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All around us we observe a pregnant creation. The difficult times of pain throughout the world are simply birth pangs. But it's not only around us; it's within us. The Spirit of God is arousing us within. We're also feeling the birth pangs. These sterile and barren bodies of ours are yearning for full deliverance. That is why waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, don't see what is enlarging us. But the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy.

—Romans 8:22-25

Music from this week:

Joy To The World, O Holy Night [*Traditional*]; Blessed Assurance [*Crosby*]; I Wonder As I Wander [*Johnson*]

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Becoming Love in the Waiting

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Luke 2:22-38

Waiting on God out of _____ (*Luke 2:25-32*)

Waiting on God and _____ (*Luke 2:34-35*)

Waiting on God in the _____

Further Reflection: This week take some time to consider how are you waiting for the Lord? Are you experiencing his consolation even as you long for his provision? What invitation do you hear from God in this season of your life?

Today's reading is taken from Imagine Meeting Him: Soul Stirring Encounters With The Son of God by Robert Rasmussen