

**Sermon Discussion Guide**  
**First Things First – Week I**  
**A Step of Faith**  
**September 19, 2021**



**Big Idea**

Be strong and courageous.



**Icebreaker**

Are you naturally timid or spontaneous? Share some examples.



**Discussion Questions**

1. Read **Joshua 1:6-9**. Joshua was known to be a brave man, yet he was told to “be strong and courageous” multiple times. Why do you think that is?
2. We often equate our level of faith with our level of bravery. Is it true that braver people have more faith? What is the relationship between faith and bravery?
3. Read **Joshua 3:7-8**. The Jordan River was up to 200 feet wide and 20 feet deep during flood stage. Why didn’t God slow the river before calling the Israelites to step into it? What is one step of faith God has called you to take?
4. Joshua and Caleb were present at the parting of the Red Sea. What do you think their thoughts were when they were called to step into the river? How can looking back sometimes help us move forward?
5. Read **Joshua 3:15-16**. What is the significance of the river stopping once the ark of the covenant reached it? How can we relate that to God walking with us through our Jordan River?



**Concluding Questions**

We were called to do two things this week. **Remember the Red Sea.** What is one example of a time when God brought you through something you thought would be impossible? **Go stand in your river.** What circumstance are you facing now that God is telling you to be strong and courageous about?



**Application**

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?



**Prayer**

Possible prayer topics for this week:

- Strength and courage
- Remembering how God has delivered us
- Our re-launched student ministry
- Refugees in WNY