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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

What an exciting thing the New Year is. The gathering of friends, the parties, and the countdown. What is it that a lot of us seem to count down to? Maybe it's the idea that you have the ability to turn over a new leaf, a fresh start, change something in your life. Do you have things you are looking to change? Have you set goals for this next year?

It's exciting to think of all the possibilities, but sometimes, for some of us that can come with feelings of regret or being overwhelmed. The endless joy I find is in our Heavenly Father. The creator of Heaven and Earth, and me. He promises that He is always there, and that He will never leave. In Deuteronomy 31:8 it says: "The LORD is the one who

goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." He also promises He will always be the same in Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

I know that God has my back. And every single day, every hour, I have the ability to renew, to change the things in my life that need to change, and to start fresh. We don't have to wait a year. We don't have to count down those last hours, minutes and seconds. He is already there, waiting. All we have to do is ask - Ask God to take what it is that we no longer want to carry, and to walk alongside us as we change directions in our path. What an

amazing promise. Every day is a "New Year", a new chance. Let's not overwhelm ourselves with resolutions and focus on lofty goals. Let's focus on each new day, walking in the direction we hope to go, one step at a time. I know that's what we, your Chaplains, will be doing. We hope to continue bettering ourselves and this Chaplaincy to serve each of you to the best of our ability. We look forward to working alongside, and serving you in every way we can. If you ever have a need, a question, anything, we are here - all you have to do is ask!

Happy New Year and may all of you be exceedingly blessed!

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