

## INCARNATIO

**A**S WE CARRY *contemplatio* from the place of silence into our life it becomes *incarnatio*. Our life begins to be shaped by openness and obedience to God. The whole purpose of God's encounter with us is that we may be all God intends us to be in our activities and relationships. When we follow Wesley's injunction, "Whatever light you receive should be used to the uttermost, and that immediately. . . . Whatever you resolve, begin to execute the first moment you can,"<sup>6</sup> our life becomes both a witness to and an agent of God's transforming presence in the brokenness of the world. When this happens, the Bible becomes the word of God—the profound and mysterious reality which has transformed numberless women and men across the centuries and made them agents of healing love in a broken world is once again incarnated.

## CONCLUSION

**L**ECTIO DIVINA, when entered into through an intentional *silencio* and culminated with a purposive *incarnatio*, has great potential for opening us to the transforming presence of God. It can free us from the destructive dynamics of our own brokenness. Through *lectio divina* scripture can become for us the living word of God and not simply dead echoes of our own damaged emotions and unhealed memories. Scripture can become God's shaping of our life for redemptive outreach into a broken world and not a means for inflicting our own brokenness upon the world. Success, however, resides not so much in the correct use of the method as in the hunger of our heart to hear and respond to the One who abides in the depths of our heart; the One who, from that deep center of our being, sends whispers of transforming love out into the darkness of our bondage and brokenness. "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" (Jer. 29:13, RSV).