

MAKING PROGRESS

Part 1: Steps of Progress

OUR DESIRE FOR PROGRESS

- Progress: Forward movement
 1. Development, advancement, or improvement, as toward a goal
- We want to see progress in most every area of life
 1. Going to the gym / sitting in traffic
 2. Relationships / Savings and Investments
 3. In our children / waistline
- We are wired for progress
 1. When not evident, we get frustrated
 2. The same applies spiritually (*1 Corinthians 3:1-3 NKJV*)

STEPS OUT OF STAGNATION (*2 Kings 7:3-9 NLT*)

- A progress mindset
 1. Why are we sitting here waiting to die?
 2. Weighed out the risks and consequences
- They set out toward their best option
 1. It came with risk, but also the chance of reward
 2. Took steps towards the camp of the Aramean army
- God worked with their steps
 1. Caused the Arameans to hear a mighty army
 2. These guys walked into far more than they ever thought possible
 3. They finally did the right thing by sharing what God had done

STEPS OF PROGRESS

- The progress mindset says we are moving toward something
 1. The four men were not wandering around; they had a destination
 2. Paul gave Timothy a goal to pursue (*1 Timothy 6:11 NLT*)
 3. The risk is recognizing the cost - feelings, friends, family
- Making progress spiritually is making steps closer to God
 1. Giving God something He can work with
 2. He can take little steps and make something big
 3. Your progress can inspire others (*Psalms 66:16 NKJV*)