

## ALLEY Rundown – May 20 - 22, 2023

**Today's Bible Story:** Under Pressure (Peter and John Are Taken to the Sanhedrin) • *Acts 3:1–4:21*

**Today's Key Question:** When have you felt under pressure?

**Today's Bottom Line:** God is with you no matter what

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *So we can say boldly, 'The Lord helps me. I will not be afraid.'*  
(*Hebrews 13:6a, NIV*)

### **SLIDE: Theme**

"Hey, everybody! Today is a very special day here in The Alley! Today we get to celebrate some very important people. Some VIPs if you will. Who are these VIPs you may ask? Well, our VIPs today are... our 5<sup>th</sup> Graders! They will be moving up to Parkview Students and in just a little bit, we will call them up to celebrate them and present them with a special gift!"

Before we do that I have a questions for you: does anyone in here tend to get nervous a lot? Like maybe you become worried or feel anxious about certain things? Yeah, me too! If you feel like that, please know that you're not alone. Lots of people get anxious when they think about all sorts of different things.

"Think about this for a moment: what are some of the difficult things you've faced? Or tense situations you've been in? What are the things that make you worried or anxious?

*Take a few answers from the group.*

"Yeah, life isn't always perfect, that's for sure. We face some tough things, don't we? "But I'll tell you this—to make it through tough times or to face something that's super-difficult, we often need way more than just a motivational speech or a 'Get Well' card.

"For certain moments we face, we need more. But from where? How does that even work? When you're at the end of your rope, where do you get more rope? I know that 'church' is often the answer that's given, and so is 'ask God for help,' but how does that work? Will God give you the answers to the math test you're currently failing? When we've given all we can, who will make up the rest?

"Good questions. And with questions like these, the answers won't always be found in the 'Self-Help' section of a bookstore. That's why the first place we should check out is the Bible. This book is actually a lot like a library that contains all sorts of wisdom from people who experienced God in their lives and were inspired to write down what they learned. And because of that, we can learn the best way to live for God just by reading and following what they wrote down. The story we're looking at today deals directly with those kinds of questions—and follows two men in a really difficult situation."

Let's check it out...

### **VIDEO: The So and So Show 14:05**

“Just like last week’s story, it wasn’t Peter on his own who was talking to the people. It wasn’t just Peter talking to the religious leaders, defending why he healed a man in Jesus’ name. It was Peter with the Holy Spirit inside of him, helping him, giving him the words.

“God’s Spirit is always present and at work in your life. Always. Just knowing that can give you tons of confidence—the same type of confidence that Peter and John had. Having a hard go of it? Stuck in a situation where you can’t see a way out? Talk to God. Ask God for help from the Holy Spirit.”

“Our memory verse this month is a great reminder...

**SLIDE: Memory Verse**

“So we say boldly, ‘The Lord helps me; I will not be afraid.’ (Hebrews 13:6a, NIV)

This is a great verse to remember when you are facing something new. That can sometimes be a little scary, but knowing the Lord is with you and will help you makes it SO much easier!”

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Presentation:**

Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders are going to be doing something new! They are moving out of Parkview Kids and into Parkview Students! In fact, let’s bring them up right now.

*(Call all current 5<sup>th</sup> graders up to the front)*

We are so excited for our 5th Graders here in the Alley to “Level Up” to Parkview Students. We have loved having you here in Parkview Kids! We will miss you tremendously, but we believe God is just getting started on your faith story. He has great plans for your life. I can’t wait to see/hear all about how you continue to grow in your walk with Jesus! We love you guys!

*(Call up 5<sup>th</sup> Graders, give them their prayer journals, and pray that God would continue to use them and bless them as they “Level Up!” to Student Ministry.)*

**OFFERING TIME:**

Before we go to small groups, all this month, we have been bringing our money to support Vida Nueva Ministries in Piedras Negras, Mexico. Your offering helps people just like you to have the resources they need to experience a new life with Jesus! Here is a picture of our friends Eli and Mandy Garcia and their family...

**SLIDE: Eli and Mandy**

They are our friends and Parkview Global heroes that tell people about Jesus down in Mexico. So, if you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now while this video plays!

**Video: Summer Jam Promo**

**CG: Summer JAM Slide**

“Guess what today is?? It’s the opening weekend for signing up for Summer Jam! It’s coming up very soon and we’re so excited to invite you to these 3 nights jam-packed with FUN and Adventure! You won’t want to miss it. Tell whoever brought you that you need to visit the Summer Jam Tent after our time together today to sign up and get your t shirt!”

Dismiss to Small Groups