

# Joe Acaba



1  
00:00:00,734 --> 00:00:13,313  
[ MUSIC ]

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00:00:13,313 --> 00:00:14,714  
>> I THINK A LOT OF TIMES,

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00:00:14,714 --> 00:00:17,317  
PEOPLE WILL LOOK AND THINK

4  
00:00:17,317 --> 00:00:18,184  
THAT THERE HAS TO BE

5  
00:00:18,184 --> 00:00:19,986  
SOMETHING, YOU KNOW,

6  
00:00:19,986 --> 00:00:21,254  
PIVOTAL OR MAGICAL

7  
00:00:21,254 --> 00:00:22,322  
THAT HAPPENS IN YOUR LIFE

8  
00:00:22,322 --> 00:00:23,923  
THAT IS GOING TO LEAD YOU

9  
00:00:23,923 --> 00:00:25,158  
IN A CERTAIN DIRECTION.

10  
00:00:25,158 --> 00:00:26,760  
SO I WOULD TELL PEOPLE,

11  
00:00:26,760 --> 00:00:28,395  
YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT ALWAYS

12  
00:00:28,395 --> 00:00:29,362  
ONE THING THAT'S GOING TO

13  
00:00:29,362 --> 00:00:30,330

HAPPEN THAT'S GOING TO

14

00:00:30,330 --> 00:00:31,498

CHANGE YOUR LIFE, BUT

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00:00:31,498 --> 00:00:32,232

IT'S ALL THE DECISIONS

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00:00:32,232 --> 00:00:34,534

YOU MAKE ALONG THE WAY.

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00:00:34,534 --> 00:00:35,702

YOU KNOW, AS I REFLECT BACK,

18

00:00:35,702 --> 00:00:37,670

I SEE ALL THESE SMALL PIECES

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00:00:37,670 --> 00:00:40,640

THAT KIND OF FELL INTO PLACE,

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00:00:40,640 --> 00:00:41,674

STARTING WITH MY PARENTS

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00:00:41,674 --> 00:00:42,909

AND THE VALUE THEY PUT

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00:00:42,909 --> 00:00:45,011

ON EDUCATION.

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00:00:45,011 --> 00:00:46,446

SO THAT WAS ALWAYS KIND OF

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00:00:46,446 --> 00:00:48,348

PRIORITY NUMBER ONE.

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00:00:48,348 --> 00:00:49,416

I HAD A GREAT EXPERIENCE

26  
00:00:49,416 --> 00:00:51,384  
AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

27  
00:00:51,384 --> 00:00:53,219  
AT SANTA BARBARA, AND ENDED UP

28  
00:00:53,219 --> 00:00:54,788  
CONTINUING THAT AND GETTING

29  
00:00:54,788 --> 00:00:57,724  
MY MASTER'S DEGREE IN GEOLOGY.

30  
00:00:57,724 --> 00:00:59,426  
BEFORE I CAME TO NASA, I WAS

31  
00:00:59,426 --> 00:01:01,327  
TEACHING MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH

32  
00:01:01,327 --> 00:01:03,329  
AND SCIENCE OUT IN FLORIDA.

33  
00:01:03,329 --> 00:01:04,597  
AND THEN I LOOKED BACK AT

34  
00:01:04,597 --> 00:01:05,765  
THE EDUCATORS THAT I'VE HAD

35  
00:01:05,765 --> 00:01:07,400  
IN MY LIFE, AND BEING

36  
00:01:07,400 --> 00:01:08,902  
A FORMER EDUCATOR, I NOW

37  
00:01:08,902 --> 00:01:09,636  
SEE IT FROM KIND OF

38  
00:01:09,636 --> 00:01:11,037

A DIFFERENT ANGLE.

39

00:01:11,037 --> 00:01:12,238

AND I HAD ONE TEACHER,

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00:01:12,238 --> 00:01:13,473

MY METAL SHOP TEACHER THAT

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00:01:13,473 --> 00:01:15,241

I TALK ABOUT OFTEN, THAT

42

00:01:15,241 --> 00:01:16,609

WHEN I LOOK AT WHAT HE DID--

43

00:01:16,609 --> 00:01:17,610

HAVING ANYWHERE FROM

44

00:01:17,610 --> 00:01:19,579

14 YEAR-OLDS TO 18 YEAR-OLDS

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00:01:19,579 --> 00:01:21,214

IN A METAL SHOP, WORKING WITH

46

00:01:21,214 --> 00:01:22,816

A LATHE, WORKING WITH

47

00:01:22,816 --> 00:01:24,851

THE WELDERS, YOU KNOW,

48

00:01:24,851 --> 00:01:26,953

MELTING STUFF, AND, YOU KNOW,

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00:01:26,953 --> 00:01:28,054

KIND OF THE RESPONSIBILITY

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00:01:28,054 --> 00:01:30,790

THAT HE GAVE TO US-- THEN

51  
00:01:30,790 --> 00:01:31,858  
I LOOK AT MY PEACE CORPS

52  
00:01:31,858 --> 00:01:33,760  
EXPERIENCE AND WORKING WITH

53  
00:01:33,760 --> 00:01:34,994  
DIFFERENT CULTURES, WHICH IS

54  
00:01:34,994 --> 00:01:36,029  
OF COURSE WHAT WE'RE DOING

55  
00:01:36,029 --> 00:01:37,096  
TODAY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL

56  
00:01:37,096 --> 00:01:38,765  
SPACE STATION-- A LITTLE BIT OF

57  
00:01:38,765 --> 00:01:40,133  
MILITARY EXPERIENCE.

58  
00:01:40,133 --> 00:01:40,667  
SO I LOOKED AT ALL THESE

59  
00:01:40,667 --> 00:01:42,302  
SMALL THINGS THAT I'VE DONE

60  
00:01:42,302 --> 00:01:43,503  
IN MY LIFE THAT DURING

61  
00:01:43,503 --> 00:01:44,838  
THE TIME, NEITHER ONE OF THEM

62  
00:01:44,838 --> 00:01:46,139  
WAS REALLY PIVOTAL, BUT

63  
00:01:46,139 --> 00:01:46,973

I THINK THEY'VE LED ME

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00:01:46,973 --> 00:01:50,143

TO WHERE I AM TODAY.

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00:01:50,143 --> 00:01:51,211

I'M JOE ACABA,