What If...I Expected Jesus to Define My Life Something More Satisfying than Appearance or Achievement?

“Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee.” - St. Augustine

Talking Point: Tell about a favorite Easter tradition or memory.

Shifting Your Focus

- Appearance to Adoration
  “Because I’m seated with Christ, I don’t need to agonize (over my looks); I can adore Jesus. I turn my face to Him and imagine that, at this table, where it so beautiful that there’s not even a category for it. It’s beyond beauty. It’s beyond appearance. You can’t think about your mascara when you mind is filled with God’s grandeur. Try it. You just can’t.”

- Affluence to Access
  “My account increases: spiritual blessings, people, a home in God, and more! I have Jesus. I have all of Him. I have all I need and want at all times. My account bursts into the billions. I have Jesus and I’m indeed the richest one at the party.”

- Achievement to Abiding
  “My identity is secure in Christ. My new ‘goal’ is to keep abiding in Him and enjoy the adventure of what comes next in my life. I must daily remember that I’m seated and abiding. I can stop fighting so hard (to achieve).”

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. Psalm 84:5 NIV

A pilgrim is ____________________________________________________________

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Psalm 84 was written by King David…

Micah 7:7-8

Knowing your destination is vital because ultimately, it will define the details and decisions of your life.

Psalm 84:11 AMP “For the Lord God is a Sun and Shield; the Lord bestows [present] grace and favor and [future] glory (honor, splendor, and heavenly bliss)! No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who trusts in You [leaning and believing on You, committing all and confidently looking to You, and that without fear or misgiving]!”
Further Study:

1 - Read Psalm 84 through once, recording your first impressions, or those from the teaching today.

2 - Read Psalm 84 once a day for a week or more and meditate on specific words and phrases that seem to “capture your heart.”

3 - How would you define pilgrimage?

4 - Summarize your most significant insights about David’s pilgrimage.

5 - Write about your own personal pilgrimage in this season of life. What can you learn and/or apply from Psalm 84 that will help you on your journey?