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crowd
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Wisdomkeeper
woman
restore

What does it mean to have healing?

Is it a process?

Is it a one-and-done moment,

Never to be reflected on again?

Do people who want healing have names, families, and voices?

The woman with the bleeding condition had worth.

Jesus publicly affirms her worth in a crowd.

She sought healing in secret

She didn't want anyone else to know about it.

Her hope was her treasure.

She was stripped of her dignity and her birthright of confidence and strength,

She needed that hope to live

In her lifetime, she was a social outcast.

How could she have known what hope meant – real hope – before her illness?

It meant years of building resilience and persistence,

She pursued healing with no promise to meet her in the end.

Do you know anyone like this woman?

Jesus humanized her personhood, her medical condition,

And in doing so, showed us how to show respect and courage,

To allow room for so-called social outcasts in our own everyday lives

You may find that they share the same hopes and dreams as we do,

You may find, after all, they are not very different from me and you.