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1. Crying is beneficial to most people, whether they are tears of joy or tears of sadness. In the Torah we have examples of both types in a few places.



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2. This Parsha, discusses idol worship and harlotry with the Moavite women. Moshe's response is to cry.

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3. The only other time Moshe cried was a baby floating in the Nile River. After all the trouble and trauma Moshe had been through with the Jews over the past 40 years, this makes Moshe cry? (not restore order)



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4. Rashi - Zimri brought the woman before Moshe and asked whether she was permitted or forbidden. And if she was forbidden, then why was Moshe's wife permitted to Moshe? Moshe was no longer objective, & couldn't answer Zimri and cried out of lack of strength.



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5. Similar story in this Parsha with the daughters of Zelafchad. Should be simple halachic question, but Moshe asks G-d? Because Moshe felt he could not be objective since they mentioned that father was not in Korach's rebellion.



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6. Halacha says that if a person comes to the Bais Din and says he killed someone and should be killed, the Bais Din cannot convict him b/c he may be depressed.

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7. What does this teach us? It is very common for people to blame themselves for things that were not in their control. Instead they should listen to the objective people around them.



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