# Make Church a Part of Your Life WEEKLY SERMONETTE

# "God is for You, not against You" By Pastor Kirk Kasson, Congregational Church, Almena

"If God is for us, who can cause. be against us?" Romans 8.31b

wants the best for you, not the worst.

Sometimes, when life is at its most frustrating, we feel like we are fighting against God. Money is tight and then the car breaks down. We get over one illness only to contract another. Broken relationships seem to pile up around us. It is enough to make a person wonder, "Is God out to get me?"

You need to know that God is ALWAYS for you. God is against illness, against poverty, against fractured relationships, and against any evil that comes into your life.

However, He does allow us to live in a broken world. In this world we daily come up against what is wrong with our planet: disease, death, divorce, division, etc.

In Genesis chapter 3 God warned Adam and Eve that sinning against Him would be costly. After they sinned they became alienated from the God, the earth, each other, and even themselves.

When I ignore God, or disobey Him, or run from him, it is my sin which is the

When I fight "Mother Nature" for health, for shelter, or taken advantage by my neigh-Believe it or not, God is for food, it is not that God has bor, my boss, my spouse, or for you, not against you. He it in for me that day, but it is anyone else, it is not because because He allows me to live God wants me to hurt, but bein a world with viruses, bad cause he allows me to live in

want food as badly as I do. When I argue with or feel weather, or competitors that a world with less than perfect

people.

When I am depressed, feel guilty or ashamed, or I suffer the consequences of my own laziness, it is not because God wants me to feel worthless, but because my sinful nature is in control, rather than His Spirit living inside of me.

Whenever I feel like I am walking into the wind, uphill, fighting and struggling with every aspect of life, I need to ask myself, "Is this struggle because God is fighting me? Or is this struggle because my walk is headed in the wrong direction?"

To repent is to turn, to go in another direction. If I can recognize where I am wrong and turn from it, I will feel the wind at my back and the terrain more favorable. It is not because God has changed, but because I have. And if God is for me, no force against me can prevail.

If you feel like you are fighting the wind, let God guide your sail and your rudder, and He will get you where you need to be, no matter which way the wind blows. The God who created the wind, who sent His son to atone for your sins, is for you.

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