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"We're all in the same boat" - but are we really?

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That's a phrase I've heard a lot in a variety of situations, as we faced COVID challenges and even as we sail toward our Spark goals

Info

Do we hope for the same destination? Probably Are we sailing the same seas? Probably not

Are all boats the same? Definitely not.

Some larger, some smaller, some strong, some battered by life's storms, maybe even some with a few holes that need patching.

Do some have smooth sailing while others encounter one storm after another?

Do we have the same access to supplies, ports in a storm or other resources?

Financial resources, access to healthy food, medical care, supportive family and friends?

"We're all in this together." I like that philosophy better. It implies a sense of community where mutual help and support abound.



DH and I have always liked space themed movies and TV shows. He was an engineer on the Lunar Module way back when.

Yes, Star Wars and Star Trek in all its permutations.

There was also "Battlestar Gallactica" - much maligned by critics and expensive to produce. It did not last long. (1978 and resurrected as a sequel in 1980 when they "found earth")



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It also returned as a dark, introspective series on the SyFy channel (2004-08). We watched that too.

There were villains (robotic creatures called Cylons) and their human collaborators out to sabotage the good guys. What I liked most was the basic theme.

There was one surviving "Battlestar," fleeing the destruction of their planets, that gathered all survivors into whatever crafts they could find and merged them into a "ragtag fleet".

Some larger, some smaller etc. – just like our boats.

Galactica provided resources, protection, inspiration and motivation to continue the journey

I imagine Spark like that. Of course, it can't protect us from the storms, not even from our own self-destructive thoughts and actions. But it is a touchstone, a place to go (contact) for resources, information, motivation and support. Support from those in exactly the same boat and also from those who have emerged successfully from the storm in whatever boat they were sailing in.

Sometimes a little craft gets separated from the fleet. I did, but found my way back. As I catch up on friends old and new, I see I am not alone in this. Many previously separated have returned and others are still out there somewhere. I often wonder what happened to them and hope they have found a safe harbor.

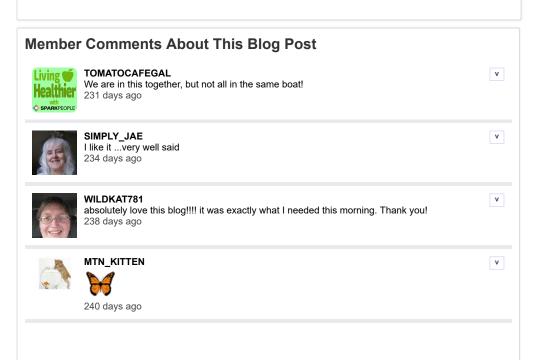
Another old saying is that "Home is the place that when you go there they have to take you in" I am grateful to Spark World for always welcoming us back and taking us in.

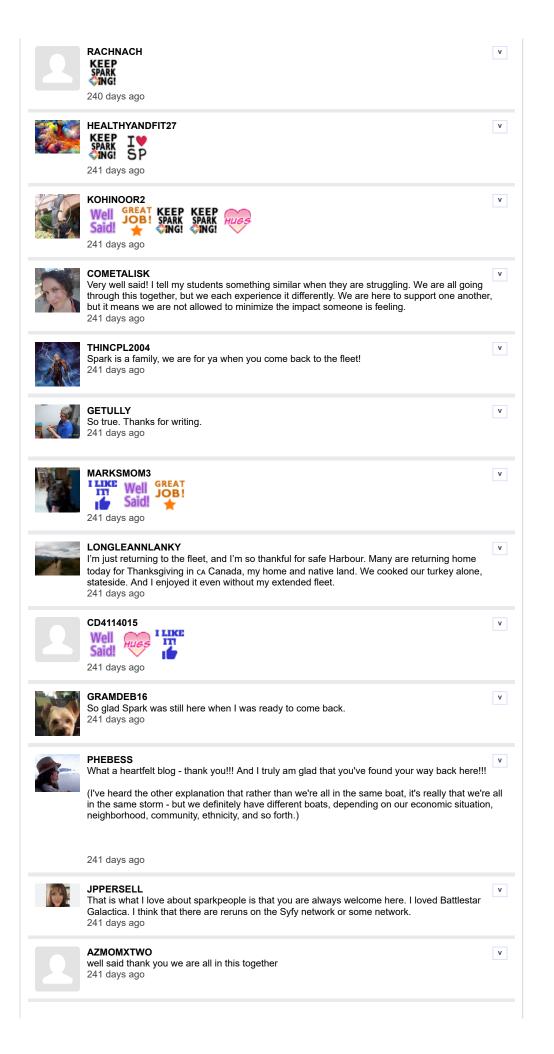


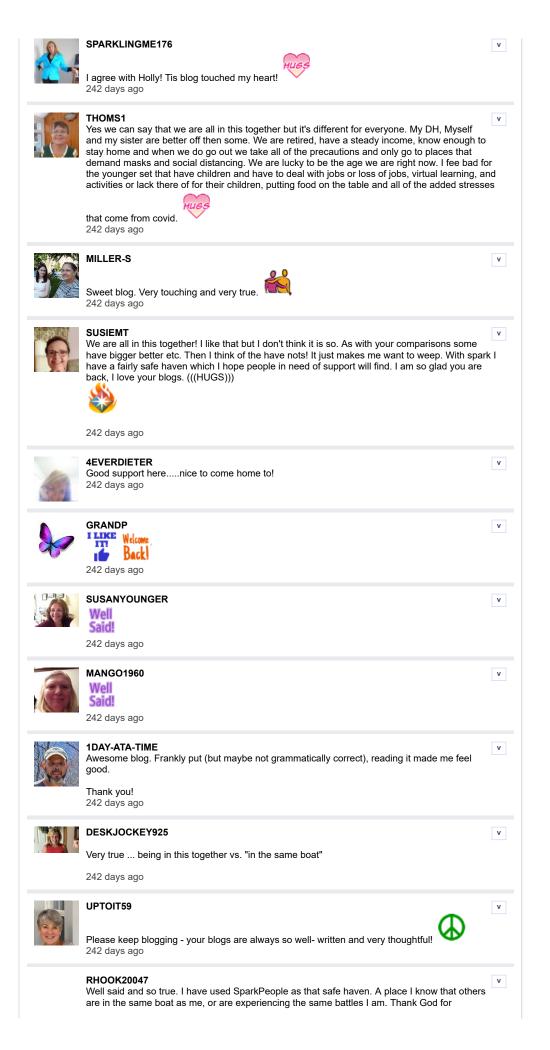
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We Will Stand Lyrics - Avalon

Sometimes it's hard for me to understand Why we pull away from each other so easily Even though we're all walking the same road Yet we build dividing walls between our brothers and ourselves

But I, I don't care what label you may wear If you believe in Jesus you belong with me The bond we share is all I care to see And we can change this world forever If you will join with me, join and sing

Oh you're my brother, you're my sister So take me by the hand Together we will work until He comes There's no foe that can defeat us When we're walking side by side As long as there is love we will stand 242 days ago



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I'm an avid boater so I was drawn into your blog by its title. Sometimes I will try checking in on old SP friends who have drifted away from posting by sending them a "goodie". Glad to have YOU back!

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Great analogy - SP is one place where I really feel the sense of community.







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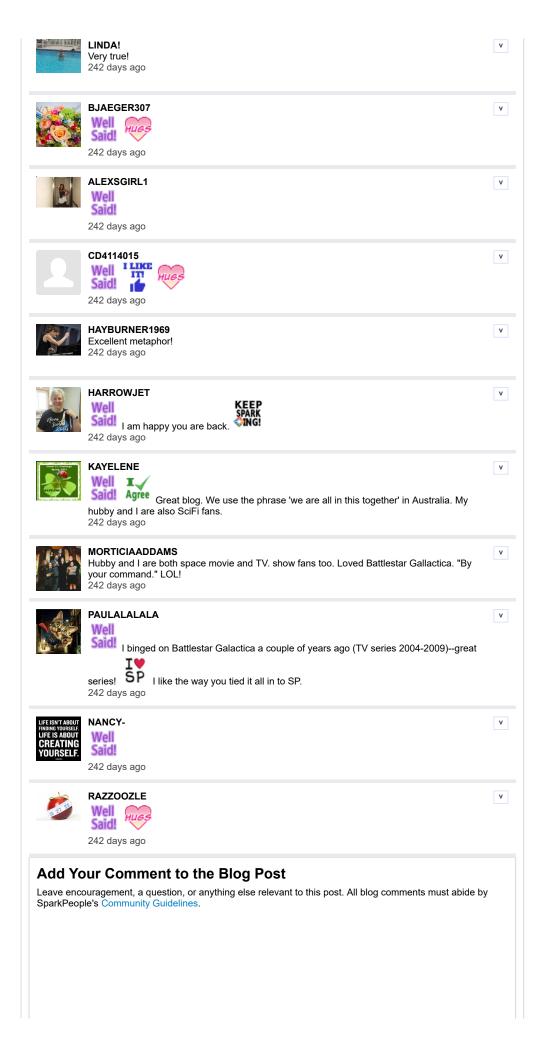
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It's amazing how quickly we connect with some of the Sparkers. With some, it's like we've known each other for years. It's the comradeship that draws us back, at least that's it for me. Great









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