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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

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 are in this together, but not all in the same boat!
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I like it ...very well said
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absolutely love this blog!!!! it was exactly what I needed this morning. Thank you!
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COMETALISK

Very well said! I tell my students something similar when they are struggling. We are all going through this together, but we each experience it differently. We are here to support one another, but it means we are not allowed to minimize the impact someone is feeling.

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THINCPL2004

Spark is a family, we are for ya when you come back to the fleet!

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GETULLY

So true. Thanks for writing.

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MARKSMOM3



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LONGLEANNLANKY

I'm just returning to the fleet, and I'm so thankful for safe Harbour. Many are returning home today for Thanksgiving in CA Canada, my home and native land. We cooked our turkey alone, stateside. And I enjoyed it even without my extended fleet.

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GRAMDEB16

So glad Spark was still here when I was ready to come back.

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PHEBESS

What a heartfelt blog - thank you!!! And I truly am glad that you've found your way back here!!!

(I've heard the other explanation that rather than we're all in the same boat, it's really that we're all in the same storm - but we definitely have different boats, depending on our economic situation, neighborhood, community, ethnicity, and so forth.)

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JPPERSELL

That is what I love about sparkpeople is that you are always welcome here. I loved Battlestar Galactica. I think that there are reruns on the Syfy network or some network.

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AZMOMXTWO

well said thank you we are all in this together

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SPARKLINGME176



I agree with Holly! Tis blog touched my heart!
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THOMS1



Yes we can say that we are all in this together but it's different for everyone. My DH, Myself and my sister are better off then some. We are retired, have a steady income, know enough to stay home and when we do go out we take all of the precautions and only go to places that demand masks and social distancing. We are lucky to be the age we are right now. I fee bad for the younger set that have children and have to deal with jobs or loss of jobs, virtual learning, and activities or lack there of for their children, putting food on the table and all of the added stresses



that come from covid.
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MILLER-S



Sweet blog. Very touching and very true.
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SUSIEMT



We are all in this together! I like that but I don't think it is so. As with your comparisons some have bigger better etc. Then I think of the have nots! It just makes me want to weep. With spark I have a fairly safe haven which I hope people in need of support will find. I am so glad you are back, I love your blogs. (((HUGS)))



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4EVERDIETER



Good support here.....nice to come home to!
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GRANDP

I LIKE IT! Welcome Back!



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SUSANYOUNGER



Well Said!

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MANGO1960



Well Said!

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1DAY-ATA-TIME



Awesome blog. Frankly put (but maybe not grammatically correct), reading it made me feel good.

Thank you!
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DESKJOCKEY925



Very true ... being in this together vs. "in the same boat"

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UPTOIT59



Please keep blogging - your blogs are always so well- written and very thoughtful!
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RHOOK20047



Well said and so true. I have used SparkPeople as that safe haven. A place I know that others are in the same boat as me, or are experiencing the same battles I am. Thank God for



SparkPeople!
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PLCHAPPELL
Great blog
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SHAKERATTLEROLL
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
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MAREE1953
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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LIS193
  
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KALISWALKER
I love seeing people return to Spark. It's nice to know they haven't given up on themselves.
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MARYJEANSL
Great analogy - SP is one place where I really feel the sense of community.
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NASFKAB
So very true
242 days ago



SPEDED2
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 post.



Happy you are back. Stay safe. Be well.
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LINDA!
Very true!
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BJAEGER307
Well Said!
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ALEXSGIRL1
Well Said!
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CD4114015
Well Said!
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HAYBURNER1969
Excellent metaphor!
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HARROWJET
Well Said! I am happy you are back.
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KAYELENE
Well Said! Great blog. We use the phrase 'we are all in this together' in Australia. My hubby and I are also SciFi fans.
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MORTICIAADDAMS
Hubby and I are both space movie and TV. show fans too. Loved Battlestar Gallactica. "By your command." LOL!
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PAULALALALA
Well Said! I binged on Battlestar Galactica a couple of years ago (TV series 2004-2009)--great series! I like the way you tied it all in to SP.
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Well Said!
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Well Said!
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