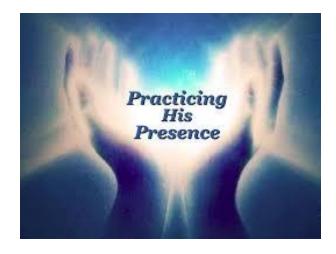
PRACTICING HIS PRESENCE



"Lo, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

A promise which he never fails to fulfill to those who are committed to him.

But if our hearts are focused elsewhere, the Lord Jesus will not force his presence upon us.

He's "in the room" but we ignore him, as we proceed with our own agenda.

"Lo, I am with you always...."

This promise only gets "traction" in our lives when we acknowledge his presence....when we stay in communion with him.

When I came to you, brethren, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God in lofty words or wisdom.
For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

I Corinthians 2:1-2

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Focus the mind on him.

Thank him.

Obey him.

Love him.

Let his words come to the surface of your mind.

And I was with you in weakness and in much fear and trembling; and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

I Corinthians 2:3-5

Rejoice in his presence...

Whatever you may be doing, remind yourself that you are not alone.



You are under the yoke with the Lord himself.

Keep practicing his presence---

---not by feeling, but by faith.

Prayer

Lo, I am with You always... these last words spoken to us, by you, our dear Lord Jesus, are a deep truth, the best of gifts, the best hope and the greatest comfort we can experience. We fall prostrate before you in gratefulness and thanks for the gift of your presence. May we focus our hearts and minds on your Living Presence. May our hearts drink deeply of you, continuously. May we also honor this unwarranted gift, by loving and obeying you and by bringing your presence with us in all we do. And Holy, Loving Master, how perfectly beautiful that you promise never to leave us alone. No matter what we are facing, no matter where we are, we focus our hearts on your presence now, we embrace you, we trust you, we rejoice in you.

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