

# Mark 6:45

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people.

## Analysis

**And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people.** Jesus 'constrained' (ἵναγκασεν, ēnankassen, compelled/forced) reluctant disciples to leave. John 6:15 explains why: the crowd wanted to make Jesus king by force. He removed disciples from this temptation, protecting them from mob enthusiasm that could derail spiritual mission. Apparent success can be as dangerous as failure if it leads away from God's will.

## Historical Context

Bethsaida was fishing village on Galilee's north shore. First-century Jewish messianic expectation was primarily political: Messiah would overthrow Rome. The crowd's enthusiasm after bread multiplication reflected political hopes. Jesus' refusal of political messiahship confused followers expecting military-political deliverer. Removing disciples protected their immature understanding.

## Related Passages

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. What does this verse teach about Christ's nature and work?
2. How should this truth shape our daily discipleship?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ εὐθὲως ἡνάγκασεν τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτὸς ἐμβῆναι  
And straightway he constrained G3588 disciples he to get  
G2532 G2112 G315 G3101 G846 G1684

εἰς τὸ πλοῖον καὶ προάγειν εἰς τὸ πέραν πρὸς  
into G3588 the ship And before into G3588 the other side unto  
G1519 G4143 G2532 G4254 G1519 G4008 G4314

Βηθσαϊδάν ἔως αὐτὸς ἀπολύσῃ τὸν ὄχλον  
Bethsaida while he sent away G3588 the people  
G966 G2193 G846 G630 G3793

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