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1. People complain of a lack of leadership these days.

But what is a true leader?



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2. Let's see what G-d looks for in a leader.

Parsha: G-d finds a leader for his people. Moses.

Moses is not interested.

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3. We all know the story:

G-d reveals himself in the Burning Bush asks Moses to free the Jew's.

This is a tremendous opportunity-the Jews have suffered for so long!

Yet Moses declines the offer.



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4. They argued for 7 days!

Moses: "I'm not important enough?"

G-d: "It's *My greatness* that will bring you success."

Moses: "They will ask where You were until now?"

G-d: "*Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh*, I was with them in their pain."



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5. Moses does not give in.

Moses: "They won't believe me."  
 G-d gives Moses the 3 signs.

Moses: "But I have a stutter."  
 G-d: "Who gave you your mouth in  
 the first place?"



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6. Moses cuts to the chase.  
 He says: "Send somebody else."  
 But G-d doesn't take no for an  
 answer.

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7. The Jews have suffered so badly:

Q. Why did Moses, who loved Jews,  
 refuse to free them?

A. Rashi: "Moses didn't want to take  
 away from Aaron's honor."

Only when G-d insists that Aaron will  
 be proud does Moses.



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8. This raises another question:  
 Why did G-d choose Moses over  
 Aaron?

- Aaron was the older of the two.
- Aaron had stayed in Egypt and helped the people-Moses fled!
- Aaron was the prophet before Moses learned to stand!



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9. The answer:

Moses *risks his life* by killing an Egyptian who was beating a Jew!

Moses saw Ki ein Ish- No one was man enough to stand up!

That's what G-d was looking for: A leader must be willing to die for his flock.



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10. What's the lesson for each of us?

Hillel says: "In a place where there are no men, strive to be a man."

Don't wait for other to do it! Be a man, be a leader.



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