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October 2009 – Florence
Forgiving ourselves

“I just can’t forgive myself!” Ever heard anyone say this? Perhaps you’ve even said it yourself. Hi, this is Florence MacKenzie at Equipped for Living. The idea of forgiving ourselves is quite a common one – so much so that it might surprise you to hear it’s not in line with biblical teaching on guilt and forgiveness. You see, God’s forgiveness is perfectly complete, and we don’t need any other kind, not even our own! When we think we need to forgive ourselves, we give the impression that God’s forgiveness isn’t enough and that we have to add self-forgiveness to what Jesus accomplished for us on the cross. Perhaps you’ve never thought of it like this before. If you’re looking for freedom from the false guilt that stems from the mistaken belief that you need to forgive yourself, look no further. God’s forgiveness is sufficient! Why not receive it and rest in it once and for all?

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Hearing God

Do you agree that one of the most difficult things in the Christian life is hearing God? This is James MacKenzie at Equipped for Living and I want to share with you how a boy called Samuel came to hear God’s voice. In the silence of the night, God called Samuel’s name three times, but, to begin with, he wasn’t aware it was God. If we want to hear God’s voice, silence is essential – we need to shut out the noise and distractions of our daily lives or we’ll never hear God. Also, God often speaks persistently to us – is there an idea or person or verse that you can’t get out of your mind? Then consider that God may be trying to communicate something specifically to you. As he did with Samuel, he often speaks personally – God may not use our name, but he will unmistakably speak something specifically to us, if we are listening. Finally, Samuel learned submission – his words, recorded in 1 Samuel 3:10 in the New Living Translation are: “Speak, for your servant is listening.” If we go to God in prayer and read the Bible with an attitude of willingness to hear and obey, then we can be sure that we will hear God speaking to us.

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