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## Weekday Reflection for Wednesday, June 23, 2021

**Psalm 65**

**Joshua 10:1-14**

**Mark 6:45-52**

<sup>45</sup>Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>46</sup>After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

<sup>47</sup>When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup>When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the sea. He intended to pass them by. <sup>49</sup>But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; <sup>50</sup>for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." <sup>51</sup>Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, <sup>52</sup>for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

### **For reflection:**

After working hard and feeding the multitude, Jesus takes time apart to pray. How easy or difficult do you find it to take time to rest in God and be renewed in your spirit? Where do you find that re-creation?

The disciples fail to understand what God is doing in Jesus, in spite of their close relationship to him. What might harden your heart to Jesus' work? What opens it?

### **Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, we would rather be safe on dry land, but you bring us out to the stormy seas. Give us faith to know that, in you, we are kept secure, even in the midst of life's tempests. Amen.