

Series: Joshua

Sermon: Be Strong and Courageous

Speaker: Jerry Gillis

### **Daily Readings**

Monday: Joshua 1

Tuesday: Joshua 2

Wednesday: Joshua 3

Thursday: Joshua 4

Friday: Luke 24:1-12, Matthew 28:1-10

Saturday: Acts 4:1-13, 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Have someone in your group give a brief recap of Sunday's message, highlighting the primary Scripture points and the main idea of the message.
2. The Chapel celebrated 65 years of ministry on Sunday.
  - a. What is one of your fondest memories of The Chapel?
  - b. How has God used The Chapel in your faith journey with Him?
3. What about the 2026 vision given during the sermon caught your attention or challenged you?
4. Respond to at least one of the questions:
  - a. Where did you see or experience God's presence in 2025?
  - b. When has the power of the Holy Spirit given you the courage to share the gospel with someone?
  - c. What is one of God's promises that encourages you going into 2026?
5. In what way(s) is God prompting you to be bold and courageous with the people within your sphere of influence in 2026? (Be as specific as you can in your response). How could those in your sphere of influence be impacted by your boldness and courage in this area?
6. What action step do you need to take in response to this week's message? How can your group hold you accountable to this step?

### **Action Step**

Choose an action step you can commit to this week:

1. Mail a note of encouragement to any of the leadership or staff of The Chapel with how their work has helped you in your journey with God. The address to use is 500 CrossPoint Pkwy, Getzville, NY 14068. *This action step was submitted by a volunteer out of the inspiration of 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13.*

2. Encourage a fellow Christian this week by sharing your grace story and the gospel.
3. Boldly pray in the specific direction of the vision shared on Sunday:
  - By Easter of 2026, each day of the calendar is owned by a local congregation and every minute of every day is covered in prayer.
  - By Christmas Eve of 2026, have a new worship space without incurring debt at the Niagara Falls campus.
  - Increase participation in Discipleship Communities by 20%.
  - Equip 200 people as Disciple Makers.
  - Identify an Arabic-speaking church planter for WNY and finalize a statewide plan for church planting expansion (the Empire State Project).
  - Expand the resources The Chapel distributes outside The Chapel to 25% of total budget.
  - Deepen our partnerships with local schools in each community where we have a campus.
  - Document 10,000 gospel shares with people in our region.
  - Identify an outpost in Cheektowaga where we can engage in direct ministry with residents of the community.
  - By September of 2026, we see the Lock-City Center serving residents daily through direct ministry and collaboration with partners.
  - See the start of development of the Niagara Falls campus to serve needs in education and housing.