

Unseen Existences Online Book Study

Week 4: Chapter 4

1. What does it mean for you personally to be a pilgrim? How do you feel about that?
2. How does thinking of yourself on a lifelong pilgrimage help you deal with disappointment and frustrations?
3. Are there areas in your life where you feel stuck “under the oaks”?
4. Was it an angel, a man, or God who visited Abraham? Does it matter? Is it hard for you to accept mystery and not try to “figure it all out”?
5. “Jesus wants us to know that the way Abraham received his divine guests is the way our heavenly Father receives every prodigal son or daughter if they will only come home.” (pg 64) Reflect on this. Why does the Bible teach us through stories? Do you think there is a correlation between Abraham’s story and Jesus’ parable?
6. What do you think of the mysterious scripture that is Hebrews 13:2? Can you share a similar story from your own life?
7. Dallas Willard famously stated, “Hurry is the great enemy of spiritual life in our day. You must ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life”. Reflect.
8. “Abraham’s greatness comes from doing ordinary things in concert with God.” (pg 67) Have your ideas about what constitutes greatness changed throughout your life?
9. What part of Brian’s poem on pg. 69 speaks to you?
10. Isaiah says, “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength.” Reflect on this.