



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 13: Do You Love Me?  
Suggested Week of Use: May 28, 2023  
Core Passage: John 21:15-23

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### News Story Summary

Surrounded by family, Helen Kahan celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday earlier this month by throwing out the first pitch at a Yankees-Rays baseball game in Tampa. More than 25,000 people at the stadium cheered her on as she took the mound.

Kahan, a survivor of the Holocaust, shares her story with generations of visitors at the Florida Holocaust Museum every year. The proceeds from the Yankees-Rays game will benefit the museum. The Rays Baseball Foundation has also pledged a \$10,000 grant to the museum.

During the Holocaust, Kahan lost her parents, sisters, brothers, and grandmothers. She honors those she lost by continuing to share their stories, as well as her own. While she cannot change what has happened, she can bring awareness to new generations. She has chosen to make the most of a terrible experience.

For more about this story, search “Holocaust survivor throws first pitch.”

### Engage

To supplement **ENGAGE**, encourage adults to share what comes to mind when they hear the word “restoration.” Highlight that it often includes bringing something good out of a bad or broken situation. Share the story of Holocaust survivor Helen Kahan and talk about how her story includes a sense of restoration. Ask: *When has God restored you after a disappointing or devastating experience?* Share that today’s session focuses on Jesus’s restoration of Peter. Briefly summarize how Peter had failed Jesus by denying Him on the night He was arrested. Say: *We all fall short in our walk with God at times. Yet, as believers, we have a hope for grace when we fail.* Remind the group that grace is a gift of God that we could never earn on our own.

### Challenge

To supplement **CHALLENGE**, encourage adults to think about the emotions people feel when they fail. Ask: *How do you think Peter felt as he encountered Jesus?* If they aren’t mentioned, suggest failure often produces feelings of unworthiness and shame. Say: *Peter must have experienced those emotions as Jesus’s spoke to him here.* Remind the group about the story of Helen Kahan. Emphasize that just as a 100-year-old Holocaust survivor has found purpose in her tragedy, we can live with purpose because of the grace we have been given by Jesus. Say: *No matter what you have experienced, God has a purpose for you.* Close by praying that we would each be grateful for the grace given to us and that we will extend similar grace to those in need.