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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

The **faithfulness** of the Father: He can always be counted on.

Num. 23:19 *God is not human, that He should lie, not a human being, that he should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill?* (NIV)

Consider this with me today. There is one thing that you can always count on; it's the faithfulness of our LORD. He is faithful to hear us when we call out to Him. He is faithful to answer our prayers. He will be there for you whenever you need Him (which is always). As God created, He chose to make humans in His likeness. And for some time, Adam and Eve lived in perfect harmony with the LORD. They could walk with Him and speak to Him and enjoy His presence. Then, something drastically changed. Man chose to sin against God, and the selfish nature was born in mankind. But please understand this; man changed but our LORD has never, nor will He ever change. **Heb. 13:8** *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.* (NIV)

We, as people, have now been cursed with a sin nature, but thanks be to the God Who never changes, that we can be made right and whole again. We can again walk in His presence and know the goodness of God. And it is certainly not because of our faithfulness, but His alone. As we make a transition into a new year, let's make sure that we enter into it with a resolve to walk in His righteousness and do what He wants rather than be tossed around by our sinful desires. **Mt. 5:37** *All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No', anything beyond this comes from the evil one.* (NIV)

Dear LORD, You are the standard of faithfulness. You will always be faithful and true. Thank You that we have You to look to in every circumstance. You are our hope and our salvation. In Jesus Name, Amen