

## **MAKING PROGRESS**

### **Part 3: Closer to God**

#### **BECOMING CLOSER**

- In our relationships
  1. Trauma/tragedy
  2. Common causes - build/fight/serve together
  3. Making intentional changes
- In our relationship to the Lord **(James 4:8 NLT)**
  1. The Lord already made the first move
  2. We can choose to come closer

#### **NAAMAN COMES CLOSER TO GOD (2 Kings 5:14-19 NLT)**

- He was very intentional about expressing honor/gratitude
  1. He returned and stood before the prophet - humble position
  2. He acknowledged God as the only true God
  3. He came to give - not paying for his healing
- He had a heart to build God into his life
  1. The load of earth was for a memorial/place of worship
  2. No longer sacrificing to other gods - removed them
  3. A place to remember God
- Naaman was conscious of staying in a good place with God
  1. His national position would compromise him
  2. He did not want God displeased with him

#### **MAKING PROGRESS IN OUR CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

- Be intentional in giving honor to God
  1. Acknowledging there is no other God
  2. Give honor to God by expressing thanks for what He has done
  3. Honor Him with giving **(Proverbs 3:9-10 NKJV)**
- Be intentional about making a bigger place for God
  1. Remove/reallocate the things that occupy too much space in our lives **(Psalm 46:10 NLT)**
  2. We don't build physical spaces (memorials) as much as a time space for God
- Live with the Lord in mind
  1. We are not alone, so treat Him as if He is real
  2. We live and choose what is pleasing to Him **(2 Corinthians 5:9 NKJV)**