station this is Houston are you ready

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is Houston please call station for a

voice check station this is ms ms a how

do you hear me I hear you loud and clear

commander Kelly I just want to start

with I understand you keep in close

touch with your brother a couple times a

day an email with phone calls on email

constantly what can you tell us about

first how your brother's doing how

congresswoman Giffords is doing since

she has moved to Houston I know there

was some concern there and how you're
doing well I think my brother's doing
about as well as anyone could expect in
this type of a situation you know I think he's dealing with it very well and
you know he's doing okay he said
he's a tough guy no Gabby obviously this is a serious injury and you know I only
you know know what I hear from him of
and you know what I hear in the
news but you know she seems to be doing
as well as you could expect to
considering the extent of her injuries
and likewise I'm okay you know it's a
tough situation to be in on the on the
space station with no way to get home to support you

know your family members but you know I understand that this is kind of the hand I'm dealt so to speak and I'm dealing with it as best as I think anyone could expect

I'm guessing when you're up there with a small group of people like this for a long period of time you become close almost of because there's nobody else around so tell me that the best

even story you shared with your crewmates well I you know I certainly

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space station with no way to get

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realistically to get home to support you

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know your family members but you know I understand that this is kind of the hand I'm dealt so to speak and I'm dealing with it as best as I think anyone could expect

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expect

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small group of people like this for a long period of time you become close

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almost of because there's nobody else around so tell me that the best

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else around so tell me that the best

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Gabby story you shared with your

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crewmates well I you know I certainly

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share a little bit of the positive stuff

with them that I hear from my brother

and you know when she does make small strides every day and you know

they're certainly excited to hear that

some of that's you know reported to the news media but you know as as far as particulars are concerned I really can't

can't elaborate but you know I do i do

share that with them and they are definitely interested and concerned with

the with the situation I think I didn't

say the question the way I get it how

you what story from you know in the past
that your relationship with the
congresswoman have you shared as a way for your crewmates to sort of know the
gabby giffords you now yeah okay yeah I understand what you're talking about and you know some of them know her and have course if not and she is really just an incredible woman incredibly caring and dedicated to her to her job and to her constituents and it's interesting that you know it doesn't matter which party you're from with her or what your opinion is you know if you know if she represents
you she represents you know everybody whether they voted her voted for her not

like her or not and she's just really incredible in that way she's she's a you know an amazing public servant and you just such a kind person it's really a horrible tragedy that this happened you know to her not to mention the other people you know young Christine and and the other victims it's a really a terrible thing two happened commander tonight's the State of the Union there's going to be an empty seat saved for congresswoman Giffords we're seeing a lot of members
of Congress decide they want to sit together try to peel back some of the polarization and partisanship and the heated rhetoric that we've seen over the last couple of years that's one less than they're taken from this what do you want to see is a citizen watching literally a million miles away what do you want to hear from not just the president but from the entire political community about the lessons they're taking away from this you know I'm really excited to hear about the you know this kind of coming together in
Congress you know we have incredible challenges you know to build a facility like the International Space Station on things we do in space are incredibly challenging and the way we can be successful at it is really due to teamwork you know we need to find common ground with the people we work with and we need to work at a team as a team to be successful at stuff that is really difficult and we have of course many challenges in our country and I think we can we can overcome them through teamwork so it's really
encouraging for me to see that you know may be of any good that can come out of something like this maybe our ability to work together better is you know one of those things that can come out of it and Commander this Friday is the 25th anniversary of the space shuttle Challenger disaster I'm just curious if you could share sort of your thoughts maybe where you were 25 years ago in January 28 1986 and your thoughts on how the space program responded at the time and where it is today yeah and that day I was in actually in college
and it was lunchtime

where I was and I was wasn't

watching the launch but as soon as I heard about it I turned the television on and I SAT there missed my classes for the rest of the day following the you know the news events as they unfolded and you know it of course was another incredible tragedy in our country but you know I think as Americans we are you know very resilient and we're good at coming back from things like that and you know I think in the space shuttle program we did come
back from Challenger and then later you when we were met with the you know the tragedy of Columbia we were able to learn from from our mistakes and and and move forward and I think you know that's the story of our space program it's you know meeting these great challenges occasionally you know bad things happen but we don't quit you know we don't give up and we continue to press forward and I think the International Space Station is a really a symbol of that it's a you know international effort and it's a
really an incredible facility we've built here as a team and I think our space program has a bright future as a result station this is Houston ACR that concludes the MSNBC portion of the event please stand by for a voice check from CNN station at the CNN how do you hear me I hear you loud and clear thank you much for your 30 seconds back to air you will be speaking with TJ and Kieran's well Ted about 10 minutes to the top of the hour now so many of us in this country have been following the Tucson
tragedy but there's one man who has had

to follow the tragedy of his family

members from the International Space

Station that's right commander Scott

Kelly he's been there since October he

is Mark Kelly's twin brother the

brother-in-law to congresswoman

gabrielle Giffords and commander Kelly

joins us this morning he is live from

space on board the International Space

Station we just want to tell our viewers

we are going to have a little delay

obviously because we were talking to you

and urine space as we understand it

you've been able to talk to your brother

a lot up to five or six times a day you

guys can email you can skype but i

imagine it must be difficult for you

hearing this news and then trying to get

the latest updates on Gabby from space

what's it been like for you well it's

so many levels you know not just with

Gabby but the the other victims you

know a nine-year-old girl Christina and

you know it's been tough but you know

I'm able to follow the news and talk to

my brother and other friends and family

members via telephone we have on board
and communicate with email and actually watch the news actually CNN is the way I've been following the news as it unfolds and so I'm able to keep in touch and I'm doing well with it. I understand that you know in this type of a you know situation we all all the people involved need to be strong and you know do their best and in kind of the situation they're in and minds here on the space.
send a vehicle up quickly grab you and bring you back to earth to be with your family would you want to do that or do you think that gabrielle Giffords and your brother would prefer for you to stay there and do your duty up on the international well you know I would prefer to be you know able to support my brother and my family members in person but you know at the same time you know I have a responsibility here and I recognize that we actually have a vehicle that we can bring you know take back to earth in an emergency meaning and emergency on the
space station with you know some serious things such as a fire or depressurization or a sick crew member but that's not something we would we would ever use in a situation like this

so you know I think they would want me to do continue to do my duty and that's here is the commander of the space station that's you know I'm prepared to do I have to ask you I mean just knowing that you're up there till mid-march and knowing what's going on down here with your family I you know how to talk to you for
being able to do what you're doing up

there it's also interesting that your

twin brother is going to have to make a

decision like this about his own fate

when it comes to commanding that October

on that April nineteenth shuttle mission

as we heard maybe in the next two weeks

he's going to be making a call as to

whether or not he's going to command

that or whether or not he's going to

choose to stay back with gaby how hard

is it going to be for your brother to

make that call um I'm not sure you know

it's certainly a you know very serious
decision there's a lot of a lot of considerations you know he won't do

it alone you know he'll certainly you know discuss this with the you know our leadership at NASA with Gabby's family

mean he'll he'll certainly consider what Gabby would want in a situation and you

know whichever way he whatever he chooses you know i'll certainly support him you know with gabby being in Houston

he could still be with her you know while he trains storing you know in the mornings and in the evening so if he does choose to fly it's not like you
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know it'd be different if she was you

she is in Houston so he could still be

there to support her certainly not you

know 24 hours a day

seven days a week like he's been doing

but you know she continues to progress a

you know a different level of support on

his part might be acceptable tonight

commander Kelly we appreciate you taking

the time out here with us certainly this

is fascinating that we are able to even

talk to you but lot of people have been

itching to hear from you as well no
you'd like to be here but

congratulations on what you're doing up

duty up there and our best to

you and the rest of the crew up there on

the International Space Station or you

take care thank you much station this is

Houston ACR that concludes the CNN

portion of the event please stand by for

a voice check from CBS

yeah I'll just yeah commander Kelly it's

Jeff Glor in New York in hearing yeah I

can hear you loud and clear excellent I

we I think we are quite a delay


the next time I speak with you will be

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00:14:29,629 --> 00:14:33,288

00:14:31,548 --> 00:14:45,318
will be putting this on tape for real so

stand by commander Kelly joins us from

the shuttle this morning definitely try

the homemade stuff injury commander

Kelly I know this has been very for you how are you doing up

difficult for you how are you doing up

<font color="#E5E5E5">there you know I'm<font color="#555555"> doing okay yeah</font>

probably as best as you could expect in

<font color="#E5E5E5">you know certainly</font>

you know<font color="#E5E5E5"> there are you<font color="#555555"> know emotions</font>

<font color="#E5E5E5">involved but you<font color="#555555"> know I understand that</font>

my place<font color="#555555"> is here doing my duties as a</font>

commander<font color="#555555"> of the space station and I</font>

will continue to do that until it's time

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for me to come home how much information

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are you getting at this point is it from

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news reports or is it from talking the

00:15:31,489 --> 00:15:40,278

family a combination of both yeah it's a

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combination of both in the beginning I

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was watching the news of control center

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in houston would send television news up

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to a fairly regular basis and certainly

00:15:50,958 --> 00:16:00,139

I was talking to my brother a lot and I

00:15:53,058 --> 00:15:58,158

still talked to him a lot so mostly now

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you know several weeks into this after

00:15:58,158 --> 00:16:03,528

the tragedy occurred most of the news i

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get is from my brother via the telephone

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and also you know reading some some

00:16:05,958 --> 00:16:13,698

print media and much less through the

television news<font color="#E5E5E5"> programs commander how's</font>

mark doing right now you know<font color="#CCCCCC"> i think</font>

<font color="#E5E5E5">he's doing probably as well as you could</font>

expect anyone to do in this type of

situation he's very you know focused on

you know doing the best job he can<font color="#E5E5E5"> to to</font>

you know make sure<font color="#CCCCCC"> Gabby gets the best</font>

recovery she can and the best long-term

outcome and you know he's a he's a

strong person and so I think he's doing</font>

he's doing pretty well you think he's</font>

still gonna be able to command the the</font>

final space mission here that he's</font>

scheduled for a few months you know I
think it's possible he you know has a

lot of you know considerations and he'll
do that with you know consultation with

our leadership at NASA and and you know

other I'm sure we'll get some other

talk to Gabi's

family members and also consider what

what she would want in this situation so

I think it's a definite possibility but

you know I personally I don't have no

idea which ways he's going to this is

going to go so you know I think we'll

know more here in a couple of weeks

commander finally I know you're
incredibly busy up there I'm wondering

<font color="#CCCCCC">how this though has kind of changed</font><font color="#E5E5E5">your</font>

<font color="#E5E5E5">day-to-day activities up in space at</font>

this point well it actually has because

you know when we don't have a<font color="#E5E5E5">lot of</font>

the spare time I did</font>

have before the you know this horrible

tragedy I spent you know doing<font color="#CCCCCC"> things</font>

that astronauts normally do in their

spare time you know looking mostly

looking out the window and taking

pictures<font color="#CCCCCC"> of you and you know educational</font>

and like public outreach kind of things

and now much more of my spare time is
consumed with you know talking to my brother talking to my kids talking to other family and friends on the telephone we have here and following the events as best I can so it has changed my certainly changed my life here aboard the space station without a doubt all right commander Scott Kelly can't imagine what this has been like for you or your family but our thoughts are with you be well thank you sir Thank You station this is Houston ACR this is Houston ACR You station this is Houston ACR this is Houston ACR this is Houston ACR you MSNBC CNN and CBS station we are now
resuming operational audio communication