

WHEN YOU WANT TO MAKE PROGRESS

STAGNATION TO PROGRESS

- ❖ **Frustrating to feel as if you are going nowhere**
 - ◆ Physically / Relationally
 - ◆ Career / Financially
 - ◆ Spiritually
- ❖ **Moving forward**
 - ◆ You will need to do some things differently
 - ◆ To make progress you'll most likely have to move out of your comfort zone (*Philippians 3:13-14 NKJV*)

TIRED OF HIDING

- ❖ **The nation of Israel was in stagnation mode**
 - ◆ Hiding from the Philistines
- ❖ **Jonathan got tired of waiting and hiding (*1 Samuel 14:6-14 NKJV*)**
 - ◆ He did not wait for God to do something - he made a move
 - ◆ Was willing to move from a safe place
- ❖ **Jonathan believed that God could do big things**
 - ◆ He was not touting their ability
 - ◆ But if God was helping them the numbers did not matter - many or few
- ❖ **They kept taking steps of faith**
 - ◆ From exposing to attacking they kept moving forward
 - ◆ They believed God had given them the win before they ever saw the final results
 - ◆ Their win inspired a nation to rise up and fight

WHEN YOU WANT TO MAKE PROGRESS (SPIRITUAL)

- ❖ **Don't wait for something to happen to you - make a move towards God**
 - ◆ Not uncommon to move closer to God in a crisis
 - ◆ What is a step you can make to walk closer to God?
- ❖ **Don't look for easy look for effective**
 - ◆ If it does not challenge you it will not change you
 - ◆ Most things of value are not easy or common (*Matthew 7:13-14 NKJV*)
- ❖ **What is a bigger thought you can think about God?**
 - ◆ That God really does love me - that He will hear my prayers
 - ◆ That I can receive from Him - that I can be used by Him to make a difference (*Ephesians 3:20 NKJV*)
- ❖ **Use words that help you - not hold you back**
 - ◆ Talking about your weak areas and deficiencies is not helping
 - ◆ Talk the win before you experience the win (*Psalms 34:2-3 NKJV*)
 - ◆ Your progress will inspire others