

## nto our lives

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In one of the Gospels, which was read about the healing of two possessed in the country of Gergesene, there is a short story about Christ crossing the sea of Galilee together with His disciples. In the course of their journey a storm broke out. And as the Gospel puts it, Christ was peacefully asleep with His head on a pillow. And the apostles cried out, not in a prayer, but in indignation: Do You not care that we are perishing? Christ awoke, and He stood up, and looked at them sadly, and said: 'O men of little faith!' Then He turned to the storm and commanded it to be still.

Isn't that what happens so often to us? We feel that we are in danger, we are in need, we turn to God, we claim His attention, we want things to be the way we choose – and there is silence; God seems to be asleep; and we suspect that He does not care, that He is like Christ, sleeping peacefully with His head on a cushion, while we, His creatures, cry, wail in our agony...

Isn't there anything that we can learn? ( $\pi\epsilon\rho\iota\sigma\sigma\delta\tau\epsilon\rho\alpha...$ )