

Alley Rundown - April 7-8, 2018

Bible Story: Baby on Board (Hannah Prays for a Baby) * 1 Samuel 1:6–2:1

Bottom Line: When you think you can't wait, talk to God about it.

Key Question: When is it hard to have patience?

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

ANNOUNCEMENT: KIDS CAMP 2018

CG: Kids Camp 2018 JPEG

"Hey Alley! As many of you already know, Kids Camp is coming up. The dates for the camp are June 11th-15th at Camp Manitouqua. Space is VERY limited, so if you want to go make sure you grab one of these postcards (*show postcard*) with all the information on it before you leave the Alley today!"

Begin Rundown...

"Hey, hey, everybody! Great to see you today. We had such an awesome Easter last weekend here at Parkview. Raise your hand if you came to one of our 20 Easter services (*allow response*). Awesome! Well, let's keep that momentum going full speed ahead. So . . . I have a question for you right at the top: have you ever had to wait for something . . . and it, well . . . was really hard to wait? If you have an example, turn and tell your small group . . . NOW!"

Give a moment to share. If you have time, have one or two of the small groups share a story.

"I heard some great examples! I think I heard summer break . . . oh, yeah, we've ALL had to wait for summer . . . sleeping in late in the morning, going to the pool, playing with friends . . . that's the best! Or maybe you've had to wait for an upcoming birthday or a holiday . . . you want all of those presents or big meals with the family . . . I mean, who doesn't love that?!"

Here is a chance to make it personal and tell a story from your own life. You can use the following personal story as an example or set it up as an "Imagine if" story ("Imagine that it's Christmas . . .")

"When I think of waiting for something, I think about Christmas when I was a kid..."

(Share your experience as a child waiting for Christmas)

EXAMPLE: "My brother and I would wake up REALLY early in the morning and run in and wake up our parents. They would tell us that it was too early and to go back to bed. We'd sulk and go back to our beds . . . but who can sleep under those circumstances?! Instead, we'd watch the clock and wait until our parents would FINALLY say we could come downstairs. We'd run down and see those presents sitting under the tree . . . but then we couldn't open them up yet! Nope. We had to walk past them—NO TOUCHING!—and head right to the breakfast table, where we would have to eat the breakfast that my mom had prepared. I'm thinking, 'We'll just eat cereal

later, Mom!’ But she wanted to make a big breakfast. And in the distance, behind every bite of breakfast casserole, sat a shiny, wrapped wonderland—an OFF-LIMITS wonderland. Man, it was so hard to wait! Finally, we’d help clear the breakfast table—as fast as humanly possible—and go open presents . . . so I guess it worked out in the end.”

“Okay, so let’s be honest. These times when we’ve had to wait for something and it had been REALLY hard to wait, do we ever struggle with HOW we wait?”

“Believe it or not, people in the Bible felt like this from time to time. In our story today, we meet a woman named Hannah. She is a good woman who worships God, but right away we learn that she has some difficulties—she is not able to have children. Not only was she unable to have children, but also we learn in the story that a woman named Peninnah makes fun of her because of her situation. That’s cold, right? We pick up the story at a time when Hannah and her family traveled to the tabernacle. This was where God lived among his people as well as the place where people went to worship and make sacrifices to God. Check it out . . .”

CG: Week 2 Lesson Video (Runtime: 11:05)

“Hannah helps us understand what it can look like to wait even when it is REALLY hard. We’re so used to everything being so instant. We search for something on the Internet and immediately millions of answers pop up. This wasn’t always the case—just ask your parents about dial-up internet sometime! But in our world, we get so used to getting everything right away that we have a really tough time when what we’re waiting for seems like it’s taking forever. Hannah struggled, for sure, but she also was able to trust God that He could help her while she was waiting.”

“Here’s our question for this week. Let’s talk it out...”

CG: Key Question Slide (“When is it Hard to Have Patience?”)

“Alright, now, as you head to small group, I want to give you a chance to consider what this looks like in your own life . . . so let’s take some time to worship.”

CG: Worship Experience Video (Runtime: 5:00)

NOTE: Students will find a spot in the room, alone, and spend some time talking to God about what they are waiting for, take time waiting on Him, and experience what it feels like to worship God while waiting. Music will play in the background during the experience.