A Bold Choice

John 6:60-71

1. ***Unbelievers*** use bold ***accusations*** to ***justify*** walking away ***from*** Jesus (vv. 60-66)
   1. The unbelievers bold accusation: “This is too hard to accept” (v. 60)
   2. Jesus’ bold response (vv. 61-65)
      1. Does this offend you? (v. 61)
      2. What if you see me ascending to the Father? (v. 62)
      3. The Spirit gives life, the flesh is of no profit (v. 63)
      4. Some of you don’t believe (v. 64)
      5. No one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father (v. 65)
   3. The tragic result: Many turned back and no longer accompanied him” (v. 66)
2. ***Believers*** use bold ***answers*** to ***joyfully*** walk ***with*** Jesus (vv. 67-70)
   1. Jesus’ blunt question: “Do you want to go away too?” (v. 67)
   2. Peters bold answer (v. 68-69)
      1. To whom would we go? (v. 68a)
      2. You have the words of eternal life. (v. 68b)
      3. We believe you are the Holy One of God (v. 69a)
      4. We know (experientially) that you are the Holy One of God (v. 69b)

Points of Application:

1. We should ***avoid*** the ***mistake*** of walking away from Jesus (v. 66)
2. We should ***avoid*** the ***tragedy*** of Judas (v. 70)
3. We can avoid both by ***adopting*** the ***attitude*** of Peter (v. 68)

**60Therefore, when many of his disciples heard this, they said, “This teaching is hard. Who can accept it?”**

**61Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, asked them, “Does this offend you? 62Then what if you were to observe the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? 63The Spirit is the one who gives life. The flesh doesn’t help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. 64But there are some among you who don’t believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning those who did not believe and the one who would betray him.) 65He said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted to him by the Father.”**

**66From that moment many of his disciples turned back and no longer accompanied him. 67So Jesus said to the Twelve, “You don’t want to go away too, do you?”**

**68Simon Peter answered, “Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”,**

**70Jesus replied to them, “Didn’t I choose you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil.” 71He was referring to Judas, Simon Iscariot’s son, one of the Twelve, because he was going to betray him.**