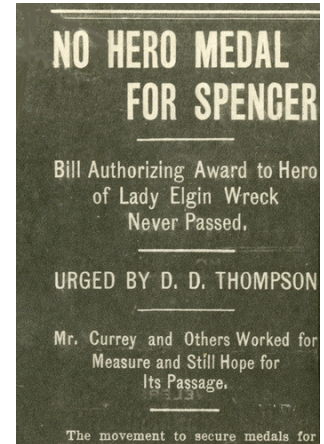


### 3h - God's Wonderful Goodness

#### ***Read Psalm 107***

On September 8, 1860, The Lady Elgin sank in Lake Michigan. A young ministerial student named Edward Spencer dove repeatedly into the icy waters and rescued seventeen people. The prolonged exposure permanently damaged his health however, and he was unable to complete his studies. Some years later, at his funeral, it was noted that not one of the seventeen people he saved ever returned to thank him.

Thankfulness is basic to godliness. This psalm shows us how much it means to say that God is *good*, and calls us to thank Him for his goodness to us in the past and the present. Note the repeated refrain in Psalm 107:8, 15, 21, 31.



1. Why do you appreciate it when someone thanks you for something special you have done?
2. Read Psalm 107. How does Psalm 107:1-3 provide the theme and tone of the psalm?
3. The psalmist describes four different incidents in Psalm 107:4-9, 10-16, 17-22 and 23-32. What brief title would you give to each incident?
4. What elements do they have in common?
5. How is God's unfailing love demonstrated in each account?

**6.** Each scene begins by describing a calamity and a cry for help. Why do we often hit bottom before we cry out to God?

**7.** What kind of help do you need from the Lord at this time?

**8.** Each scene concludes by describing God's salvation and by calling us to give thanks for His unfailing love. Why do we often forget to thank God for answered prayers?

**9.** What prayers has God answered recently for which you are thankful?

According to Psalm 107:22 and 32, what are some ways we can give thanks?

**10.** What does Psalm 107:33-42 reveal about the ups and downs of life?

**11.** Psalm 107:43 states that if we are wise we will "heed these things and consider the great love of the Lord." What things does the psalmist want us to heed?