myriad of things. From those humble roots one of the greatest multi-use tools of all time was born. Today, if you visit the WD-40 website, they list over 2,000 uses for their product. Among the common, expected, mundane uses for the product, there are many wild and wacky uses as well.

For instance: Spraying WD-40 on trees will prevent beavers from chewing on them. It can also be used to repel a large variety of other small animals. As a matter of fact, if you want to keep squirrels away from your wooden birdhouse or you bird feeder, you can spray them down with WD-40. It doesn’t bother the birds at all, but it will run off the squirrels.

It also makes a powerful cleaner. It can be used to remove old duct tape residue, bumper stickers from cars, or sales stickers from other products. It has even proven to be effective at removing fake snow from windows. And if you drive around much this summer, the front of your car will be covered with dead insects, but never fear, spraying WD-40 onto your car will help you quickly remove the stuck bugs. It will also take bubblegum out of a carpet and crayon off of the walls.

Dads Can Do Anything

We’ve chosen WD-40 for a gift this Father’s Day, because it reminds us of Dads. Do you remember what it was like to look at your dad through young and innocent eyes. When we were small, before life robbed us of our unbridled optimism, we believed that our Dad’s could do anything. There was no problem that they didn’t have an
answer for and there was no obstacle that they couldn’t overcome. Dad could FIX anything, Dad could DO everything, and Dad KNEW it all. Dad was the ultimate multipurpose tool. He was an inexhaustible resource, the strongest man in the world, and an unending fountain of wisdom. Unfortunately we tend to outgrow that stage. Life happens. We get jaded. Reality sets in. And we discover that there are some things in life that even Dad can’t fix.

However, I want to remind you this morning that we have a heavenly father who really CAN do anything!

A little boy was sitting on a park bench reading his bible, and as he read, he would shout "praise the Lord!" A man came by and heard him, and stopped to ask him what he was so excited about. The little boy told him that he was reading from the bible about the children of Israel fleeing from Pharaoh, and the Egyptian army. The little boy went on to tell him how God had caused the Red Sea to part, allowing the Israelites to cross over on dry ground.

The man proceeded to tell the boy that he shouldn’t believe everything in the Bible, that it was just a collection of fairy tales, and old fables told over the years. He told him that science had figured that the place where the Israelites had crossed the Red Sea was only 1 foot deep.

The little boy got real quiet as he began to digest this new information. The man, satisfied that he had educated the boy started to walk away. But, when he got just a few feet away, he heard the little boy say, "Praise the Lord, my God is awesome!"

The man turned and said "I thought I told you that the water was only 1 foot deep.” The little boy smiled and said, “Yes. You did. But if the water was only 1 foot deep, my God is even greater than I thought he was because it says here that God caused the Red Sea to come back together and drowned Pharaoh, and his entire army. Mister, if my God can drown an army in 1 foot of water, my God can do anything!”

Your Heavenly Father

Sometimes you need to remind yourself who your heavenly father is! That is exactly what happens in our text. The prophet Jeremiah, in the midst of declaring the coming judgment of God, injects a word of hope into his prophecy. In a powerful prayer he reminds the children of Abraham, just how great their God is. He declares that the Lord is the maker of heaven and earth, he spoke everything that is into existence by the power of his word alone! With that evidence before him the prophet declares that there is nothing to hard for God. There is nothing that he cannot do! There is no problem that he cannot overcome. Your heavenly father knows no limits!
A wise man once said that life is short and full of trouble. Many times that seems to be the unfortunate reality of our lives. Heartaches and trials overtake us. Disasters catch us unaware. Time and circumstance happens to us all. But I want to remind you, this morning, that nothing in your life ever takes God by surprise! He knows exactly where you are and his ever-seeing eye watches over you. He is intimately familiar with your struggles, he feels the hurting in your heart and knows the frustrations that wear you down. Not only does He know what is going on in your life, He also knows exactly what you need to make it through. His grace will always be sufficient. His strength will always be enough. He will always provide for you. There is nothing that God cannot do! Nothing is too hard for him.

The Psalmist said, in Psalm 35:15, "The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry." Not only does he see you. Not only is He aware of what is going on in your life. God also hears your cry. He hears your prayer.

Isaiah 65:24
24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

He hears you before you call upon him and he works mightily on your behalf. While you are still praying, he is already answering. He is already on the scene, doing what only He can do. One thing is for sure, we don’t always understand the way of the Lord, we can’t always make sense of the why and the how but one thing we can do is trust in the fact that he is taking care of us. He will not abandon you. He will not leave you to cope for yourself. He will be there for you! There is no prayer that he does not hear! And there is no problem he cannot overcome. Nothing is too hard for him!

There is no person that God cannot save. Dads are good at fixing stuff. Unfortunately, sometimes a thing is so broke that Dad simply cannot fix it. However, there is no person that is so lost that God cannot save them. In an interesting statement, in 1 Timothy 1:15, Paul says that “Jesus came into the world to save sinners,” even as he declares that he, himself, is the chief of sinners. Paul is saying if God can save him, he can save anyone. Paul considered his own sins, his own failures, to be worse than anything that anyone could ever conceive of and he declared, “If God saved me, he can save anyone!” There is no one that he cannot save, there is no bondage so strong that God cannot break it. Nothing is too hard for him!

There are some folks that the devil has convinced you that you are beyond saving. That it simply cannot be done. He wants you to believe that your bondage in sin is more than God’s love and mercy can overcome. Or perhaps he has convinced you that God is done with you, that you’ve failed him too many times, that you have used up all of the grace that has been allotted to you. Listen to this preacher this morning, the scripture tells us that God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. There is nothing that your heavenly father cannot do!
You may be able to get yourself into some trouble that your earthly father can’t deliver you from but I’m here to tell you that there is no sin that the grace of God cannot overcome! Nothing is too hard for the Lord. He can change your life, today!

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The next time you pick up a can of WD-40, I want you to remember that water displacement formula number 40 has over 2,000 uses. Perhaps you will stop and reflect on your earthly father and remember that he is even more versatile than WD-40. He can do anything. But, even more importantly, I want you to remember that there is a heavenly father. Nothing is too hard for your heavenly father!

There is no way to measure the number of problems, difficulties, heartaches, and hardships that exist here today, but I don’t have to understand the full width and breadth of the problems that are present in your lives to tell you that Nothing is too hard for God! Whatever you need this morning, God can do anything!