

The following letter was written by Charlie Williams, Ministry to Men Director. After many requests for him to write a book about *Ministry to Men* and after several attempts to do just that, someone suggested he simply write letters sharing some of the truths God has been teaching him during the years.

We will be posting his letters on the Ministry to Men Web site. This letter was posted on September 27, 2010

Letter 11 To the men God has put into my life II Cor. 5: 14 - 21

Fellows,

God is searching for a man, He's not looking for men but He's looking for a man, personal and intimate.

- I Samuel 13:14 says 'The Lord sought Himself a man after His own heart'.
- In Jeremiah 4:25 he said 'I looked and there was no man.
- Jeremiah 5:1 he said 'Roam to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem (St. Charles) and look now and take note and see in her open squares if you can find a man. If there is one who does justice, who seeks truth then I will pardon her'.
- Ezekiel 22:30 'I searched for a man among them that would build up the wall and stand in the gap before me for the land (St. Charles) so that I would not destroy it but I found no one'.

I personally believe the issue God has had with men for all the decades we could go back to has been that men wanted to trust God but they wanted to do it on their time frame and in their way. One of my favorite scriptures is in Exodus 23 where God is laying out for the people what He has and He's sharing this with Moses and Joshua and all the Jewish people who are there and He says in vs. 20 'Behold I am going to send an angel before you to guard you along the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared'.

I know I overdo these sometimes but I believe God is speaking to you and to me in that verse about His desire for us. In fact, my verse says 'Charlie, behold I'm going to send an angel before you to guard you along the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared'.

Then He goes on for the next seven or eight verses talking about all the adversity that these people are going to be faced with; difficult things. But then He gets to vs. 29 & 30 which tie it all together. He says 'I will not drive them out before you in a single year because the land would become desolate and the beast of the field would become too numerous for you; but I will drive them out before you little by little until you become fruitful and take possession of the land'. I believe that time frame He gave there and the action He gave is what making disciple makers is all about. Am I willing to trust God over the course of many, many years, maybe beyond my years to accomplish what He wants to accomplish in order to get His people where He wants them to be. And He can indeed find that man.

We have had the privilege of knowing that man in the Lord Jesus Christ and the Lord Jesus is in the process of conforming us into His image.