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The following story happens in a country hospital where a surgeon isn't always available.

One morning, a surgeon is seen rushing into the hospital having been called in for an emergency operation. He quickly changed into his surgical outfit and headed straight for the operating theatre.



At the door, he found the patient's father pacing up and down the corridor. On seeing the surgeon, the man yelled, "Why has it taken you so long to get here ? Don't you know my son's life is in danger? You don't seem to take your job at all seriously!" The surgeon replied calmly, "I'm sorry, I was not in the hospital at the time and have come as quickly as I could after receiving the call. Please calm down and let me go and get on with my job."

"Calm down? If it was your son, would you calm down? If your own son were about to die right now what would you have to say?" exclaimed the angry father. The surgeon smiled and replied gently, "I would say that from dust we came, and to dust we shall return. Blessed be the name of the Lord."



"Doctors can only do a certain amount but we can't perform miracles. Pray for your son and we will do the best we can by God's grace."

"Easy for you to say when you're not going through it," grumbled the father.



The operation lasted several hours and at last the surgeon came out, satisfied and happy. Pausing for a moment to speak to the father, he said,
"You can thank the Lord, your son has been saved.
If you have any other questions, please ask the nurse."
And the surgeon rushed out of the hospital.



As soon as the surgeon had gone, the father turned to the nurse and asked, "Why is he so arrogant? Couldn't he have waited just a few more minutes to give me more details about how my son is?"

The nurse looked at the father with tears in her eyes, "His son just died in a car accident yesterday. When we called him in, he was preparing for his son's funeral. Now that he's saved your son's life, he is going back to finish burying his own child."

Never be quick to judge others...you never know what they might be going through at that very moment!