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Hebrews 10:1-1

Former gymnast and coach, Rachael Denhollander, read her victim's impact statement at the sentencing of Dr. Larry Nassar. Ms. Denhollander noted that Dr. Nassar often brought a brown Bible to court and expressed remorse for the harm he had caused his victims. She said, "You spoke of praying for forgiveness. But Larry, if you have read the Bible you carry, you know forgiveness does not come from doing good things, as if good deeds can erase what you have done. It comes from repentance which requires facing and acknowledging the truth about what you have done in all of its utter depravity and horror without mitigation, without excuse, without acting as if good deeds can erase what you have seen [in] this courtroom today. . . . Should you ever reach the point of truly facing what you have done, the guilt will be crushing. And that is what makes the gospel of Christ so sweet. Because it extends grace and hope and mercy where none should be found. And it will be there for you."* Only Christ's sacrifice provides the adequate foundation for everyone's forgiveness.

* <https://www.cnn.com/2018/01/24/us/rachael-denhollander-full-statement/index.html> (Accessed June 2021)

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