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UNCHANGING TRUTH FOR
UNCERTAIN TIMES



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Evangelical Free Church of America
10 point **Statement of Faith**



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Clarity



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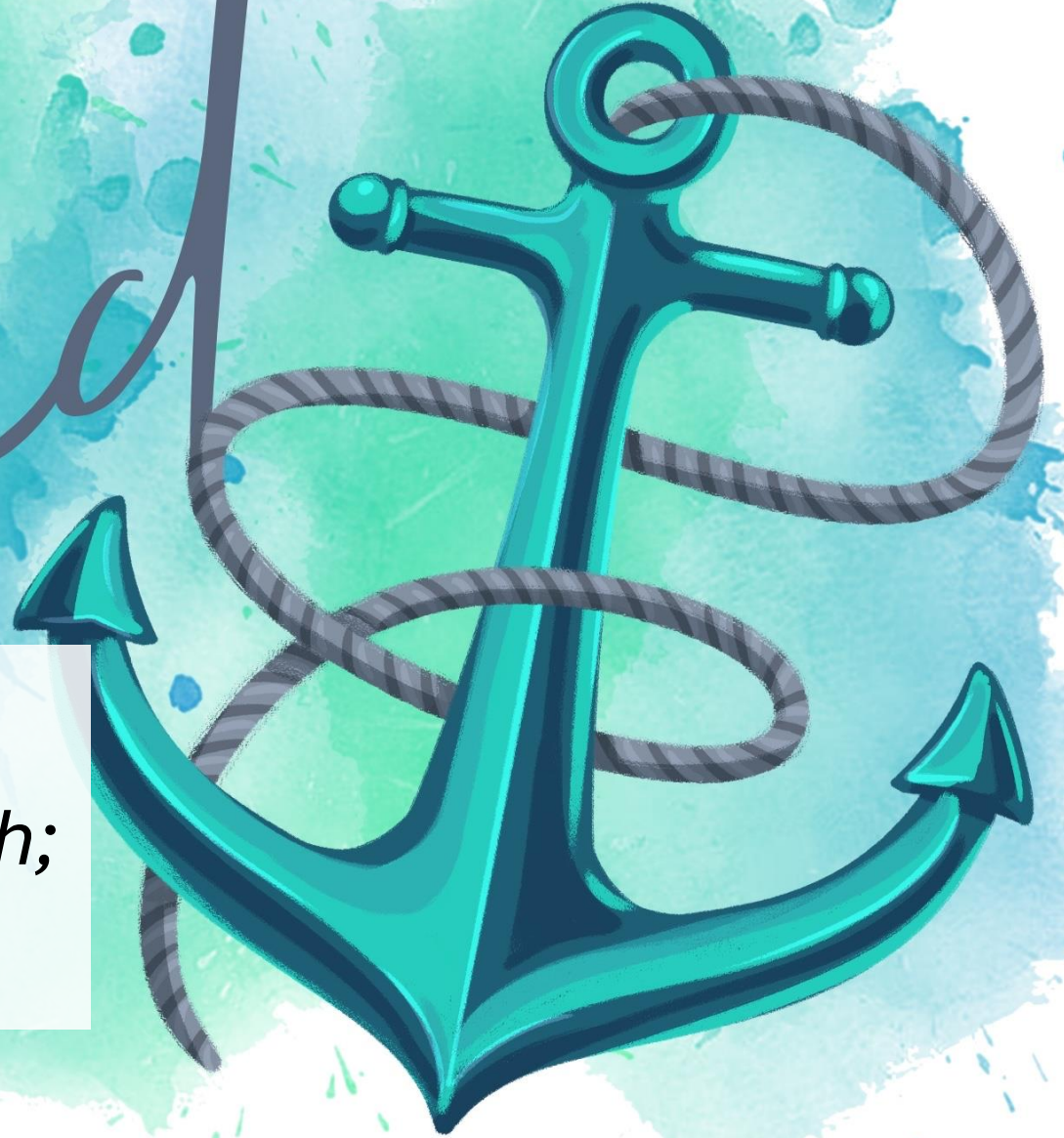
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Everyone has warned me not to tell you what I am going to tell you in this last book. They all say '***the ordinary reader does not want Theology; give him plain practical religion.***'

I have rejected their advice.

I do not think the ordinary reader is such a fool.

Theology means 'the science of God,' and I think any man who wants to think about God at all would like to have the clearest and most accurate ideas about Him which are available.

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but there are two things you have to remember about it.

- In the first place, it is based on what hundreds and thousands of people have found out by sailing the real Atlantic.

In that way it has behind it masses of experience just as real as the one you could have from the beach; only, while yours would be a single glimpse, the map fits all those different experiences together.

- In the second place, if you want to go anywhere, the map is absolutely necessary.

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Today I want us to understand that the **Bible** is ***a map of theology*** given to us by God to help us understand how to navigate the journey of life, our relationship with God, our relationships with one another, and our relationship with ourselves.

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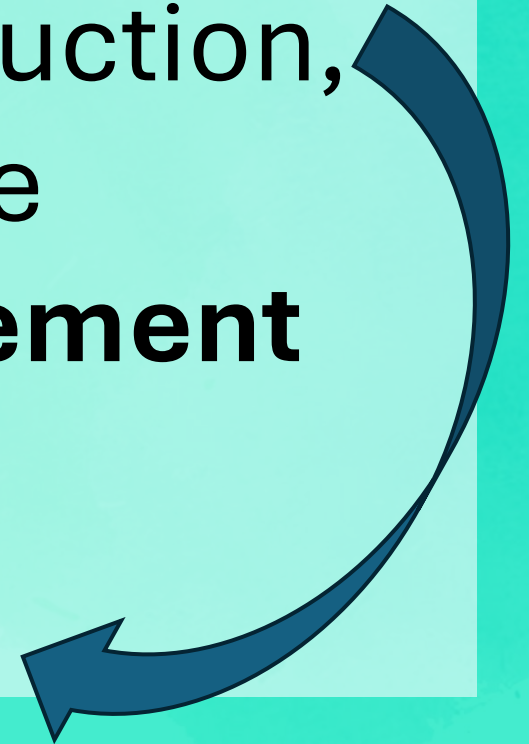
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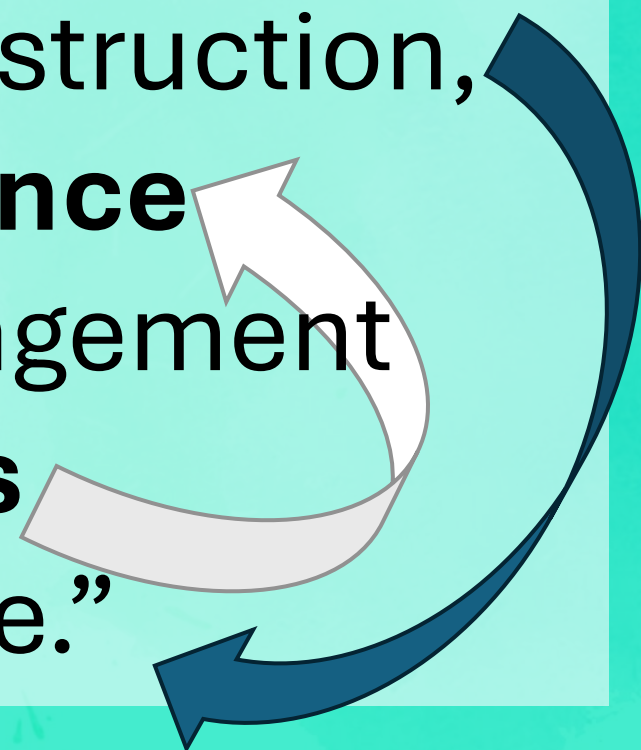
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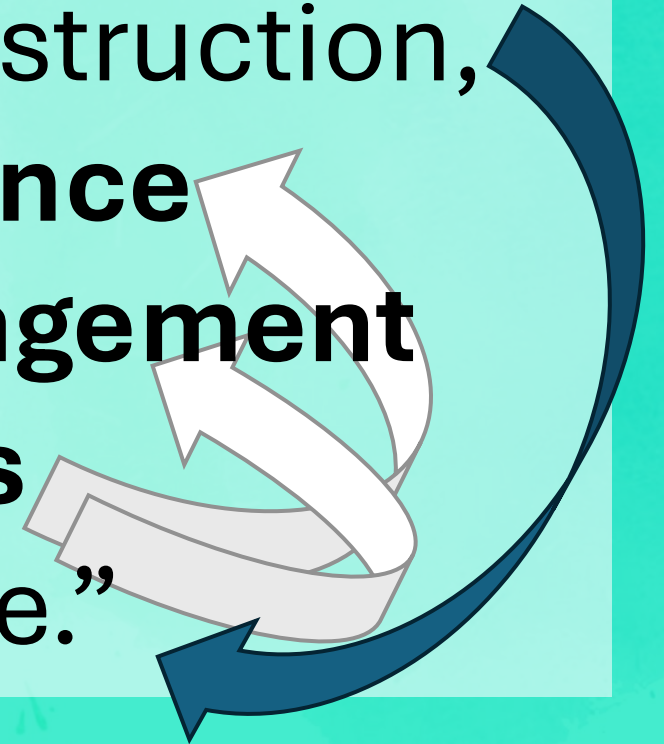
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- Three different continents (Asia, Africa, Europe)
- Various literary genres (history, poetry, law, prophecy, personal letters, wisdom, romantic instruction, etc.)
- Influence on government, law, art, music, morality, literature

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One main theme:

God's plan to redeem and restore
humanity and creation
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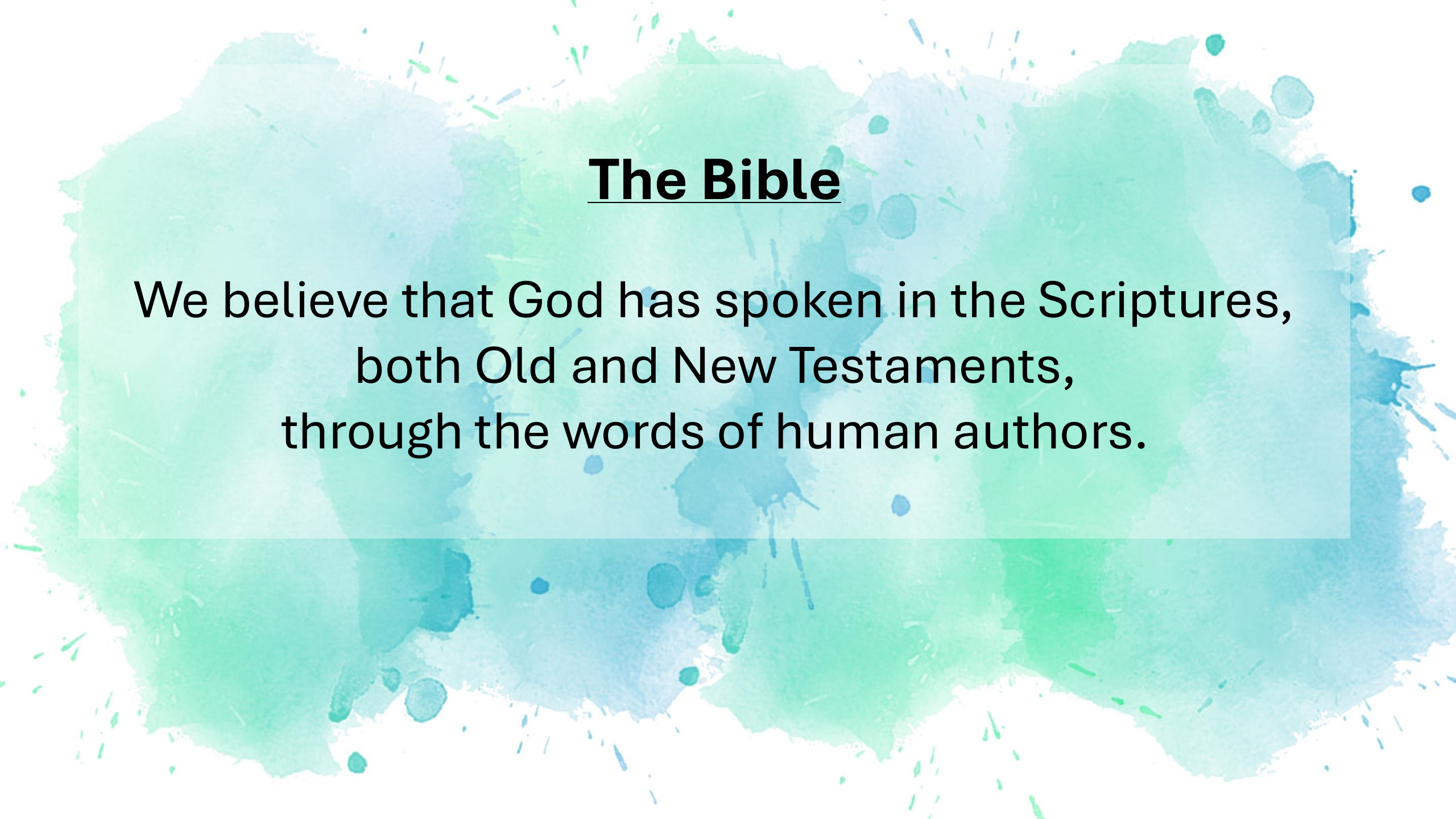
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- **Concursus and Style:** Christian theology generally holds a view of dual authorship (*concursus*), meaning the Holy Spirit guided the writers so that their distinct personalities, vocabularies, and writing styles naturally came through while recording precisely what God intended.

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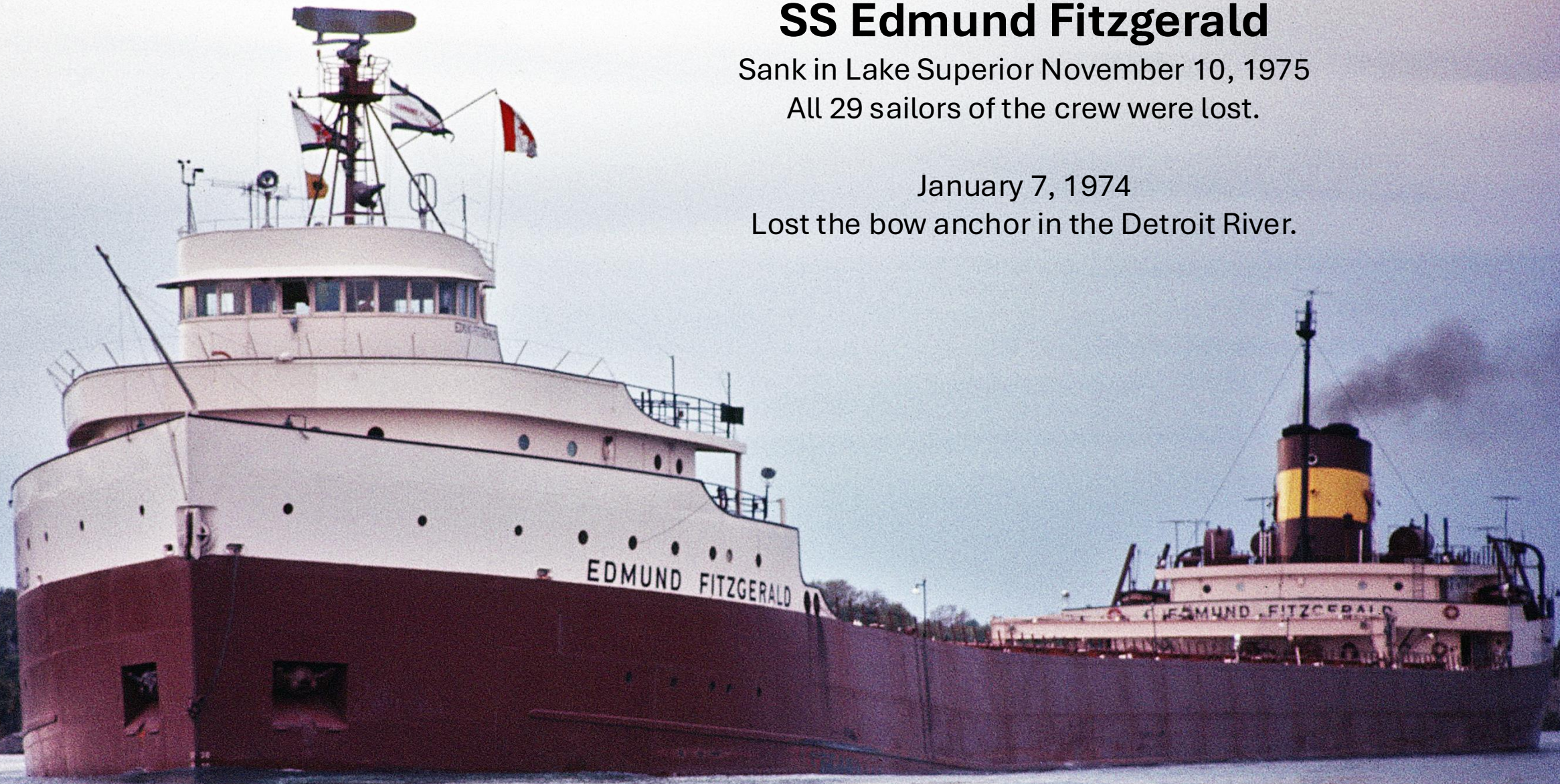
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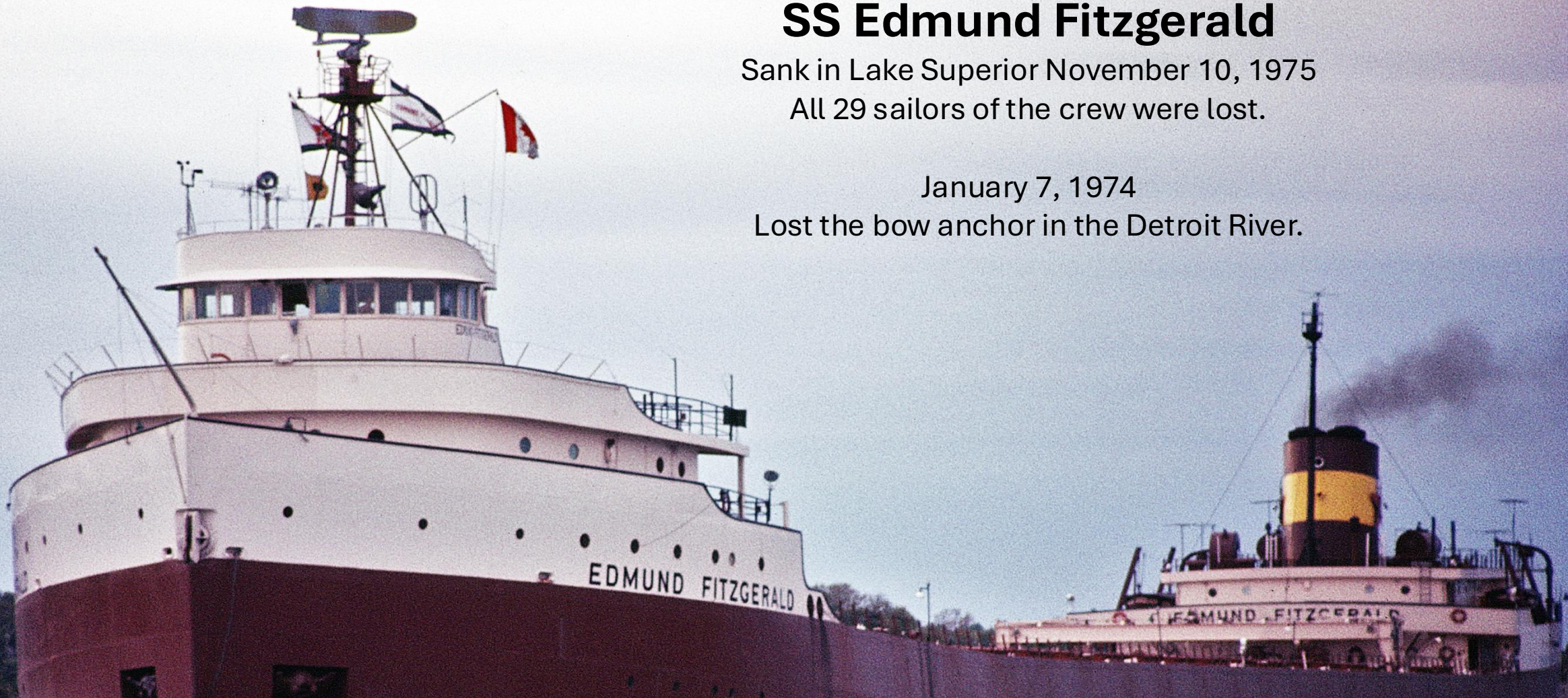
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It is designed to be securely stowed on a **bow roller**, allowing it to self-launch or be deployed quickly to keep the boat safely oriented into the wind and currents.

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