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00:00:06,950 --> 00:00:04,230
hello

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00:00:08,710 --> 00:00:06,960
i'm butch wilmore and i am the commander

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00:00:11,190 --> 00:00:08,720
of expedition 42 aboard the

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00:00:12,629 --> 00:00:11,200
international space station and i

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00:00:14,390 --> 00:00:12,639
thought i'd take the opportunity just to

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00:00:15,910 --> 00:00:14,400
share a few thoughts about thanksgiving

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00:00:16,950 --> 00:00:15,920
this holiday that's coming up in just a

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00:00:19,590 --> 00:00:16,960
few days

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00:00:20,790 --> 00:00:19,600
and for me i i think me and my family

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00:00:22,710 --> 00:00:20,800
the first thing we think of when we

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00:00:24,390 --> 00:00:22,720
think of thanksgiving is of course going

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00:00:26,470 --> 00:00:24,400
all the way back to those early settlers

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00:00:28,070 --> 00:00:26,480

when they endured some really rough

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00:00:29,990 --> 00:00:28,080

times crossing the ocean and getting

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00:00:33,270 --> 00:00:30,000

started in an unknown land an unknown

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00:00:35,990 --> 00:00:33,280

area and you know they paused and they

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00:00:38,069 --> 00:00:36,000

thank god for what he had provided for

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00:00:39,750 --> 00:00:38,079

them up to that point and that's kind of

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00:00:41,270 --> 00:00:39,760

the genesis of this holiday that we

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00:00:44,549 --> 00:00:41,280

share today so that's the first thing i

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00:00:46,389 --> 00:00:44,559

think about and i think about um

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00:00:48,310 --> 00:00:46,399

being thankful as well in that same

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00:00:49,830 --> 00:00:48,320

fashion there's there's so much we have

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00:00:51,910 --> 00:00:49,840

to be thankful for in this nation

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00:00:54,950 --> 00:00:51,920

freedom uh of course being the most

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00:00:56,229 --> 00:00:54,960

obvious one i'm thankful for people

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00:00:57,670 --> 00:00:56,239

that get up

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00:00:59,990 --> 00:00:57,680

in the morning

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00:01:01,110 --> 00:01:00,000

and they go to do their job and their

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00:01:03,189 --> 00:01:01,120

jobs

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00:01:04,950 --> 00:01:03,199

and tell things that means that they may

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00:01:07,270 --> 00:01:04,960

not come back and i'm talking

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00:01:09,510 --> 00:01:07,280

specifically about our military people

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00:01:11,350 --> 00:01:09,520

around the globe that are doing things

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00:01:14,390 --> 00:01:11,360

day in and day out

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00:01:16,789 --> 00:01:14,400

that make a difference for freedom and

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00:01:18,630 --> 00:01:16,799

like i said they get up in the morning

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00:01:21,190 --> 00:01:18,640

they know their task that's ahead of

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00:01:22,789 --> 00:01:21,200

them and they realize there's a chance

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00:01:24,390 --> 00:01:22,799

they may not return

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00:01:27,429 --> 00:01:24,400

and they go anyway

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00:01:29,670 --> 00:01:27,439

and i'm thankful for those people i'm

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00:01:32,550 --> 00:01:29,680

thankful for those people i'm thankful

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00:01:34,870 --> 00:01:32,560

for their families that sacrifice much

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00:01:37,109 --> 00:01:34,880

for the freedom we have to have a

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00:01:37,910 --> 00:01:37,119

holiday like thanksgiving

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00:01:40,230 --> 00:01:37,920

um

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00:01:42,310 --> 00:01:40,240

personally we sit around the table at my

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00:01:43,910 --> 00:01:42,320

home and we kind of go around the table

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00:01:46,149 --> 00:01:43,920

we talk about being thankful and what

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00:01:48,069 --> 00:01:46,159
we're thankful for and recognize the

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00:01:49,590 --> 00:01:48,079
holiday the purpose for what it's for

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00:01:51,270 --> 00:01:49,600
what it's about

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00:01:53,590 --> 00:01:51,280
and of course

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00:01:56,950 --> 00:01:53,600
thanksgiving is always about food as

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00:01:59,109 --> 00:01:56,960
well and we share uh special meals and

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00:02:01,109 --> 00:01:59,119
and we have plans at least i do for when

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00:02:03,990 --> 00:02:01,119
uh when my crew mates are here in just a

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00:02:05,990 --> 00:02:04,000
couple of days this is smoked turkey so

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00:02:10,469 --> 00:02:06,000
i'm gonna have some smoked turkey

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00:02:12,229 --> 00:02:10,479
this here is uh cornbread dressing

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00:02:14,630 --> 00:02:12,239
rehear hydrate that that's gonna be

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00:02:16,150 --> 00:02:14,640

mighty tasty

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00:02:17,910 --> 00:02:16,160

in the morning i'll be thankful in the

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00:02:19,270 --> 00:02:17,920

morning for breakfast too this is grits

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00:02:20,470 --> 00:02:19,280

and butter you don't get no better than

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00:02:22,550 --> 00:02:20,480

grits and butter i can't get enough of

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00:02:24,630 --> 00:02:22,560

that up here it's good stuff and of

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00:02:26,470 --> 00:02:24,640

course for dessert

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00:02:28,229 --> 00:02:26,480

you got to have cran apples on

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00:02:30,550 --> 00:02:28,239

thanksgiving so a little i mean sorry

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00:02:32,949 --> 00:02:30,560

cranberry so i got a little cranberry uh

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00:02:35,509 --> 00:02:32,959

pie here so that'll be good as well

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00:02:37,589 --> 00:02:35,519

and of course i'm from tennessee so i

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00:02:39,270 --> 00:02:37,599

grew up drinking sweet tea so i've got a

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00:02:41,750 --> 00:02:39,280

little sweet tea as well so we're gonna

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00:02:44,390 --> 00:02:41,760

have all of that uh up here and try to

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00:02:47,110 --> 00:02:44,400

share in the in the spirit of the season

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00:02:48,309 --> 00:02:47,120

and uh as we go forward i look back at

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00:02:49,750 --> 00:02:48,319

the two months that i've been here and

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00:02:51,190 --> 00:02:49,760

the things that i've had the opportunity

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00:02:53,350 --> 00:02:51,200

to experience

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00:02:56,309 --> 00:02:53,360

and and the people from from the ground

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00:02:58,390 --> 00:02:56,319

that i've worked with uh from afar um

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00:02:59,990 --> 00:02:58,400

that are you know processing experiments

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00:03:02,070 --> 00:03:00,000

doing all the science that we are really

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00:03:04,070 --> 00:03:02,080

operators for up here i'm thankful for

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00:03:06,710 --> 00:03:04,080

them and the efforts that they're doing

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00:03:08,229 --> 00:03:06,720

for the benefit of mankind and looking

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00:03:10,390 --> 00:03:08,239

back at the last two months it's been a

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00:03:12,309 --> 00:03:10,400

busy couple of months but it's been very

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00:03:14,390 --> 00:03:12,319

very rewarding and hopefully very

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00:03:16,390 --> 00:03:14,400

rewarding for many people back there as

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00:03:18,309 --> 00:03:16,400

well and we look forward to doing the

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00:03:19,910 --> 00:03:18,319

same during the rest of expedition 42

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00:03:21,990 --> 00:03:19,920

which is still got about three and a

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00:03:24,149 --> 00:03:22,000

half months to go with many many uh

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00:03:26,949 --> 00:03:24,159

science projects and payloads ahead of

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00:03:28,550 --> 00:03:26,959

us uh several spacewalks planned uh some

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00:03:30,309 --> 00:03:28,560

arm operations many things though

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00:03:32,390 --> 00:03:30,319
running the whole gamut so it's a it's

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00:03:34,309 --> 00:03:32,400
an exciting time and a time to be

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00:03:36,229 --> 00:03:34,319
thankful for being here and and one

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00:03:37,670 --> 00:03:36,239
other thing before i close you know you

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00:03:40,710 --> 00:03:37,680
think about space play at least i did

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00:03:42,229 --> 00:03:40,720
when i was a kid and

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00:03:45,350 --> 00:03:42,239
the thing they think about is being

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00:03:46,470 --> 00:03:45,360
weightless and the opportunity to just

109
00:03:49,350 --> 00:03:46,480
float

110
00:03:51,270 --> 00:03:49,360
effortlessly you know i can i can do a

111
00:03:54,070 --> 00:03:51,280
uh i can do a

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00:03:57,110 --> 00:03:54,080
my bat imitation so i can hang from the

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00:03:59,670 --> 00:03:57,120

ceiling like a bat and

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00:04:01,670 --> 00:03:59,680

i'm thankful for these type of things

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00:04:04,470 --> 00:04:01,680

that you dream about literally dream

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00:04:06,470 --> 00:04:04,480

about and now to have the opportunity to

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00:04:09,910 --> 00:04:06,480

take part in sharing it

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00:04:12,070 --> 00:04:09,920

is special and amazing and i'm thankful

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00:04:13,990 --> 00:04:12,080

for that so with that

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00:04:15,990 --> 00:04:14,000

i say to all of you there happy