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Parsha Pinchas
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Moses has lived a very long and good life. He has reached pretty much the end of it by this week's Parsha. He has done really good by the Jewish people, but he made a pretty big mistake in the previous Parsha because he got upset with the Jewish people complaining. In the previous Parsha, the water had dried up and the Jewish people were devastated all of their complaining made Moses become agitated. G-d told Moses to speak to the rock, but he doesn't do this. Instead, he throws a rock at it and from this, we learn how Moses messes up big time. The point of talking to the rock was to get water to flow from it. This way the Jewish people would have water to drink. In the past Jewish people had watched Moses bring water for 40 years. G-d doesn't allow this to slide in any way, G-d may forgive him but doesn't allow him to go into Israel. No matter how many times Moses pleads to enter the land of Israel, G-d will not allow him to go into Israel. Aaron, being his brother was seen as his accomplice and he too wasn't allowed into the land of Israel.

In this week's Parsha, Moses and Aaron were getting ready to die and there was going to be another leader. It wasn't going to be just any leader, it was going to be the one person Moses had been shepherding around the nation for so long. This was to be Pinchas, he had integrity, commitment, devotion, and faithfulness, and he was a loyal person. Pinchas didn't need to go through much training to become a leader, he already had that. Pinchas wouldn't need to look over his shoulder, he had excellent leadership skills at his fingertips. Pinchas was really good at leading the Jewish people for he didn't talk about finances, he would discuss morality, he took responsibility, he took leadership, and he was full of love.