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Relationship and fellowship

When our daughter was born, we entered a new and exciting period of our lives. Hi, this is Florence MacKenzie at Equipped for Living. This little girl remained our daughter when she was good and also when she was naughty. Nothing she could do could ever change the child-parent relationship between us. That's the way it is with us and God. If we are genuine followers of Jesus Christ, we are God's children and he is our Father. Nothing can put an end to that relationship. However, when we choose to go our own way rather than his, the result is broken fellowship between us and God and this spoils our enjoyment of him. Only when we admit our wrongdoing to God and turn from it do we get back on track with him again. Don't underestimate the importance of fellowship with God. Do all you can to protect it, cultivate it, and rejoice in it.

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Pleasing God

Have you ever wondered what it is that really pleases God? This is a pretty important question, don't you agree? Well, the first king of Israel, Saul, found out what it is that really pleases God, but only after he had messed up badly. 1 Samuel 15:22, in the NET Bible, records God's word to Saul: "Does the Lord take pleasure in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as he does in obedience?" Yes, that's right – the thing that really pleases God is obedience. But, you ask, is God not pleased with our love? Of course he is, but how do we show our love? By obedience. Obedience to God's word not only pleases God, it brings fulfilment, purpose and direction to our lives. So often we struggle to find God's will for our lives, but if we will only obey what God has already clearly revealed in his word, all the other details will fall into place. Sadly, the story of King Saul's life shows the consequences of disobedience. Let's learn this vital lesson and get on the obedience programme – the "pleasing God" programme – fast. This is James MacKenzie at Equipped for Living.

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