

Main Idea: With Jesus as our Captain, we are assured a safe mooring on the other shore.

Key Verse: “You shall thus consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim a release through the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, and each of you shall return to his own property, and each of you shall return to his family.” (Leviticus 25:10 NAS95)

Scripture reading: Phil 4:4-8

Stories of Lake Michigan Sinkings around Chicago -

Christmas Tree Ship “Rouse Simmons”- Symbol of self-sacrifice and hope (<http://christmasship.org>) Now a modern-day Coast Guard Cutter **Mackinaw**

Holiday Tripper Ship “Lady Elgin” - Symbol of Pride and indulgence

The **PS Lady Elgin** was a wooden-hulled [sidewheel steamship](#) that sank in [Lake Michigan](#) off the fledgling town of Port Clinton, Illinois, whose geography is now divided between [Highland Park](#) and [Highwood, Illinois](#), after she was rammed in a gale by the [schooner Augusta](#) in the early hours of September 8, 1860. The passenger manifest was lost with the collision, but the sinking of *Lady Elgin* resulted in the loss of about 300 lives^[2] in what was called "one of the greatest marine horrors on record". Four years after the disaster, a new rule required sailing vessels to carry running lights. The *Lady Elgin* disaster remains the greatest loss of life on open water in the history of the Great Lakes.^[3]

Pumphouse Illustration - outside source of purification → Christ as our inside and outside source of purification

Leviticus 25:10 - Jubilee Year as a hopeful principle of return to the land and reunion with family

2442b (*mishpacæha*) family, clan. -Balswick Theory on Family Values -

Family in Lev. 25:10

- “*mispachah*”.

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- Mayservant, maid (ASV and RSV similar). **Used sixty-two times.** Apparently *shifcha* is indistinguishable from, and in several passages interchangeable with *ama* (1 Sam 1:16, 18; Gen 30:3–4). The root *shifcha* has cognates in Ugaritic (where it means “family” and sometimes “offspring”) and in Phoenician, “family.” (The connection with Arabic *safah*Ωa is not clear. The simple verb means “to pour”, and KB sees the connection with the idea of a maid pouring water Arabic Dictionary, lists *saffah*Ωa as meaning “to work without profit.” This forms a plausible connection with hDjVplv, “mayservant.”) It is possible that the hDjVplv was originally more intimately associated with the family group, the *mishpaha*, than the other slaves were, though this is not evident in the Old Testament itself.

Mishpacha. **Family, clan, kindred.**

Four Themes in Biblical Family Relationships:

1. Covenant. 2. Grace 3. Empowerment 4. Intimacy - Balswick [The Family](#) pgs. 15-35

In **Num 27:11**, if an heir was lacking in a father’s brothers were next in line. After that the succession goes to the “nearest relative” from his family. The **kinsman-redeemer**, the IEaO...g, comes from the family clan in a similar order of preference.

Bibliography: Mitchell, T. C., “Family,” in NBD.

“If his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his nearest relative in his own **family**, and he shall possess it; and it shall be a statutory ordinance to the sons of Israel, just as the LORD commanded Moses.””
(Numbers 27:11 NAS95)

Desperate Appeal from the Rouse Simmons: **A message in a bottle** from the *Rouse Simmons* washed onto the shore at [Sheboygan](#). It had been corked using a small piece of cut pine tree and, other than the occasional trees caught in fishing nets, was the only remains of the vessel discovered for many years. The message read:

“Friday ... everybody goodbye. I guess we are all through. During the night the small boat washed overboard. Leaking bad. Invald and Steve lost too. God help us.” [\[6\]](#)