

BEYOND OK

Part 3: Making Positive Progress

BEING STUCK IS NOT OK

A. Stuck in the middle (with or without you)

1. Past experiences have cemented your limitations (in your mind)
2. Fear of failing
3. Apathy - why bother, what does it matter

B. God's plan is progress (1 Timothy 4:15 NKJV)

1. These were instructions to someone who was well loved - and influenced others
2. The process of progress
3. Progress should be visible

THE PROGRESS PROCESS (2 Kings 7:3-9 NKJV)

A. Four men not voted most likely to do something significant

1. They had physical limitations and a social stigma attached to their disease

B. They made a very honest appraisal of their situation

1. They knew they were eventually going to die
2. Assessed the options and the risk

C. They made a move toward progress

1. They were not OK just sitting there or talking about options
2. By acting they overcame the fear of failure
3. God worked with their steps

D. Caught a glimpse of a bigger picture

1. Not content with simply being blessed themselves - let's go help others

MAKING POSITIVE PROGRESS BEYOND OK

A. Lessons from the four men

1. Don't disqualify yourself from making progress
2. Be honest in assessing your situation - but not negative
3. Make a move towards positive progress

B. Three areas for progress

1. Relationships - ask not what others can do for you... (*Ephesians 4:29 NKJV*)
2. Attitude - the spirit in which you operate (*1 Thessalonians 5:18 NKJV*)
3. Spiritual life (life with God) (*1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 NKJV*)

C. Embrace the bigger picture

1. Your progress will bless you - and make you more of a blessing to those in your circle