How are you defying the laws of physics?
Letting God help you beat the odds

When I am faced with an obstacle, I sometimes think of her.

She defied every law of physics and common sense. As she made her way up the hill, a large clay pot filled with water was balanced on top of her head. For me, this alone would seem impossible, but every African woman learns to do this during her childhood years.

What made this particular woman all the more remarkable was the fact she had been severely crippled by some childhood disease, perhaps polio. With each step, her head would bow to her waist, causing the water jar to swing in a wild three-foot arc. Somehow she managed to move up that hill without spilling a drop.

Scripture declares, “We are fearfully and wonderfully made.”¹ Even the crippling effects of a fallen world can become the catalyst for heroic measures to overcome and succeed against the odds. I can picture this young woman growing up in a society where such chores were the total definition of her meaning and value to society. No option to hide her crippled leg under a desk while excelling at computer skills. She must master this balancing act or be marginalized to the sidelines of her society. Did anyone tell her she could not possibly balance that jar on her head while plunging her head towards the earth with each step? Whenever we marvel at such human accomplishment, we must acknowledge the majesty of God’s design.

What obstacles do you have to overcome to carry your water jar? God has given you not only an innate, natural ability to overcome; He has endowed you with supernatural abilities. The Apostle Paul reminds us, “And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.”²

Combine those two abilities and we can ... we shall ... overcome.³

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¹ Psalm 139:14
² Phil. 4:19
³ 1 John 5:4–5 (NIV)