



First Baptist Church

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Peter's Epic Fail?

Matthew 14:22-33

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Peter's Epic Fail?

- In the Bible the sea is a dangerous place.

Psalm 107:23-32

- The more things change, the more they stay the same.
- Bodies of water can still pose grave danger to people.

Shipwrecks

Boating accidents

Drownings

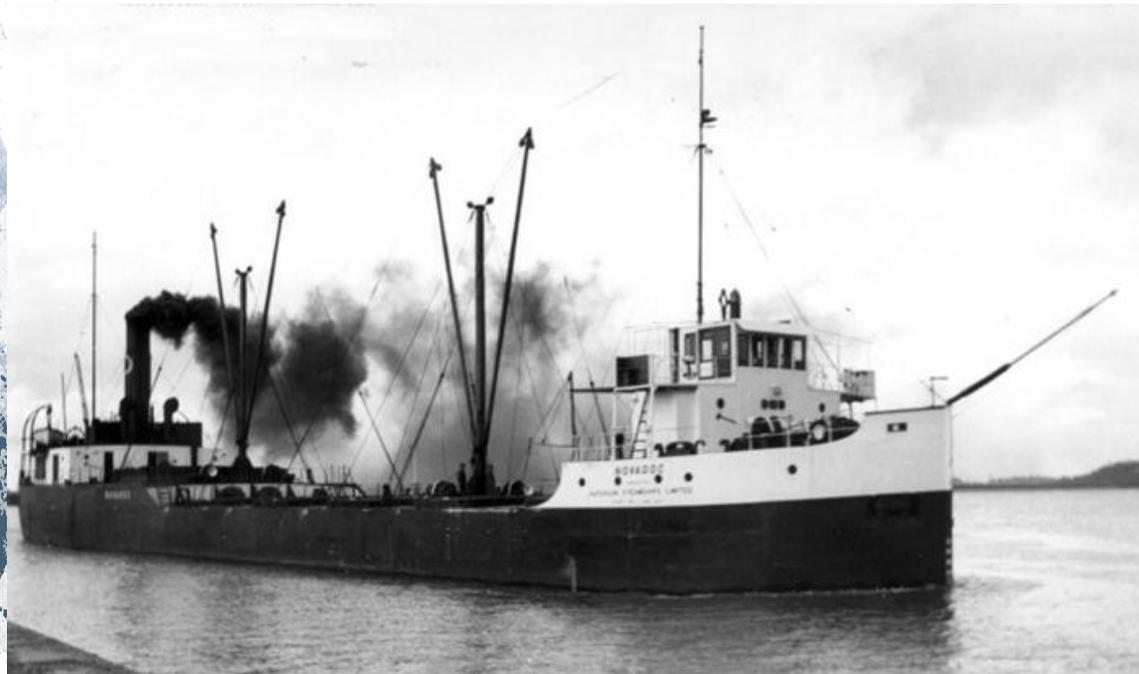


Peter's Epic Fail?

Psalm 107:23-32 (NIV)

- 23** Some went out on the sea in ships;
they were merchants on the mighty waters.
- 24** They saw the works of the LORD,
his wonderful deeds in the deep.
- 25** For he spoke and stirred up a tempest
that lifted high the waves.
- 26** They mounted up to the heavens and went down to
the depths;
in their peril their courage melted away.
- 27** They reeled and staggered like drunkards;
they were at their wits' end.
- 28** Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
and he brought them out of their distress.
- 29** He stilled the storm to a whisper;
the waves of the sea were hushed.
- 30** They were glad when it grew calm,
and he guided them to their desired haven.
- 31** Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind.
- 32** Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people
and praise him in the council of the elders.

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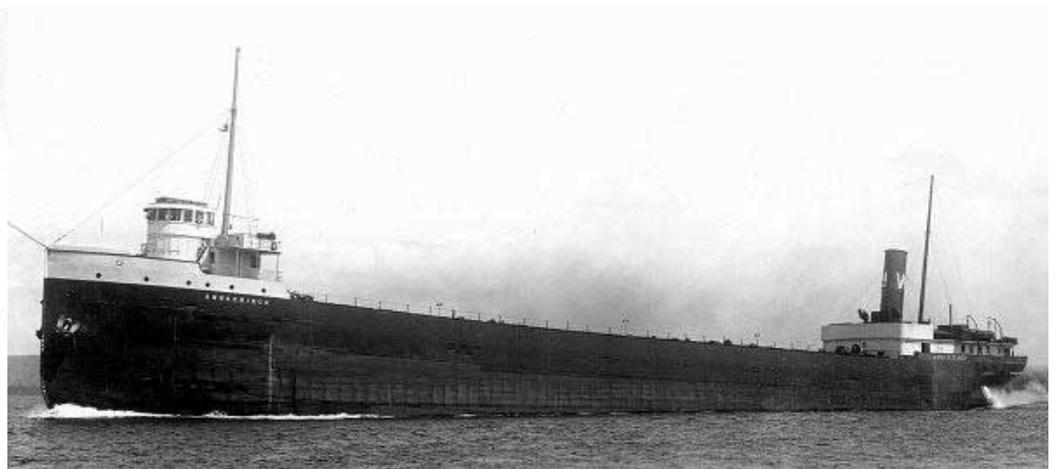
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William B. Davock
1907-1940

Lost with all hands.

Anna C. Minch
1903-1940



*Edmund
Fitzgerald
(1957-1975)*



**The ship was the pride of the American side, . . .
With a crew and good captain well-seasoned.**

*Edmund
Fitzgerald
(1957-1975)*



**The searchers all say she'd have made Whitefish Bay
If she'd put fifteen more miles behind her.**

*Edmund
Fitzgerald*
(1957-1975)



**Does anyone know where the love of God goes,
when the waves turn the minutes to hours?**



*The “storms”
of life*

*You snatch me up and drive me before the
wind; you toss me about in the storm.*

(Job 30:22)

**Deep calls to deep in the roar of your
waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have
swept over me.**

(Psalm 42:7)

*the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea
that is driven and tossed by the wind . . .*

(James 1:6)



Peter's Epic Fail (?)

- So what?
 - What do we learn about Jesus?
 - What do we learn about ourselves?

Peter's Epic Fail?

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?



Peter's Epic Fail?

*We have this hope as a sure and steadfast anchor for the soul.
(Hebrews 6:19)*

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul,
steadfast and sure while the breakers roll.
Fastened to the Rock that cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love.*

Words by Priscilla Jane Owens (1829-1907)

Music by William J. Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)





Peter's Epic Fail?

- Peter's "epic fail"
 - OMG, SMH, LOL . . . ?
- FIFY . . .
- Peter's "epic faith"
 - PTL!



Peter's Epic Faith!

- Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. ***“You have so little faith,”*** Jesus said. ***“Why did you doubt me?”*** When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped.
- Then the disciples worshiped him. ***“You really are the Son of God!”*** they exclaimed.
- (Matt 14:31-33 NLT)