

HAPPY SABBATH

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**WHAT IS THE BEST NEWS
YOU COULD EVER HEAR?**

IS IT THOUGH?



EL ROI

.....
The God Who Sees Me

GENESIS 16

The angel of
the Lord found Hagar
near a spring in the
desert; it was the
spring that is beside
the road to Shur.

GENESIS 16:7



**WHO WAS HAGAR?
WAS SHE A MISTAKE?**

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She made her way to the desert, and as she rested beside a fountain, lonely and friendless, an angel of the Lord, in human form, appeared to her.

Ellen White, Patriarchs & Prophets, pg 145

IMAGINE

She gave this name to
the LORD who spoke
to her: "You are the
God who sees me," for
she said, "I have now
seen the One who sees
me."

GENESIS 16:13





Our Heavenly Father
is not unobserving;
He sees our tears,
He marks our sighs,
He notes our joys and
sorrows.

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GOD SEES YOU

- God knows your name (John 10:3, Isaiah 49:16)
- God sees your situation (Matthew 10:30, Luke 12:7)
- God sees your need (Matthew 6:31-32, Psalm 56:8)
- God sees your heart & motives (1 Samuel 16:7, Hebrews 4:12)
- God sees you (Matthew 19:13-15, Mark 10:46-52, Luke 8:43-48, John 8:1-11)

**WHAT DID HAGAR LONG
SO DESPERATELY FOR?**

Hagar, slave of Sarai,
where have you come
from, and where are
you going?

GENESIS 16:8



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He sees you. So when you feel like no one gets it...
know that He sees you. He gets it. He understands
you, and He loves you more than you could ever know.
In the thick of it, He's there, and He's not going
anywhere. Even when you can't see Him, He sees you.
And nothing that could happen, nothing that you do,
will ever change that. It's just who He is.

Jen - Moments in Faith

HOW DOES GOD SEE ME?

A BLESSING FOR HAGAR

Then the Angel of the Lord said to her, “I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude.”

GENESIS 16:10



And the Angel of
the Lord said to her:
“Behold, you are with
child, And you shall
bear a son. You shall call
his name Ishmael,
Because the Lord has
heard your affliction.

GENESIS 16:11





Hagar felt invisible. She did not choose motherhood. It was chosen for her. Sarai was sick of waiting on God's promise for a child, so she gave her servant Hagar to Abraham so that he may have an heir. Hagar conceived and was mistreated by the jealous Sarai, so she ran away. An Angel of the Lord came to her with comfort and a promise.

When everyone else saw an expendable woman, God saw a precious mother. Hagar then became the only one to give God a name. He is the "God Who Sees." When she was invisible, a servant and outsider, God saw her and showed her kindness, even when those responsible for her did not.

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As a perpetual reminder of His mercy, she was bidden to call her child Ishmael, “God shall hear.”

Ellen White, Patriarchs & Prophets, pg 145



For I through the law died to
the law that I might live to
God. I have been crucified
with Christ; it is no longer I
who live, but Christ lives in
me; and the life which I now
live in the flesh I live by faith
in the Son of God, who loved
me and gave Himself for me.

GALATIANS 2:19,20

DO YOU SEE PEOPLE?

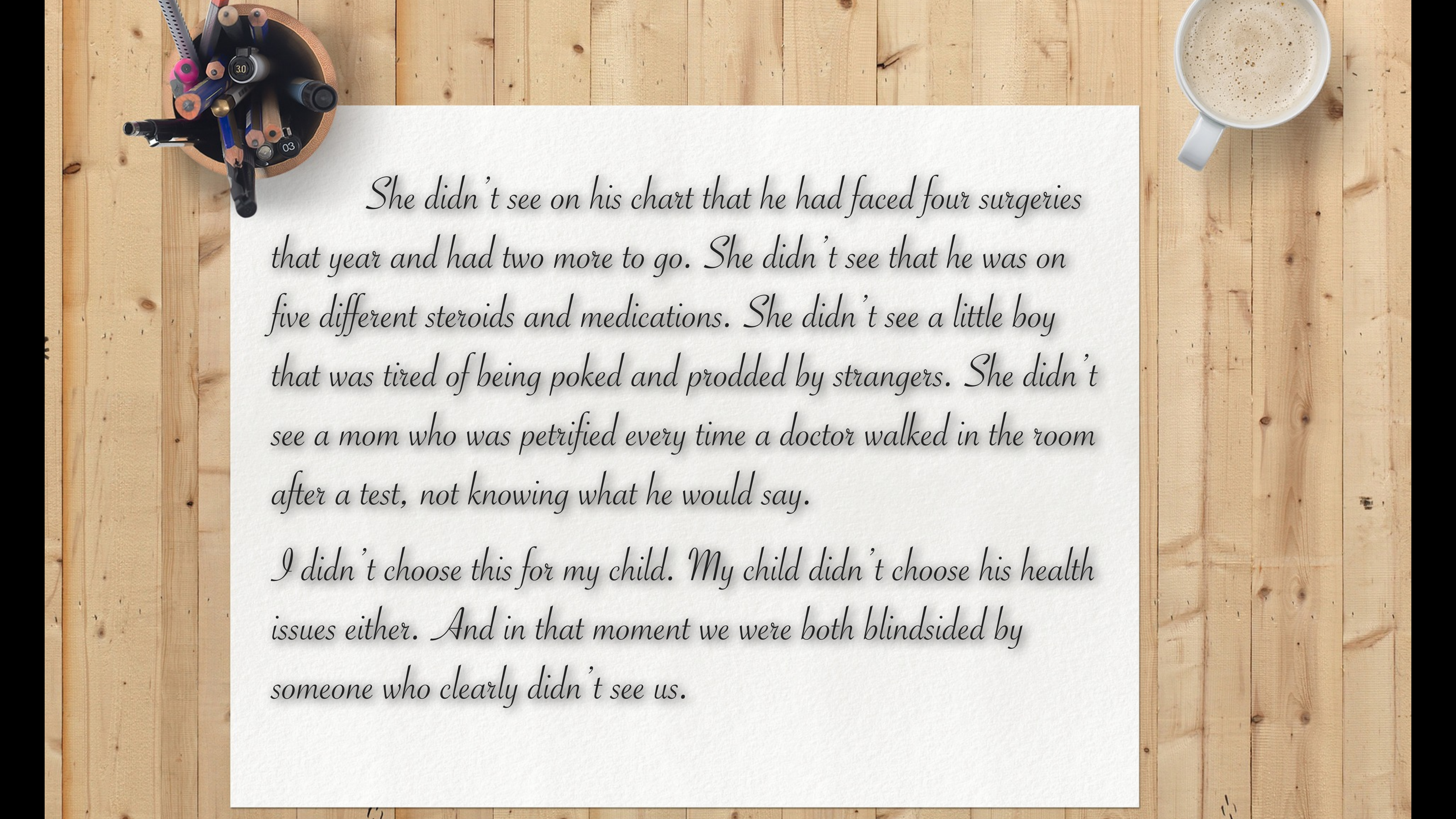
A top-down view of a wooden desk. In the top left corner, there is a round wooden pen holder filled with various pens and pencils. In the top right corner, a white mug filled with a frothy beverage sits on the desk. A white rectangular card is placed in the center of the desk, featuring handwritten text in a cursive script.

“Well isn’t he a little devil child?”

The audiology technician was checking my almost 2 year old’s ears after healing from his ear-tube surgery some time before. My son was not cooperating. It was a nightmare. And that’s when she said it--that little phrase with a short chuckle as if I would, of course, agree with her.

I felt them, all of the emotions: rage, hurt, shock, shame. And the only reaction I could muster, that didn’t result in violence, was a short, “cough.”

In her frustration of being kept from doing her job, she didn’t see us.

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She didn't see on his chart that he had faced four surgeries that year and had two more to go. She didn't see that he was on five different steroids and medications. She didn't see a little boy that was tired of being poked and prodded by strangers. She didn't see a mom who was petrified every time a doctor walked in the room after a test, not knowing what he would say.

I didn't choose this for my child. My child didn't choose his health issues either. And in that moment we were both blindsided by someone who clearly didn't see us.