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00:00:11,110 --> 00:00:08,870
in recognition of african american

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00:00:13,190 --> 00:00:11,120
history month nasa salutes the

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00:00:15,669 --> 00:00:13,200
contributions of african americans to

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00:00:18,310 --> 00:00:15,679
the cause of space exploration

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00:00:20,710 --> 00:00:18,320
i am vincent lavelle johnson i am the

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00:00:23,029 --> 00:00:20,720
chief of the logistics division here at

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00:00:24,870 --> 00:00:23,039
the nasa johnson space center

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00:00:27,830 --> 00:00:24,880
i used to build the ravel models the

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00:00:29,269 --> 00:00:27,840
gemini the apollo the mercury capsules

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00:00:30,950 --> 00:00:29,279
put all that together

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00:00:33,190 --> 00:00:30,960
even back then

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00:00:35,510 --> 00:00:33,200
never gave any real thought of you know

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00:00:36,549 --> 00:00:35,520

working for for nasa everything that i

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00:00:37,830 --> 00:00:36,559

had seen

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00:00:39,590 --> 00:00:37,840

from

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00:00:41,990 --> 00:00:39,600

nasa there was

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00:00:44,470 --> 00:00:42,000

one particular dynamic that

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00:00:46,470 --> 00:00:44,480

was always illustrated and

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00:00:48,510 --> 00:00:46,480

it was readily apparent that i didn't

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00:00:52,389 --> 00:00:48,520

meet the pigmentation

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00:00:54,630 --> 00:00:52,399

qualifications to work at nasa but

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00:00:56,790 --> 00:00:54,640

lo and behold later when i found myself

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00:00:59,029 --> 00:00:56,800

working out here it was like wow this is

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00:01:01,189 --> 00:00:59,039

the the same things that you kind of see

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00:01:04,070 --> 00:01:01,199

on on tv

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00:01:05,990 --> 00:01:04,080

i find it very interesting that

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00:01:08,149 --> 00:01:06,000

the younger side of my life the most

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00:01:10,950 --> 00:01:08,159

notable thing during the civil rights

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00:01:12,870 --> 00:01:10,960

when dr king was assassinated he was in

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00:01:14,789 --> 00:01:12,880

my hometown of memphis and that was for

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00:01:16,550 --> 00:01:14,799

the strike on the sanitation workers and

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00:01:17,910 --> 00:01:16,560

what a lot of people don't know is the

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00:01:20,630 --> 00:01:17,920

african-american

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00:01:22,950 --> 00:01:20,640

uh sanitation workers they were striking

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00:01:24,630 --> 00:01:22,960

because they wanted at least equal or

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00:01:26,870 --> 00:01:24,640

comparable pay

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00:01:29,670 --> 00:01:26,880

i'd say that

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00:01:31,749 --> 00:01:29,680

the variety and the category and

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00:01:32,950 --> 00:01:31,759

classifications of

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00:01:35,990 --> 00:01:32,960

employment

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00:01:37,270 --> 00:01:36,000

that are potentially available

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00:01:39,109 --> 00:01:37,280

to me now

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00:01:40,789 --> 00:01:39,119

they weren't available to my they

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00:01:43,109 --> 00:01:40,799

were't available to my dad

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00:01:45,590 --> 00:01:43,119

my dad always used to say one thing over

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00:01:47,350 --> 00:01:45,600

and over and over as long as we were

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00:01:49,350 --> 00:01:47,360

coming up you know always son if you

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00:01:51,109 --> 00:01:49,360

follow right right will follow you he