

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 December 27, 2010

Letter 22 Be Still and Know That I AM God! Psalm 23: 4

Do you ever think it is strange that we are on the go so much to serve and follow God and yet in so many places in the scripture it wasn't until they were forced by God to be still and know that He is God and to let Him use them where and how they were?

- Moses forty years in Midian as God prepared him for His work. Then forty years with rebellious people.
- Daniel in the lions den and a slave
- Nehemiah as a wine tester
- Job lost everything but God
- David anointed king but had to wait years to sit on the throne
- Joseph in the pit – a slave – in prison falsely accused
- Paul in prison- being stoned
- Jonah in a fish
- Hosea in a marriage that should never work
- Habakkuk his prayers were answered different from how he intended
- Onesimus in jail with Paul, a slave on the run.

Do you see a pattern? God is teaching me that it is almost, if not always, that I grow when I quit trying to do things for God and to trust God to do things through me, and this almost always again happens when I run into a brick wall in my life of doing.

The Lord tells me in the bible to trust Him and He wants to teach me and to bless me in any and every situation and whatever He allows in my life can I trust Him?

You can't change yesterday but you can ruin today by worrying about tomorrow.