

# Alley Rundown - April 28-29, 2018

**Bible Story:** Souped Up (Esau's Impatience) \* *Genesis 25:24-34*

**Bottom Line:** When you think you can't wait, think twice.

**Key Question:** What could you miss out on by not waiting?

**Memory Verse:** "Wait for the LORD. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the LORD!"  
*Psalms 27:14, NIV*

## NOTE: You will need the box of Airheads for the Rundown

"Hey guys! Awesome to see you today! You know, when I think of patience, one of the first things that comes to mind is the classic example called the Marshmallow Test. Have you ever heard of this? It's awesome—check this out!"

### CG: Marshmallow Test Video

"Ha! I love watching those kids try and decide what they should do. Oh, the agony of waiting . . . patience is hard! And as you saw, in most cases, waiting was so hard that they just gave in and ate the marshmallow no matter how many they'd get if they would have waited!"

*(hand out 1 Airheads (candy) to each student)*

"Each of you will get an Airhead just for being here. You can eat it now, or wait until the end of our talk today, to find out if you get something else. The choice is yours..."

"Now, with marshmallows and little kids, it is funny. But let's be honest—has there ever been a time where you missed out on something because you couldn't wait? In other words, has your lack of patience ever cost you something?" *(Allow Response)*

"Imagine that you just got a new video game. You've been playing this video game like crazy; any chance you can get you're taking on a new level. One day you come home from school and all you want to do is play your game. Here's the problem: you have a BIG math test the next day, and you really NEED to study. But . . . you really WANT to play your video game. Of course, you start to study . . . but then decide, 'Maybe I'll just play my video game for a few minutes and THEN study.' And before you know it, it is time for bed. You've spent the whole night playing . . . and none of it studying. The next day, needless to say, the test does NOT go so well. You couldn't wait to play the game, and it ended up costing you a good grade!"

"Has anything like this ever happened to you? It doesn't have to be video games. Maybe it was hanging out with friends or just watching TV. There are a lot of things we WANT that we might need to wait for, and by not waiting, we can find ourselves missing out. That's what our final episode on our Road Trip is all about. Before we get into our video today, let's take up our offering!"

## OFFERING:

**Homer Glen:** Victor

**New Lenox:** Daniel

**Orland Park:** Michael and Valerie

**CG: Picture of Child**

“Offering Time is important here in the Alley, because it gives you all an opportunity to worship God by giving your money generously. Here at (your campus), we give our offering to help support (your campus child) in Kenya. Our offering goes to show kindness to them by buying clothes, and food, and other materials they may need. If you brought an offering today, you may bring it up when the video plays and place it here (*show offering container*). If not, that’s ok too. You can bring an offering next week. The Bible tells us this about bringing our offerings to Him...”

**CG: Offering Verse JPEG (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)**

“Let’s take a look at this week’s episode!”

**CG: Week 5 Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:20)**

“One of the greatest things we can learn about patience is how to say no to ourselves because something we need to do is more important.”

“Today, as you head to small group, I want you to talk about bowls of stew. Not actual stew . . . because that will make you hungry. But talk about the things that are hard to wait for, that we might trade better things for. Here’s the question: What could you miss out on by not waiting?”

**CG: Key Question Slide**

“You may find that, if you’re honest, waiting for certain things is just really hard. But how great will it be if these conversations can help to keep impatience from costing you! So dig deep. It’s worth it! And then be sure to ask God to help you show patience when it is most difficult. How about we do that right now? Let’s watch this...”

**CG: Patience Pays Off Lesson Video (Runtime: 2:00)**