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00:00:04,390 --> 00:00:02,070
i'm caleb barron a mission specialist

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00:00:08,549 --> 00:00:04,400
for nasa's spacex crew 3 mission to the

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00:00:12,549 --> 00:00:10,709
i was born in idaho my family moved a

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00:00:15,270 --> 00:00:12,559
lot when we were kids we lived in

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00:00:18,150 --> 00:00:15,280
montana colorado but for most of my

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00:00:19,750 --> 00:00:18,160
middle school time and high school lived

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00:00:21,510 --> 00:00:19,760
in washington state

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00:00:23,830 --> 00:00:21,520
in a town called richland which is in

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00:00:25,429 --> 00:00:23,840
southeastern washington i'm the middle

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00:00:27,589 --> 00:00:25,439
of three girls

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00:00:29,910 --> 00:00:27,599
my dad's an engineer my mom's a math

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00:00:31,029 --> 00:00:29,920
whiz and a runner they always really

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00:00:32,630 --> 00:00:31,039

raised

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00:00:34,150 --> 00:00:32,640

us to be

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00:00:35,510 --> 00:00:34,160

ourselves

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00:00:37,350 --> 00:00:35,520

which was really cool for me and my

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sisters to all kind of find

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our own paths

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i knew that i would want to

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00:00:46,630 --> 00:00:45,200

find ways to challenge myself and become

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00:00:48,470 --> 00:00:46,640

a leader that's how i first got

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00:00:50,069 --> 00:00:48,480

interested in joining the military and

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00:00:51,750 --> 00:00:50,079

ultimately got interested in attending

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00:00:54,229 --> 00:00:51,760

the naval academy where i studied

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00:00:55,830 --> 00:00:54,239

control systems in robotics engineering

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00:00:57,270 --> 00:00:55,840
when i showed up at the naval academy i

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00:00:58,630 --> 00:00:57,280
thought i wanted to be a fighter pilot

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00:01:00,869 --> 00:00:58,640
and we have this really cool training

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00:01:02,549 --> 00:01:00,879
between our sophomore and junior year i

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00:01:04,630 --> 00:01:02,559
kind of think of it at like the navy's

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00:01:06,789 --> 00:01:04,640
job fair you go spend a week with every

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00:01:09,350 --> 00:01:06,799
single major warfare community surface

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00:01:10,710 --> 00:01:09,360
ships submarines aviation

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00:01:12,710 --> 00:01:10,720
and when i got to go underway on a

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00:01:15,830 --> 00:01:12,720
submarine i just felt like this is where

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00:01:20,230 --> 00:01:18,149
it's not for everyone

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00:01:21,990 --> 00:01:20,240
it's kind of a fascinating world you

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00:01:22,950 --> 00:01:22,000

develop your own little microcosm under

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00:01:25,190 --> 00:01:22,960

the sea

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00:01:27,350 --> 00:01:25,200

because you have to be able to provide

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00:01:29,429 --> 00:01:27,360

everything you need to live and work

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00:01:31,670 --> 00:01:29,439

safely and also accomplish a mission

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00:01:33,510 --> 00:01:31,680

within your own crew

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00:01:35,590 --> 00:01:33,520

the time of my submarine was the most

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00:01:37,990 --> 00:01:35,600

developmental period of my life for a

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00:01:40,310 --> 00:01:38,000

lot of reasons but especially because of

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00:01:42,069 --> 00:01:40,320

the operational experience and

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00:01:43,930 --> 00:01:42,079

operational teamwork i got to do while

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00:01:46,469 --> 00:01:43,940

we were underway when we were deployed

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00:01:48,630 --> 00:01:46,479

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00:01:50,389 --> 00:01:48,640
i actually never even thought about

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00:01:52,550 --> 00:01:50,399
becoming an astronaut until after

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00:01:55,350 --> 00:01:52,560
serving on a submarine for me it was all

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00:01:57,510 --> 00:01:55,360
those parallels that really inspired me

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00:01:59,510 --> 00:01:57,520
to want to apply and to believe that i

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00:02:02,710 --> 00:01:59,520
even could all right nasa family and

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00:02:06,389 --> 00:02:02,720
friends our first astronaut caleb aaron

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00:02:08,790 --> 00:02:06,399
[Applause]

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00:02:10,790 --> 00:02:08,800
i found out that i was officially on

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00:02:12,710 --> 00:02:10,800
crew 3 when i was on my way to the

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00:02:14,869 --> 00:02:12,720
neutral buoyancy lab for spacewalk

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00:02:16,229 --> 00:02:14,879
training and i got a text from the chief

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00:02:17,910 --> 00:02:16,239

of the office and he said if you're

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00:02:20,150 --> 00:02:17,920

awake give me a call so i gave him a

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00:02:22,150 --> 00:02:20,160

call on my way into work and he said

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00:02:24,550 --> 00:02:22,160

kayla you're on crew three

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00:02:25,830 --> 00:02:24,560

and i was just so

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00:02:28,390 --> 00:02:25,840

excited

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00:02:30,229 --> 00:02:28,400

crew 3 is just such an amazing group of

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00:02:31,750 --> 00:02:30,239

people it's a really special crew

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00:02:33,990 --> 00:02:31,760

because i think everybody brings a

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00:02:35,589 --> 00:02:34,000

really unique perspective and different

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00:02:38,070 --> 00:02:35,599

background and so there's always

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00:02:39,990 --> 00:02:38,080

something to learn and whenever we're

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00:02:41,830 --> 00:02:40,000

faced with a problem or have a decision

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00:02:44,470 --> 00:02:41,840

to make it's really interesting to see

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00:02:47,030 --> 00:02:44,480

the different perspectives and how

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00:02:49,030 --> 00:02:47,040

together we make better decisions and

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00:02:51,670 --> 00:02:49,040

come up with more interesting solutions

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00:02:53,750 --> 00:02:51,680

i just feel super lucky to be

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00:02:56,390 --> 00:02:53,760

with people who all have such diverse

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00:02:57,589 --> 00:02:56,400

perspectives and experiences but have

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00:03:00,149 --> 00:02:57,599

really learned how to mesh and work

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00:03:02,550 --> 00:03:00,159

together as a team

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00:03:05,110 --> 00:03:02,560

i definitely would want to thank my

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00:03:06,470 --> 00:03:05,120

family for supporting me on this journey

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00:03:08,309 --> 00:03:06,480

they've always

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00:03:10,949 --> 00:03:08,319

been there for me and pushed me to chase

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00:03:12,869 --> 00:03:10,959

my dreams and been super supportive

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00:03:15,430 --> 00:03:12,879

every time i stumble or fall helping me

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00:03:17,190 --> 00:03:15,440

get back up and try again without them

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00:03:20,070 --> 00:03:17,200

you know to hold me accountable to push

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00:03:22,510 --> 00:03:20,080

me i definitely wouldn't be standing