



Finishing Well

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**I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.**

2 Timothy 4:7 (NIV)

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Run in such a way as to get the prize. . . Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

1 Corinthians 9:24b, 26-27 (NIV)

I am serious about finishing well in my Christian ministry. I discipline myself for fear that after challenging others into the Christian life I myself might become a casualty.

--Robert Clinton paraphrase

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To the church at Smyrna:

Do not be afraid of the things you are about to suffer. . . Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Revelation 2:10 (ESV)



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Those who finish well:

- 1. Maintain a personal vibrant relationship with God.**
- 2. Are constantly learning in different ways.**
- 3. Reflect the fruit of the Spirit in their character.**
- 4. Allow the truth and the promises of God to be lived out in their lives.**
- 5. Leave a legacy.**
- 6. Live with a sense of destiny.**

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We know something about the lives of 100 people in the Bible; we know enough about 50 of them to know if they finished well.

Only 1 in 3 finished well.

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WHY APEDS?

**Provide resources and
create relationships to
help 3 out of 3 finish well.**

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What has helped me?

1. A commitment to Christ & the church.
2. A wife with a shared mission.
3. A guiding verse from the Bible.
4. A spiritual discipline that recharges.
5. Guided by a “time-line” perspective.
6. Spiritual guides and mentors.

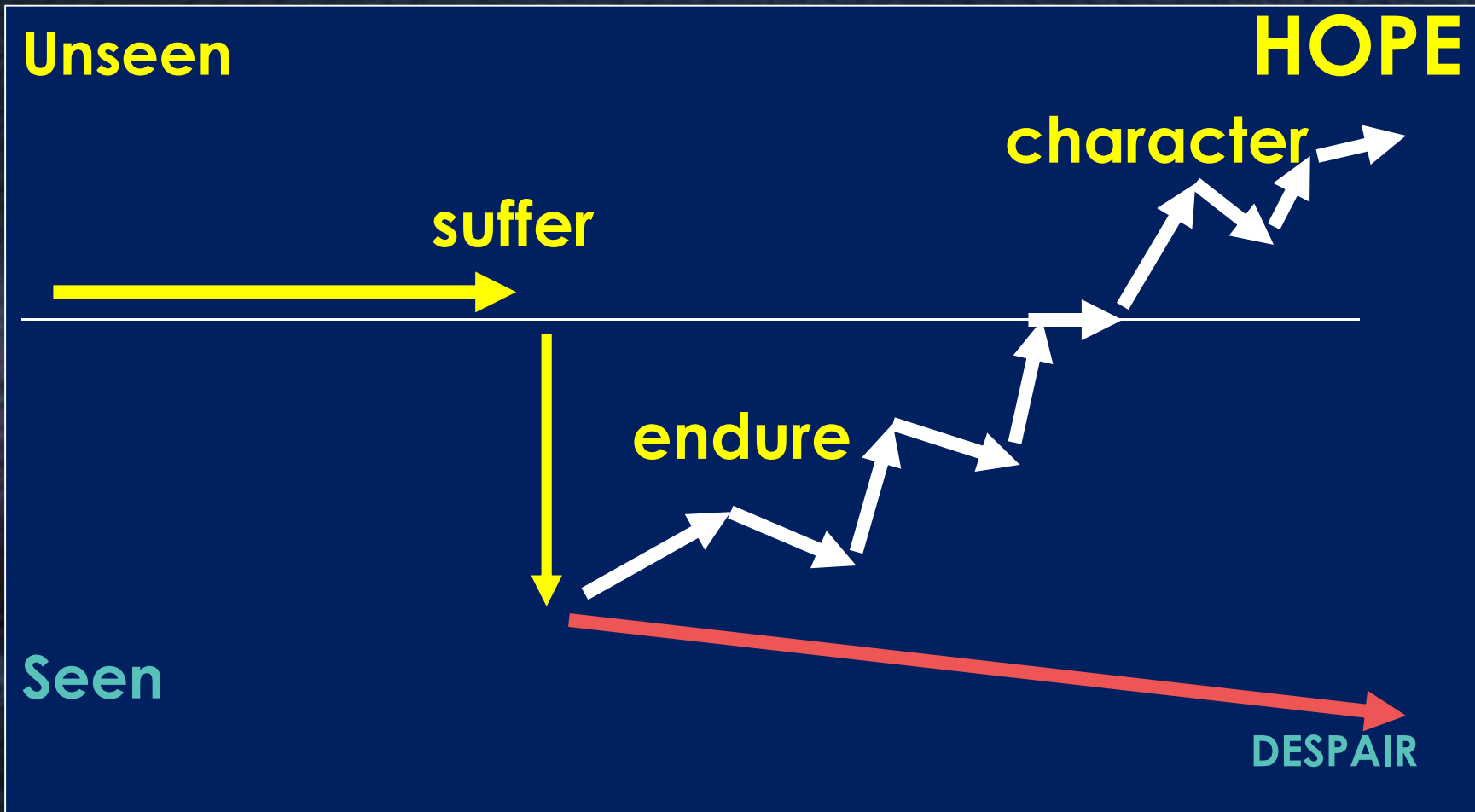
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My "Guiding Verse" or "Lighthouse"

Romans 5:1-5



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Time-Line Perspective

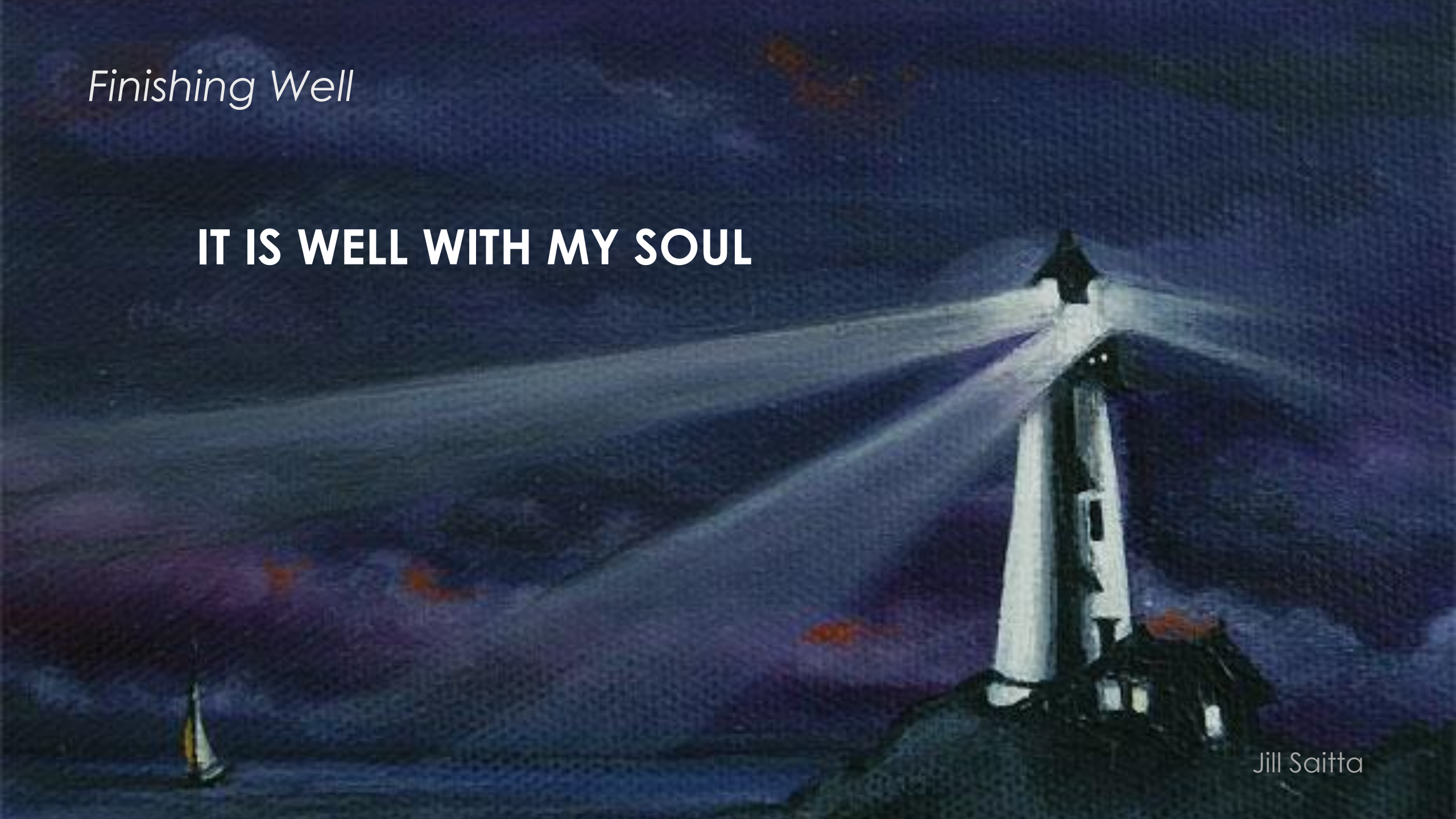


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Life Maturing					
Inner Life Maturing					
Ministry Maturing					

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Horatio Gates Spafford
1828-1888



Anna Spafford
1842-1923

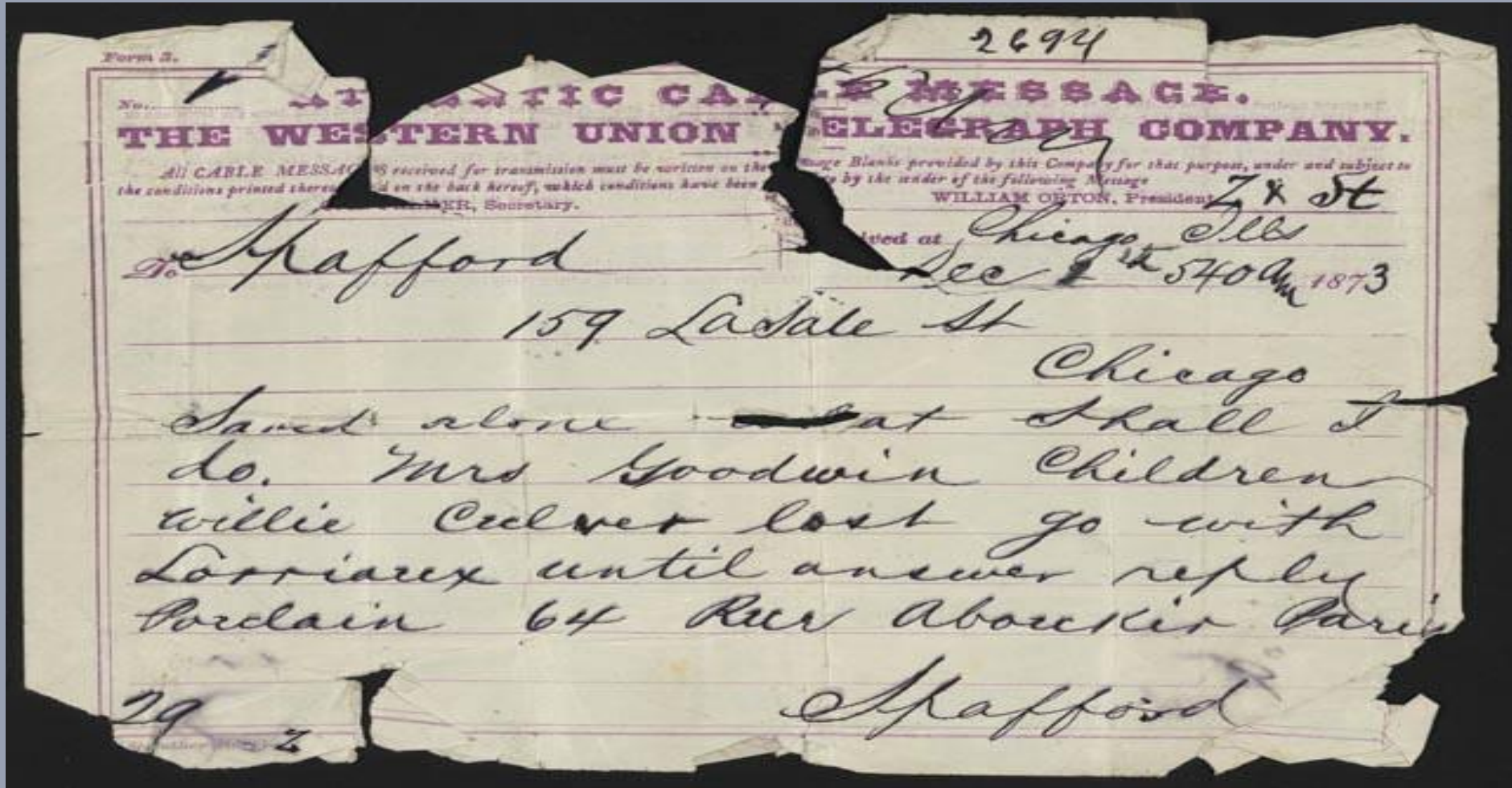
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THE SINKING OF THE STEAMSHIP VILLE DU HAVRE.

Sinking of the Steamship *Ville du Havre*
New York, Currier & Ives, ca. 1873

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Annie



Annie

Maggie



Maggie

Bessie



Bessie

Tanetta



Tanetta



Annie



Annie

Horatio



Horatio Clifford



Annie

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When foes like a flood, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea-bills, roll -
Robust - may abate, when best taught me to know
It is well, it is well with my soul -

Though Satan should buffet, - though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control, -
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul -

My sin - oh the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, is not in fact but the guilt, -
Is nailed to the cross, & I bear it no more -
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Oh my soul -

And lead me back to say when the faith shall be sight -
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, -
The trump shall resound, & the Lord shall descend, -
- A ray in the night, Oh my soul!

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- **The song refocuses our life after a crisis**
- **It feeds the soul – “it is well” (15 times)**
- **It affirms our faith in Christ and hope of resurrection**
- **It connects the cross to our spiritual peace**

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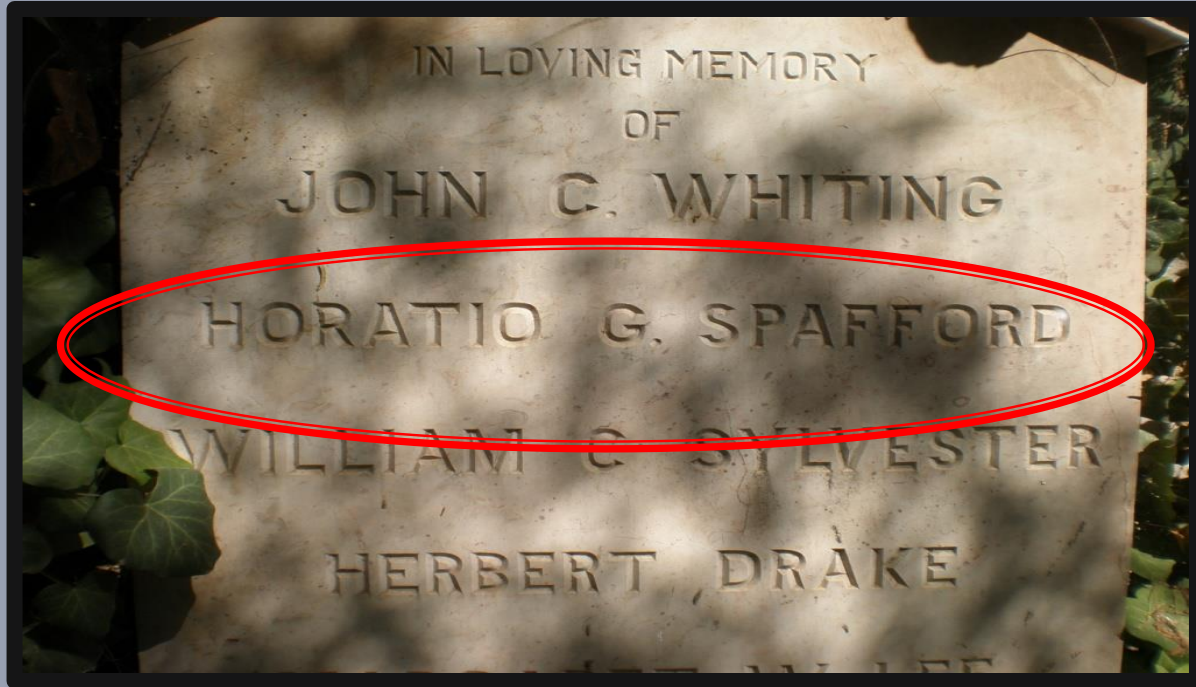


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Bertha Spafford Vester
1879-1968



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May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24



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