



## #100 *The First Three Lessons*



*A farmer truly loved his three sons. He raised them by teaching many morals, always imparting a lesson to go with each of their chores on the farm. One might have thought that they would follow in the father's footsteps, at least that is what the father supposed. But the first son wanted to move away. "That is not right – you should stay here on the family farm," said the father. But the son planned to leave anyway. This was inconceivable to the father, but what could he do? So, the father gave his blessing.*

*The second son stayed, but instead of becoming a farmer, he became a writer. The father tried to show him that it is only right that he should farm. The father used every argument he had to prove his point. But seeing the son's love of writing, he ultimately wished him well and sent him off to his new life with all of the love he could give. The third son came to his father and announced that the family farm should become a school. This was utterly unthinkable to the father. He tried in vain to reason*

*with his son, then he tried in vain to reason with himself. Finally, though this seemed all wrong to the father, he supported his son with all of his heart and became the school's first teacher.*

*TO WAKE UP ...  
INSTEAD OF TRYING TO BE RIGHT, TRY COMPASSION*