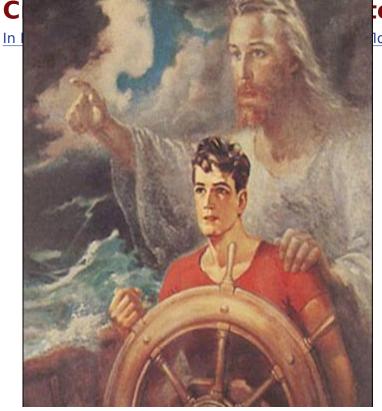
The following passage forms part of a letter written by Saint Seraphim of Vrats to a Bishop, a

spiritual child, who was imprisoned. Lord, the

o a man's soul.

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'Have you ever thought that

whatever concerns you, concerns Me? Since everything that concerns you concern the apple of My eye. When temptation strikes and the spiritual struggle begin to surge like a current, I want you to know that it was from Me.

I want you to learn that your weakness needs My power and your safety depends on you allowing Me to protect you.

I want you to know that when you find yourself in tricky situations and amongst people who do not understand you neither care whether you like it or not and take you away, this was from Me. I am your Lord. Whatever happens to you is in My hands. You did not find yourself in this position by chance. It is exactly the position I have determined for you.

Didn't you pray that I teach you humility? Here it is! I have placed you in exactly the proper situation, in the proper 'school' where humility is being taught. Your close circle and those who live with you only execute My wishes.

Are you in a financial difficulty and having trouble making ends meet? Learn that

this was from Me. I want you to know that it is Me Who manages your assets; you ought to come to Me for help, knowing that you depend on Me. Learn that My resources are infinite and rest assured that I keep My promises. May it never happen that people will come to you in your hour of need and tell you: 'Do not believe in your Lord, your God'.

Have you ever had a sleepless night drowning in sorrow because of you relatives and your loved ones? I have permitted this, so that you will turn to Me and find eternal consolation and relief in Me.

Has a friend or someone else to whom you have opened up your heart cheated you? It was Me who has allowed this disappointment so that you learn that your best friend is the Lord.

I want you to bring everything before Me and tell Me everything.

Have you been slandered? Leave it to Me. Attach yourself to Me. I am your refuge in the face of dispute between nations. I will let your righteousness and your entire life radiate like the midday sun.

Have your plans been ruined and your soul is exhausted? It was from Me. You had made your own plans and had your own designs. You have brought your plans to me to bless. Yet I want you to let Me guide you and handle all of your affairs because you are not the protagonist but only the second fiddle. ($\pi\epsilon\rho\iota\sigma\sigma\acute{o}\tau\epsilon\rho\alpha...$)