

“Shine Like Stars 2018”

Be strong and courageous. Those words are powerful. We can apply these words to our everyday lives. In Joshua chapter 1, four times it talks about being strong and courageous.

Sometimes it can be really hard to be a leader. I am afraid of losing friends or being rejected. I am afraid that if I am questioned I won't know the answers. We are humans. It is in our nature to sin. I constantly beat myself up about mistakes I've made. I think to myself “I'm not worthy to be a leader”.

However, no matter how many times we mess up the Lord our God is ALWAYS there saying, “Be strong and courageous for I am with you.” Now it's up to us whether we grab a hold of his outstretched hand or shy away to live in the darkness. - Grace Bird

My time at SHINE was a great experience for me and my youth group friends who attended. It was good for everyone. Charles, our speaker, moved me to step outside the box that I live in.

I can be a leader and I will but I have to keep pushing through the crowd. I can have hope in myself when going through a hard time that God will ALWAYS be here for me. I have an amazing church family to express and tell my problems to. I know I am not the only one stuck in a crowded place with people that come between God and myself.

And it is okay if I need help. We all have things in our lives that are hard but we CAN overcome them. Not by ourselves but only with God's help. Bryce another speaker writes and performs poems. His work expresses how Christians are not perfect but God will always invite us anyway. Our trophy is always there for us. It is our choice if we want to be there bad enough with our father. The most important thing I learned at SHINE was that I CAN be strong and courageous and I WILL be victorious at the end. - Lily Jenkins