



Week 3

Finding Your Song in Your Sorrow



Hemorrhaging

A woman who had had a hemorrhage for 12 years ... came up in the crowd behind Him and touched His cloak, for she thought, "If I just touch His garments, I will get well" ... Jesus, perceiving in Himself that the power proceeding from Him had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?" Mark 5:25-30

Recently, my close friend texted me that she had started bleeding from her uterus, which at the age of 65 is not good! It didn't take a village of doctors long to diagnose Stage 4 endometrial cancer!

Did our biblical lady suffer the same? Perhaps she had a miscarriage and there were no D&C's available? Whatever the cause, she had been bleeding for twelve years. This, in the Jewish culture, made her unclean and untouchable.

Aren't all of us who have lost children hemorrhaging from the uterus? That sacred space that first cradled our new little one. That womb/room where we first felt the quiver of life and laughed with our husbands as we watched our little one's heel slide across the belly wall and felt their kicks?

Some moms don earphones to their bellies and play Baby Beethoven hoping to create a budding musician. I recited multiplication tables to Josiah in utero and sure enough, he was a math whiz.

I've been hemorrhaging his loss for 20 years. Well, maybe no longer hemorrhaging, but trickling; always trickling his loss.

Pushing through the crowd to touch Jesus's garment was this woman's hope for healing! I can emphatically declare it has been mine too! Pushing through the crowded events of my busy schedule, I reach, stretching myself to just touch Jesus, even if it's just the hem of His garment. Someday, when I do this I can feel His power "going forth" to give me hope and strength for the day.

While He was paying the price for our redemption at Calvary, the guards gambled for that same hemmed garment. Reach out and touch it today. It will bring the hope and healing that it brought to our biblical woman in Mark chapter 5.

