

## *The Gate in the Pasture*

Two men walking down a country road decided to take a shortcut home. They passed through a field where a number of cattle were grazing.

Deeply engrossed in conversation when they reached the other side of the pasture, they forgot to shut the gate behind them. A few minutes later, one of them noticed the oversight and ran back to close the gate.



As he did, he remembered the last words of an old friend who summoned all his children to his bedside and gave them wise counsel: “As you travel down life’s pathway, remember to close the gates behind you.”

The man knew that problems, difficult situations, heartbreaks and failures were inevitable, but he wanted his children to know that

they didn’t have to allow those things to follow them through life.

That is especially true for Christians. Once we have confessed a sin and have done what we can to right the wrong, we must put the sin behind us.

Remember: We invite defeat when we remember what we should forget – and allow it to rob us of our joy.

– Beecher Hunter