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May 2009 – Florence
God Sings!

Do you enjoy singing, or listening to other people singing? Hi, this is Florence MacKenzie at Equipped for Living. Several years ago, I used to sing with the Leeds Philharmonic Chorus. I enjoyed going to choir practice on Thursday evenings and it was great fun when the time came for us to perform the pieces we'd been rehearsing for months. I think all of us got a big buzz from singing in the magnificent Leeds Town Hall. Did you know that God sings? Yes, he does! In Zephaniah 3:17, we read that the Lord rejoices over us with singing. So, not only does he sing, but he does it joyfully, and we are the reason for him singing! Isn't that amazing? Perhaps you don't think that God is particularly interested in you – after all, does he not have more important people to focus on or better things to do with his time, you might ask? Well, take heart – if you love the Lord Jesus Christ and are following him, then you have every reason to believe he is rejoicing over you with singing.

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Think first!

Have you ever made a promise to do something and then bitterly regretted it? Perhaps you promised to visit a difficult relative and felt you had to go, even though a friend suggested going to the cinema instead? Or perhaps it was something with more serious long-term consequences, like accepting a new job too hastily, or perhaps rushing into a business venture, or even a marriage, with an unsuitable partner. Jephthah, in the Old Testament book of Judges, did just this. He made a rash promise to God, that if God gave him victory over the enemy, he would sacrifice to God the first thing coming out of his house when he returned from battle. How crazy is that? I suppose he expected a lamb or goat to come trotting out, but imagine his horror when it was his only daughter who came out to meet him! The lesson from the life of Jephthah is that, before we commit ourselves to something, we must think through the implications, pray, and ask the advice of trusted friends. That way, we may avoid the world of hurt that comes with rash promises. This is James MacKenzie at Equipped for Living.

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