



## *#77 The First Teacher*



*Two young people, Wendy and John, were playing in the woods. They were friends for as long as their young stories remembered. John made a joke and Wendy laughed. John made a suggestion and Wendy listened, then took the suggestion to heart. Then Wendy listened to another and another. John watched. “Do you listen to everyone?” John asked. “Yes,” said Wendy. And she did. And she also asked them questions and laughed at their jokes. She listened until she saw who they truly were. One day, Wendy told John, “You have just opened the doors of my life and let me out.”*

*After many, many years, John made a joke and a suggestion and Wendy laughed and listened. Then, she took the suggestion to heart. Suddenly, John realized that Wendy was his teacher.*

### ***The Teacher***

*To serve people  
is a great honor.*

*To follow them  
is to lead them.*

*To appreciate  
who they truly are  
is to teach them.*

*And this is the greatest honor.*

**TRUE TEACHERS MAY LOOK LIKE FOLLOWERS**