

Beyond Death's Door

Someone recently shared this story with me. Its author is unknown, but its truth rings clearly.

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side."

Very quietly, the doctor responded, "I don't know."

"You don't know?" inquired the patient. "You, a Christian man and a doctor, do not know what is on the other side?"

The physician paused. He was holding the handle of a door. From the other side came sounds of scratching and whining. As the doctor opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped onto the doctor with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "That's my dog. He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside when he came through the door. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear.

"I know little of what is on the other side of death," the doctor continued, "but I do know one thing; I know my Master is there, and that is enough."

That story is a beautiful concept of what is in store for God's children – our friends and family members, and we ourselves – beyond death's door.

May that understanding bring you peace today, and a trust that God has you exactly where you are meant to be in service to His children.

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