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### From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1336

"The first announcement of the Eucharist divided the disciples, just as the announcement of the Passion scandalized them: 'This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?' [Jn 6:60.] The Eucharist and the Cross are stumbling blocks. It is the same mystery and it never ceases to be an occasion of division. 'Will you also go away?': [Jn 6:67.] the Lord's question echoes through the ages, as a loving invitation to discover that only he has 'the words of eternal life' [In 6:68.] and that to receive in faith the gift of his Eucharist is to receive the Lord himself."

#### Gospel of John 6:60-68

Then many of his disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?"

What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?" It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him.

And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

**Reflection:** Where do you go for the answers to life's joys, struggles and pain?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, help me to see in the people I serve their desire to find their answer to life's joys, struggles and pain. Help me be their way to the Father. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.