



"And now I am no more in the world,  
but these are in the world..." (John 17:11).

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### **SENTENCED TO DEATH**

The 2018 Winter Olympics has gripped our attention this week. Nevertheless, the Olympics has been in the news for months. In December, Larry Nassar, a former USA Gymnastics and Michigan State University doctor, was sentenced to 60 years in prison on child pornography charges. In January, more than 150 women and girls testified in court that, over the course of 20 years, he had used the privacy of the medical exam room to sexually abuse them. At the close of the abuse trial, the judge sentenced the 54-year-old discredited doctor to 40 to 175 years in prison, saying, "I've just signed your death warrant."

### **RESTORED TO LIFE**

When Peter came to the home where the body of Dorcas lay, he found her body surrounded by mourners. In that culture, grieving was often done loudly, so Peter sent the mourners out of the room. In the privacy of the now-quiet room, he prayed for her and then commanded her to arise. God answered his prayer and Dorcas was restored to life.

1. What factors in society enabled Dr. Nassar to get away with his crimes for so long?
2. Character has been described as how one behaves when no one is looking. Contrast the actions of Dr. Nassar and Peter in the private rooms where these stories unfolded. What does this say about their respective integrity?
3. How should a belief in the future resurrection of the dead affect the way we grieve?
4. Can we expect the Holy Spirit to use us today (as he did Peter) to raise the dead? Why or why not?

—Charles R. Boatman

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