

SERMON SERIES: STRONG & COURAGEOUS

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Key Line

“Be strong and courageous.”

Introduction

Last week we had an Impact Sunday speaking about the story of us, and who we are, and who we are called to be. This week we began a new series called Strong & Courageous to think about what it looks like to face life with God’s vision of life.

- When was a time that felt like it was too much? (Maybe it was first moving out, college, getting married, buying a home, having a child, etc.)

Seek the Word

Read Joshua 1:1-2, 6

- What does verse 6 say about who God is towards His children when He calls them to do something?
- Why would God use “strong and courageous” as the words of wisdom to tell Joshua?

Look at Exodus 14:11

- How does this verse represent the difference between faith and fear?

Read Joshua 1:7-8

- How do these verses envision the plans of God?
- How does it provide hope rather than fear?

Go Deeper

With Logos or the Blue Letter Bible App, complete a word study on God’s use of the words “strong and courageous.”

Talk About It

- Have you ever felt like the Israelites in Exodus 14:11?
- What do you think of the wisdom that God repeatedly speaks into Joshua in this first chapter?
- What could it look like to trust God when we are in the fire?
- When facing adversity do you recognize how your thought choices direct your life choices or do you tend to gain tunnel vision?

Wrap Up

Reminder: “Courage is taking the next step of faith in spite of your fear.”

Challenge: Choose to take steps this week to move forward with courage rather than fear.