



Expedition 26

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00:00:06,816 --> 00:00:10,856
Mark, you mentioned earlier,
of course, all, including 134,

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all four of your flights will have
been to the International Space Station

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so your career essentially has mirrored the
expansion and development of this complex.

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00:00:19,986 --> 00:00:23,406
What do you think it's going to be like to
say good-bye to your brother at the time

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00:00:23,406 --> 00:00:27,116
of hatch closure knowing that
you're about to pull away

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00:00:27,116 --> 00:00:30,056
and Endeavor will be leaving
the station for the final time?

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00:00:30,506 --> 00:00:31,966
MARK - It's going to be tough.

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00:00:32,406 --> 00:00:38,246
It's, I've seen the space station over, what'll
be over a ten year period and I'm not sure

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if I'll be going back again so, from a
personal standpoint, it'll be difficult

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00:00:43,436 --> 00:00:50,346
to leave a place that's so amazing and
incredible to live there and to work there

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and I'm certainly going to, if it does turn

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out to be my last flight I'm
certainly going to miss it.

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To see Endeavor leave ISS and come back to
earth, you know, when we come to full stop

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on the runway hopefully at the Kennedy
Space Center, it'll be a little bit sad

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00:01:07,516 --> 00:01:12,946
to see Endeavor rolled off into a
museum, but, you know like I said, it's,

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I think it's what we need to
do in order to eventually get

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out of low earth orbit and explore.

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And, Scott, for you, what do you think
it's going to say good-bye to Mark knowing

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that you're just days away from
coming home yourself to Kazakhstan?

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SCOTT - Well, you know, I'm not sure what
day they undock, I think probably around the,

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maybe March eighth or tenth...something

like that.

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The plan is to land on the sixteenth.

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I'll be home on the seventeenth so I'll just see him in, you know, a week or so later.

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You guys have plans once your flying careers are over?

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SCOTT - I hope my flying career isn't over.

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I'd like to fly again if the opportunity presents itself so I don't look

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at this as my last flight, you know.

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Assuming everything goes well, I don't mind being in space for six almost months.

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I think I'd like to have another opportunity to fly another long duration flight.

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MARK - This is a thing that's very difficult to give up.

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You know, it's very hard for people to put flying space missions behind them

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and I'm focused on STS-134

now and I'm going to figure

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out what I'm going to do later after I land.

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But, you know, it's a hard thing to retire

from so I think there's a real possibility

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that I could be maybe making a

fifth trip to the space station.

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It would be on a Russian

Soyuz or maybe it would be

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on a new U.S. spacecraft in five or six years.

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What advice do each of you have for

kids, twins, siblings growing up together

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about future aspirations in life?

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What, what path would you steer them down?

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MARK - I don't think we give specific advice but

the kids, you know, I always tell 'em, you know,

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"You're doing yourself a really big

favor to do as well as you can in school.

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I mean, it's like the best gift you can
give yourself because then you put yourself

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in the position where you can make
choices and if you don't do well

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00:03:20,386 --> 00:03:22,216
in school, you don't have so many choices."

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00:03:22,936 --> 00:03:26,856
I also encourage people to try to find
something that they're really interested in,

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00:03:27,546 --> 00:03:30,166
'cuz it makes going to work great every day.

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00:03:30,276 --> 00:03:31,736
It's something you want to do.

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00:03:31,876 --> 00:03:34,616
If you're not interested in it, you
know, you're probably going to be,

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00:03:34,826 --> 00:03:36,616
you're probably not going to want to do it.

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00:03:36,616 --> 00:03:38,346
You're probably not going to
be very good at it either.

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00:03:39,616 --> 00:03:44,006
SCOTT - Well, you know, a lot of times we'll do
these public appearances and kids'll ask about,

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00:03:44,076 --> 00:03:46,296
you know, "I'd like to become
an astronaut some day.

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00:03:46,296 --> 00:03:48,226
What, what advice do you have?"

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00:03:48,226 --> 00:03:56,006
And, and what I tell 'em is, you know, "You need to put yourself in the best position

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to further your career and that means having a good education, doing well."

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But as far as being an astronaut, I think it's important that they choose something that they

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like and they're interested in because if they like it and they're interested in,

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they're generally going to do better in it and, you know, NASA looks at people

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that have done well in their career, but also because we spend, as adults a lot of time

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at work and I think it's more important that you do something that you like rather than do,

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doing something just for the sake of you think it might lead to this other opportunity.

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It's not a whole lot of astronauts out there.

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There are a lot of people that are qualified but, you know,

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the only way you would ever have a chance of getting this job is if you try and put yourself

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in the best position that you can.

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And finally, when you look back as growing up as twins, your education, your military service,

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your respective careers with NASA, and your contributions to the space program,

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what's going to be the most significant moment for you, if you can pick one out, the,

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00:05:15,196 --> 00:05:18,756

that one nugget that you'll cherish for the rest of your life?

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MARK - Well, I think for me, I was the Commander of STS-124

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which installed the Japanese laboratory on the space station which was a significant piece

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of the Japanese space program, to get the opportunity to do that, work with Japan,

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have a Japanese crew member on board,
have a great crew, successfully accomplish

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that mission is certainly, is the highlight
now and I hope STS-134 goes as well

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and we successfully get AMS and our other
payloads installed and transferred, but,

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you know, having the opportunity to command
the space shuttle two times is certainly going

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to be the highlight of my career.

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SCOTT - My goals for Expedition 26
are, primarily we don't hurt anyone

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and we don't break anything and we complete
all the mission, primary mission objectives,

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and if I can do those three things,
you know, I'll be satisfied and that

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to me'll be the highlight of my
career as an astronaut to date.

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Scott Kelly, Mark Kelly, twin brothers,
Commanders poised for a very unique moment

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in space together if all goes

as planned, thank you very much.