

SERMON SERIES: STRONG & COURAGEOUS

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Key Line

“Go stand in the river.”

Introduction

Last week we talked about Joshua and the story of how God calls him to be strong and courageous, and how courage is taking the next step of faith in spite of your fear. This week, we are continuing the Strong & Courageous series about how we can be courageous in spite of feeling stuck.

- What are some times in life that you have felt stuck? (Friendships or relationships, a job or work environment, financial situations, parenting situations, etc.)

Seek the Word

Read Joshua 3:1-7, 14-17

- What do verses 1-3 say about following where God leads?
- Why does Joshua tell the people in verse 5 to “consecrate themselves”?
- How do the Israelites demonstrate courage in verses 14-16?
- What do verses 14-17 tell us about God’s timing with His plans?
- The Israelites were uncertain of their situation crossing the Jordan river. How does verse 17 represent God being with them despite their uncertainty?

Go Deeper

The story of the Israelites crossing the Jordan river has similarities to Moses and the parting of the Red Sea. Read Exodus 14:26-31. What are the similarities and differences in these two stories? Using the Logos or Blue Letter Bible apps, what other places are these miracles referenced in Scripture?

Talk About It

- Preparation is as much an act of faith as stepping out is. When have you been in a season of preparation? When have you felt called to step out?
- What does it look like to stand in the river versus just dipping your toes in?
- What could it look like to take a courageous step in your own life?
- How do you feel knowing Jesus is with you wherever you go?

Wrap Up

Reminder: “Be Strong and Courageous, Jesus will be with me wherever I go.”

Challenge: Spend time asking God to reveal how you can stand in the river with Him this week.