National Junior High Sunday 2019
“Strong and Courageous” based on Joshua 1:9 (NRSV)

Message Notes: Joshua 1:9
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It’s easy to be insecure about the future when it seems like all the cool things have already been invented or done. How do we replace the giants that came before us? (Important -- we're not talking about World War II vets or the Greatest Generation. Tremendous things have been done since the Millennium: Social Media, changes in the way we watch TV or get our news, new developments in science -- these are the things that might be intimidating to the current crop of youth) Scripture tells us at the end of Deuteronomy that there has never been a prophet like Moses, who talked face to face with God. What did Joshua feel like, faced with the prospect of replacing an irreplaceable leader? But God expected Joshua to be the best Joshua he could be. Three times God tells Joshua to be strong and courageous. Robert Alter’s translation says Be strong and stalwart. Be ready to take heroic and unforgettable action. Joshua did.

God promises to be with Joshua as he leads the people forward towards their destiny.