

## **Progress is a Process (in Life and in Him)**

In discussions with landowners and development partners about my work in senior housing development, I used a phrase “Progress is a process.” to describe the due diligence and process(es) leading into the approval or entitlement of a site. It also describes supporting and establishing that capital stack team so to speak (Operator and/or Manager, Builder, Development Partner, GP Equity, Equity Partner, and Construction Loan to Permanent Debt). While some concurrencies, much of this work happens sequentially. Hence, progress is a process!

So much of life in so many ways are a process or a series of processes of twists and turns and stops and starts. That includes plenty of ups and downs that can happen in clusters of great positives or the opposite.

We grow and sometimes gain different degrees of wisdom at different paces as well. Maturity has surely been a process for me, with spurts of progress and learning in general and in Him, as well as periods of time that were unfortunately too long a stop in the stop/starts of life. We gain maturity through the *Pursuit of Wisdom* in all aspects of our lives, hopefully including digging deeper to fulfill the Lord’s provided talents and His expectations in us.

Progress is not a steady line upwards but typically a series of ups and downs. Our lives can become a grind where so many are overworked to make ends meet and/or to accomplish worthy goals. Sometimes we must step back and reassess to step forward in our lives with adjusted priorities in work, family and serving.

When we are truly understanding and thankful to the Lord, we can find *Calming to Peace to Joy to Happiness* even in the daily grind of our lives. There is an old saying, “stop and smell the roses.” Roses come in all shapes and colors, some worn and frayed but still full of fragrance and beauty. Many even press dead or dying flowers in books and create new beauty and peace.

As imperfect human beings, we go through ups and downs and times when our faith is tested in big and small ways. The journey is ever evolving, maybe more so when we are proactive in taking worthy chances. Eventually, progressing becomes a worthy and worthier process.

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