

DOWN TO EARTH

EPISODE 3



What else is out there?



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00:00:00,506 --> 00:00:19,156
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00:00:19,656 --> 00:00:23,706
>> On the day of the spacewalks,
I remember I was over the hatch,

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00:00:23,706 --> 00:00:25,686
and they said, "Open the
hatch," and so I opened it up

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00:00:25,686 --> 00:00:28,316
and it was daytime, and
the only thing I could look

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00:00:28,316 --> 00:00:29,836
at was straight down
at the Earth.

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00:00:29,836 --> 00:00:34,256
And for 10 minutes, I just
watched the Earth going

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00:00:34,256 --> 00:00:38,916
by below me, and the only thing
separating it was just my visor,

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00:00:38,916 --> 00:00:41,976
and it was really incredible.

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00:00:42,516 --> 00:00:46,546
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00:00:47,046 --> 00:00:49,626
And then, we exited, you
know, they said, "Go ahead

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00:00:49,626 --> 00:00:51,606
and exit the space

station," and I remember,

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00:00:51,606 --> 00:00:54,486

that was the first time I
really got the sensation

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00:00:55,186 --> 00:00:58,866

that I was being pulled by
gravity, I was close to Earth,

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00:00:58,936 --> 00:01:02,166

and I was very reliant on
physics at that moment,

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because I was holding on to
the space station with one hand

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00:01:05,676 --> 00:01:07,116

and my feet were dangling.

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00:01:07,116 --> 00:01:08,866

I remember, you know, not
just through my visor,

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00:01:08,866 --> 00:01:11,326

but looking down and just, you
just see feet and then Earth,

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00:01:12,216 --> 00:01:15,126

and you're holding on
to the space station

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00:01:15,126 --> 00:01:17,206

and it was just incredible.

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00:01:17,206 --> 00:01:19,606

Everything looked
so large, but again,

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00:01:19,606 --> 00:01:22,526

the most significant
realization, to me,

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00:01:22,526 --> 00:01:26,056

was looking out and realizing
not how far I was from Earth,

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00:01:26,146 --> 00:01:28,446

but how close I was to Earth,
and how connected I was

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00:01:28,446 --> 00:01:33,026

to Earth, and how we on the
space station plus everybody

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00:01:33,026 --> 00:01:35,786

on Earth and this planet is
actually so small compared

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00:01:35,786 --> 00:01:38,436

to this vastness of outer space.

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00:01:39,516 --> 00:01:44,616

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00:01:45,116 --> 00:01:47,176

We have a small amount of
gravity that keeps us in orbit

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00:01:47,176 --> 00:01:50,726

around the Earth, and
I was keenly aware

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00:01:50,796 --> 00:01:52,016

that Earth was holding on to us.

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00:01:52,596 --> 00:01:53,526

We were attached to Earth.

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00:01:54,086 --> 00:01:56,346

What was amazing to me was
looking the other direction

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00:01:56,346 --> 00:01:59,736

and looking out into deep
space, and it was infinite.

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00:01:59,736 --> 00:02:03,016

And I realized, you know, as
I had one hand on the side

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00:02:03,016 --> 00:02:05,786

of space station and we were
both orbiting the Earth,

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00:02:06,566 --> 00:02:09,386

I felt like I was very connected
to Earth, like it was mine.

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00:02:09,386 --> 00:02:14,216

There was some ownership there,
and not my hometown or my city

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00:02:14,216 --> 00:02:15,886

or what I was familiar
with, but the entire Earth.

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00:02:16,056 --> 00:02:18,466

I felt an ownership
and a kindred spirit

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00:02:18,966 --> 00:02:19,706

with every part of it.

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00:02:20,516 --> 00:02:23,976

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00:02:24,476 --> 00:02:27,566

You do feel this closeness
to every human on Earth.

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00:02:28,046 --> 00:02:31,126

You have this really
distinct recognition

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00:02:32,066 --> 00:02:35,086

that every single person you
will ever meet, you have more

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00:02:35,086 --> 00:02:37,936

in common with than you do
different, no matter what.

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00:02:38,186 --> 00:02:40,066

Having been part of
a program that takes

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00:02:40,146 --> 00:02:42,396

so many people working together
and doing the right thing,

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00:02:42,396 --> 00:02:46,466

and you go, wow, look what
we can do when we focus

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on that majority of us that are
alike, that have a common dream,

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00:02:52,576 --> 00:02:53,536

no matter where we grow up.

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00:02:53,536 --> 00:02:55,016

Everybody looks up
at the sky and says,