

REFLECTION

Questions

JOHN 6:14-21

- After seeing Jesus' power, the crowd wanted to force Him to become the kind of king they desired. In what ways have you tried to shape Jesus into the version of Him that fits your preferences or needs rather than submitting to who He actually is?
- Jesus withdrew from the crowd's demands (v. 15). Where might God currently be inviting you to step back from seeking solutions, recognition, or control so that you can seek Him more purely?
- The disciples found themselves in a dark, stormy situation without Jesus visibly present. When have you felt like you were "rowing against the wind" alone? How did that experience shape your trust in Christ?
- Jesus' words "It is I; don't be afraid" (v. 20) carried the weight of the divine "I AM." What fears or storms in your life right now need to hear that same assurance from Jesus?
- The moment the disciples welcomed Jesus into the boat, they immediately reached the shore. Where do you need to more fully "welcome Jesus into the boat" of a difficult situation rather than continuing to strive in your own strength?
- The crowd saw the miracle of the loaves and wanted a political or material king. What "loaves and fish" (earthly provisions or successes) are you most tempted to seek from Jesus more than you seek Jesus Himself?
- How does this passage challenge the idea that following Jesus should mean smooth sailing or the absence of storms?
- In what area of your life are you still treating Jesus as useful rather than essential—as someone who meets certain needs instead of the One who is all you need?
- The disciples were afraid when they first saw Jesus walking on the water. Have there been times when Jesus' presence or power felt more unsettling than comforting? What does that reveal about your view of Him?
- If Jesus truly is all we need, what lesser things (security, approval, control, comfort, success) are you still clinging to as if they were necessary?