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- AT: 01:05:09 One, one thing I like to, to ask folks, um, especially in wrapping up, Uh, so you, you have children.
- YL: 01:05:20 One.
- AT: 01:05:21 You have a child. Um, if you could pass on any kind of legacy or, or message that your, your child's and maybe grandchildren or future generations, um, something that they would just understand and have learned from you, what would you want that to be?
- YL: 01:05:47 Well, my son has three children. My son is half Japanese. His children are one quarter Japanese. They all get comments. Well, the little one is only five, but they get comments about who, what kind of person are they? They look different. I don't think you're white. And there wasn't, no, we're not white, but we're American. That still happens, you know, in this day and age, my granddaughter's 13, she, she only faults me for being so short because she wants to be taller and blames me for the fact that she's not going to be six feet tall, which is what she thinks she has to be to be a good volleyball player. Said sorry, can't do anything about that. And um, it's interesting that that's what, that's what concerns is my height. You know, she likes being part Japanese. She likes it when she's in the sun a lot in the summer and she turns bronze when her friends turn red and she said, must be by Japanese blood. You know, I thought, well that was never said, you know, 30 years ago. But, um, I would like them and I think they're learning because their father is very good about it. To be kind to everyone and not be phased by appearances, good or bad, good or bad. And that if somebody reacts to them superficially, find out why, you know, don't react to the fact that they've insulted you. You know? Why would you say that? And it's hard to do that in the face of somebody yelling at you or calling you names. Just say, well, why? Why would you say that? What have I done to you? I don't

know if they'll do that. I know my granddaughter 13, my grandson 9, and my other grandson 5. But if we keep saying the same thing for the same interactions, maybe they'll learn that. But if they're just kind to everyone, I think that'll help in the long run.

AT: 01:08:40 Well, thank you so much.

YL: 01:08:41 Oh, you're absolutely welcome.

AT: 01:08:43 For taking the time.

YL: 01:08:43 You're absolutely welcome.

AT: 01:08:45 Um, is, before we wrap up, is there anything else that you'd like to add or that we might have missed or maybe Karen, that there's something else that you wanted to?

YL: 01:08:54 Well, you're only going til November 19. The marvelous exhibit. Marvelous. I learned so much and I wanted to come. How do you attract people who don't want to come, to come? Thank you for everything you do.

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