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They say that something is not normal
My fetus has abnormal anatomy, a worrying sign
As a midwife, I know what this means
It is difficult to bond
We have to make decisions about more tests
The tests are more emotionally than physically painful
The heartbeat is still there, every day I wonder if it is beating
It is difficult to bond
We don't talk about the baby
My providers don't know what to say
One doctor gives me hope
It is difficult to bond
I can feel the baby move, it is getting stronger
Now, the anatomy looks normal but survival is uncertain
There is a 20% chance that the baby is structurally normal
It is difficult to bond
Labor starts and stalls
My body wants to meet this baby
My heart and soul are petrified
Inside, the baby is safe, what happens next
I cannot let go, afraid of the outcome
It is difficult to release
I need to allow my body to do what it knows how to do
Submit, relent, surrender
She is here
She is perfect
Grateful that my faith is greater than my fear