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00:00:09,059 --> 00:00:12,299  
(Music)

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00:00:12,299 --> 00:00:18,800  
It's Matt.

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00:00:18,800 --> 00:00:22,680  
I guess I wanted to know what you did to prepare  
for the mission.

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Well, when I was accepted to the Astronaut  
Corp, I spent about two and a half years as

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an astronaut candidate just training in the  
basic skills required to be able to be eligible

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for a mission.

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Once I was assigned to this mission, I spend  
another two and a half years training specifically

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for this mission learning the Russian language,  
space station systems, how to do spacewalks

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and robotic arm training all the things I  
would need for this particular mission.

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So in all, to get up here where I am today  
was about a five year training flow.

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And that was spent not only at Johnson Space

Center but with our International Partners

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all over the world, Japan, Canada in Europe  
and in Russia.

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So it's been a tremendous experience.

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Do you guys have internet on the space craft?

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00:01:08,869 --> 00:01:09,869  
(Laughter)

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00:01:09,869 --> 00:01:13,000  
You guys got Instagram, Facebook, what's  
your handle?

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00:01:13,000 --> 00:01:18,109  
Yeah, we do have internet, it's a little  
slow but it's workable.

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00:01:18,109 --> 00:01:25,280  
And it's a great capability, to communicate  
you know for things like social media but

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also email.

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00:01:26,450 --> 00:01:34,960  
My name on Instagram which is the same on  
Twitter is stationcdrkelly.

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00:01:34,960 --> 00:01:39,109  
My question is what do you miss most about  
being on Earth?

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The ability to just kind of go outside to go where you want to go, hop in your car and

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go out to eat or just to go out for a walk with family is something that I do miss that

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I guess I really didn't think would be, that I'd miss that much with all the things

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that we have the ability to do up here.

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Being in space for this length of time, are there any punch up or anything like that?

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Are you prepared to be in close quarters with everyone else?

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No, I've never encountered that kind of thing.

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You know NASA and their International Partners do a pretty good job in vetting the people

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they send up here and we're all pretty I think easy to get along with, especially in

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this environment.

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You know, those thing do happen, I've heard stories, of them happening, but I've never

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experienced any of it personally.

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Hello Commander, I just wanted to know, were you a kid that wanted to be an astronaut or

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did it happen for you later?

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You know I did, but I grew up in the New York, New Jersey metropolitan area, so I also wanted

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to play baseball for the Mets and football for the Giants.

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So yeah I did, but it was one of those goals I never thought I would actually you know

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achieve or be in a position where I you know, could even be competitive so it wasn't until

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later in life, I was in the Navy as a Navy test pilot that I decided to apply and was

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fortunate enough to get selected.

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Hey Scott Kelly, I've heard so much about you from this lady right here.

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All good things

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00:03:24,379 --> 00:03:29,810  
But one thing I'm really really curious  
about I hope you can help me out here, what

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is the infamous task that a pilot has to do  
on a shuttle mission?

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00:03:34,840 --> 00:03:40,269  
I'm really curious about this so, if you  
could enlighten me that would be great.

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00:03:40,269 --> 00:03:45,860  
I think what Tracy is probably joking about  
by asking that question and talking about

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is the fact that the pilot of the space shuttle  
is responsible for the maintenance of the

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toilet on the space shuttle.

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00:03:55,900 --> 00:04:02,469  
And that might be funny to her, but the reason  
they have the pilot do that is it's a critical

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00:04:02,469 --> 00:04:07,109  
task that without a toilet you're not going  
anywhere.

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00:04:07,109 --> 00:04:12,400  
So they will only entrust that to the most  
talented and capable person on a space craft

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(Laughter)

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Thank you so much