

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

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Jesus 'constrained' (ἠνάγκασεν, 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

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

Interlinear Text

καὶ	εὐθέως	ἠνάγκασεν	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	ἕως	αὐτὸς	ἀπολύσῃ	τὸν	ὄχλον			
Bethsaida	while	he	sent away	G3588	the people			
G966	G2193	G846	G630		G3793			

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