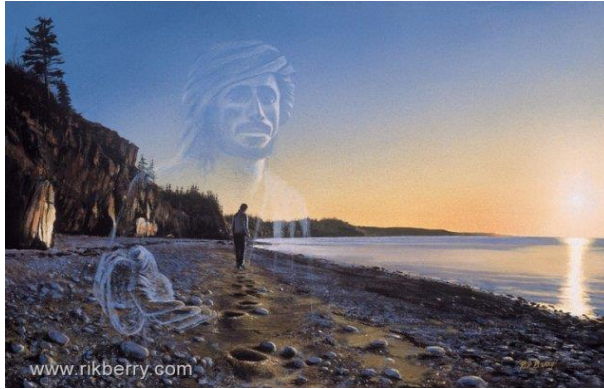


ALWAYS



Be Not Afraid. I am With You.

“And lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.”

Jesus commanded them to make disciples of all nations.

To baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

To teach them everything that he had taught them.

Such things were impossible to accomplish, unless they would have his constant help.

So he promised,

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

Always.

After the resurrection, they knew that Jesus was with them as never before.

They knew it by faith.

And when they became distracted, Jesus was there with a “wake up” surprise.

One evening shortly after the resurrection, Peter decided to take a break and go fishing.

“We’ll go with you,” said his friends.

They fished all night and caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

***Jesus said to them, “Children, have you any fish?”
They answered him, “No.”***

***He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.”
So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, for the quantity of fish.***

That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his clothes, for he was stripped for work, and sprang into the sea....

Jesus served them breakfast.

Then he got to the point.

***When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter,
"Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?"***

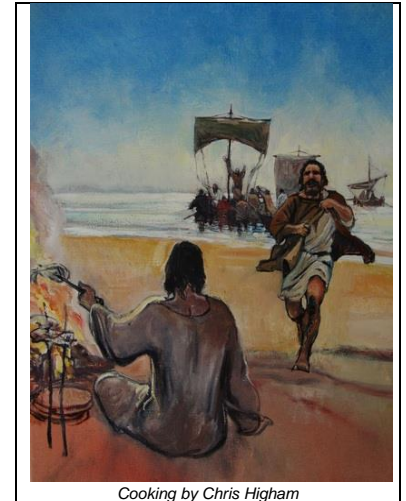
He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."

He said to him, "Feed my lambs."

John 21

"Do you love me more than this pile of fish?"

"If you love me, forget your fishing and feed my sheep!"



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"Lo, I am with you always."

Without a doubt this promise applies to all disciples of all time.

"I am with you as you make disciples of Jews, Gentiles, Samaritans and terrorists."

"I am with you as you baptize them into my death and resurrection"

"I am with you as you teach them what I taught you."

And when we decide to "go fishing", Jesus has a surprise for us.

He lets us sit there with our empty net and wonder what's wrong.

Then he fills our net, serves us breakfast, and confronts us with the truth.



By the Fire

"Do you love me more than this pile of fish?"

"Yes, Lord, you know that we love you."

"Feed my sheep."

"Lo, I am with you always."

As long as there's a spark of faith left in us, the "A/ways" remains.

The Master is there.

To help.

To encourage.

To empower.

To wake us up and call us back.

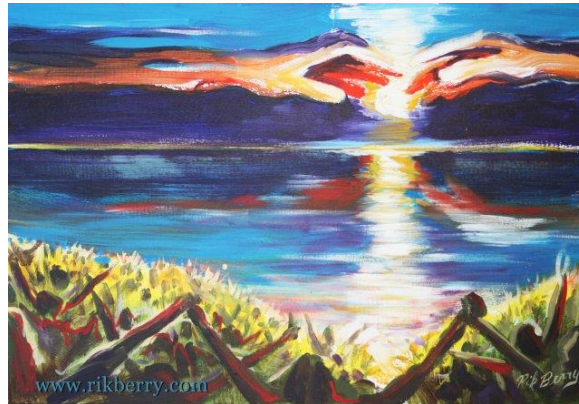
To hold us safe, as long as we are willing.

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you;

and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

Matthew 28



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Prayer- Oh thank you kind, wonderful Lord for remaining with us always... through all things, in all things. What a precious gift. May we reach out and embrace the gift of your presence. May we never be so busy fishing that we take your presence for granted. Help us to love you enough, adore you enough that we have the desire, the love, and the food we need to feed your precious lambs.

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