



**FRIDAY, MARCH 8**

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He covers the heavens with clouds  
and prepares rain for the earth;  
he makes grass to grow upon the mountains.

— Psalm 147:8

Sometimes while I was working our booth at the farmers' market, people would say, "You grow the best tomatoes," to which I would usually reply, "Why, thank you, but to tell you the truth, the tomato plants did the hard work."

No matter how earnestly we try, we cannot make tomatoes on our own. How tomatoes come to be is, in the end, a mystery. It is God's doing. But while we cannot make tomatoes ourselves, what we very much can do is make the conditions right so that tomato plants can do what they were created to do: make tomatoes.

When it comes to raising children, building up a community, or growing food—any of the important work we have been given to do—we are never alone in our work because we never truly work alone. God is with us in our hearts and hands, in the clouds and the rain, in the grass beneath our feet. God is with us.

— Brent Was