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ENTERING THE SCENE:

Imagine having to decide day by day if you will go to be with Jesus again today. Your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers think you are going off the deep end risking everything and putting them in danger too. The authorities are watching. They have noticed you at Jesus's side a lot and you have a target on your back. You might even be grateful for Jesus' giving you a way out by pushing you so far today. You stagger home to the "I told you so's" relieved to finally have your hope fling over. Things settle down at home, but your dreams are anything but settled. Somehow you know deep in your soul you have betrayed your own truth. The question now is, what do you do now?

Jn. 6: 60-69

60 On hearing it, many of his **disciples** said, "This is a hard **teaching**. Who can **accept** it?" 61 Aware that his **disciples** were **grumbling** about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this **offend** you? 62 What if you see the Son of Man **ascend** to where he was before! 63 The **Spirit** gives **life**; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are **spirit** and they are **life**. 64 Yet there are some of you who do not **believe**." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not **believe** and who would **betray** him. 65 He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can **come to me** unless the **Father** has enabled him." 66 From this time many of his **disciples turned back** and no longer followed him. 67 You do not want to **leave** too, do you?" Jesus asked the **Twelve**. 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the **words of eternal life**. 69 We **believe** and know that you are the **Holy One of God**"

DISCUSSION QUESTION: The challenges posed by following Jesus are getting too hard. Am I one of those who left, or am I staying?

PRAYER: Teacher Jesus, you have come to the moment now of helping me choose to stay or go. If I am attracted to your teaching and ministry I will have to stretch beyond my comfort level and even my ability to understand my choice. Like the disciples of long ago I might also have to resort to "Lord to whom shall I go?" In effect saying there is nothing better out there. But you can work with this meager bit of faith, so I will press on with you. Help me to keep on keeping on. Amen