

Ethics After Hours

This Is Where I Leave You

Story Corps

This podcast features four conversations between terminally patients and their close family members about saying goodbye. We meet ALS Patient Patricia Mishler in conversation with her two daughters Suzanna and Janette, hospice patient Leonardo Vega in conversation with his daughter Eva Vega-Olds, Natalie Colvin in conversation with her grandfather, Willy Weeks, who has chosen MAiD after being diagnosed with terminal cancer, and finally, Mark Charles in conversation with his brother David, a cancer patient.

Find the podcast here: <https://storycorps.org/podcast/this-is-where-i-leave-you/>

Duration: 19 mins. 26 sec.

Discussion questions:

- Which of the four stories stood out the most to you and why?
- Why do you think Patricia dislikes the phrase ‘we’re all going to die of something’?
- Discuss Leonardo Vega’s response to his daughter’s question about whether he thinks he is going to die.
- Willy Weeks opted for MAiD. Do you think that access to MAiD changes people’s view on life and death? Why or why not?
 - How do you think access to MAiD changes views around death and dying?
- How does hope come into play in the conversation between Mark and David?
- What message did you take away from this podcast?
- How might hearing these conversations affect how you approach similar conversations in your own life, either personally or professionally?