



Read: Psalm 84:1-12

Connect Questions:

1. How do you see the difference between attending church out of habit and truly longing for the living God?
2. What does your own “Valley of Baca” look like right now, and how have you seen God meet you there?
3. Why does the family history of the sons of Korah make Psalm 84 even more powerful?
4. What does it mean practically to believe that “one day in Your courts is better than a thousand” in a world full of distractions and lesser comforts?
5. How should Psalm 84 shape the way we view humble service in the church?
6. Why is gathered worship important when someone is able to attend? How does this psalm challenge a casual view of church involvement?
7. What is one area where you need to trust God more for both grace now and glory later?

Memory Verse: Psalm 84:10 NKJV ¹⁰“For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.”



RIDGEVIEW CHURCH

Title: Redemption

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1. Longing (v.1-4)

- The psalm opens with deep longing for the courts of the Lord, showing that true worship is not mere routine but a hunger for the living God.
- The sons of Korah teach us that the deepest desire of the believer is not just for a place, but for God Himself.
- When God's people dwell near Him, their lives are marked by praise.

2. Journey (v.5-8)

- The psalm moves from longing to pilgrimage.
 - Those whose strength is in the Lord and whose hearts are set on Him pass through the Valley of Baca differently.
- The valley is still real, but faith changes how it is endured, and God meets His people there with refreshment and strength.

3. Presence (v.9-12)

- Psalm 84:10 is one of the clearest statements of spiritual value in Scripture: one day in God's courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
- The sons of Korah show us that even the humblest place in God's house is better than the highest place apart from Him.
- Redemption is seen in this contrast: a family line once marked by rebellion is now marked by worship and humble service.
 - The Lord is a sun and shield.
 - He gives grace for the journey and glory at the destination.
 - He does not merely sustain His people in present need; He also brings them to a blessed end.
- The psalm closes with trust, reminding us that true blessedness is found not merely in religious activity, but in trusting the Lord.