

MAKING PROGRESS

Part 3: Believing Better Things

MOVING FORWARD

- Progress = development, improvement, forward movement
 1. Process = A series of actions, changes, or functions bringing about a result
 2. Two other components to progress that God gave to Joshua
- Catalyst to progress is how we define/identify ourselves
 1. A fixed mindset - no real chance at change
 2. A growth mindset - we are not stuck; things can change (**2 Timothy 2:1 NLT**)

TWO MEN WHO BELIEVED BETTER THINGS (**Matthew 9:27-31 CSB**)

- Easier to identify with being blind
 1. Subject of pity - a demeaning place forced to beg
- They pursued Jesus
 1. They were crying out, but Jesus did not stop
 2. They simply kept going
- They believed the better thing
 1. They did not talk about their situation and how long/difficult
 2. They believed that Jesus could change their condition

PROGRESS BY BELIEVING BETTER THINGS

- You have a connection with the Lord
 1. Better than what the blind men had
 2. Jesus identifies with you (**Acts 9:3-5 NLT**)
 3. We identify with belonging to Him (**1 Peter 2:9-10 NLT**)
- Because of your connection, your situation/condition is not permanent (**Luke 4:18-19 NKJV**)
 1. Jesus has not changed - still healing and delivering
 2. Don't deny your present condition
 3. If you are having a challenge believing, you need to hear more (**Romans 10:17 CSB**)
 4. The big goal of your progress - to show others the goodness of God