

**Tell a story**  
**Parsha Ki Teitzei**  
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This Parsha Moses was taking care of himself and the people as well. All along, he was telling the people to treat each other well and to be holy so that others could learn to be holy as well. He had been doing this throughout the rest of the five books of the Torah. All of this time, the Jews had learned to be holy from him, and he had learned to be holy from G-d. This Parsha starts out with the words, "When you go out to war against your enemies..." We are being told how to act about how to conquer another group of people when approaching the Promised Land. This is going to be the final edition of the instruction manual that is being delivered, and to put it bluntly, Moses was not going to make it. He was about to die, and the Jews were out of time, and there was no more bargaining with G-d, and there were no more threats with G-d over the Jews going back to Egypt. In the Parsha this week, the text reads, "When you go out to war against your enemies, and G-d delivers them into your power, and you take some of them captive, and you see among them a beautiful woman that you desire, you can take great care of her.

This Parsha, we learn about the Jews fighting with our enemies. The Jews can always take the higher ground, and we should step up over our enemy. We are amazing people. We have so much inner strength. G-d gave us a promising list of inner strength, G-d gave us a lot of dreams, hopes, and talents. We have this incredible relationship we are sharing with G-d. The Parsha concludes with G-d wanting Jews to read it as "When you go to war, be on top of your enemies. Don't let other people suck you into the vortex of negativity. No one needs that in their life. If you take the strategic high ground, you have already won. You can pat yourself on the back; congratulations, you have won the war.