

# FREIGHTERS IN THE LOCKS

I have read about what is described as an amazing spectacle – to watch the freighters go through the Soo Locks that join Lake Superior and Lake Huron in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. It is a wonder of piloting as the captain inches his 1,000-foot-long ore boat safely through the Poe or the Davis Lock. There, it can be lowered to the level of Lake Huron or raised so that it can enter Lake Superior.



The captain eases the boat through the gates of the lock at a barely discernible pace because it is only a couple of feet wider than the ship itself. The process may take a while, but it gets

the ship safely through.

It would be much easier for the captain to approach the wide mouth of the St. Mary’s River that flows alongside the locks and joins the two lakes. But it is shallow, fast-moving, and filled with huge rocks and whitewater rapids. A freighter trying that route would be doomed to destruction.

If you were the ship’s captain, which way would you choose? The narrow way, of course, is the only safe way.

There is a narrow way in the spiritual life – the way of faith in Christ. That way leads to heaven. Trust Jesus today. Take the narrow way.



*Narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it (Matthew 7:14).*

– Beecher Hunter