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- AT: 01:24:07 One question I like to finish up these conversations with is, if you could leave any type of legacy or, or message for maybe your children or grandchildren. What's something you would want them to know or understand? Or leave with them?
- CY: 01:24:33 Yeah, it's, it's very hard. If I could leave one thing it's try not to apologize for yourself, because we were always going to do things we're going to regret. And it's, it's part of human nature. And uh, and one of the things I'm very grateful for are my friends and the community. Whenever I could do, I was never very good about doing things about, what I should have done. But on the other hand, I'm not going to beat myself up over it, you know. And I thought maybe talking to you about this would help, a little bit. I don't know, you might edit the whole thing out. But it's very, very hard to regather old memories, you know? So um, I hope it worked out.
- AT: 01:25:30 Well, and is there anything, any final things you might like to add? Or that I might have missed in this conversation?
- CY: 01:25:36 Well, you know, I can't think of anything right now. There might have been. There are so many things. A person who's been here for a long time and so many things have happened. Uh, but I think the most important, significant event was the camp. I didn't realize that before, I thought so what. It was like something I shrugged off. But now that I've gotten older, I realize the significance of what happened. And uh, the barbed wire and the whole thing of being separated from my parents. And uh, being in, in a school where I only spoke Japanese for a long time and how frustrated and angry it made my teacher and. But you know, it's, it's interesting. You don't think it of that way, until you get older and realize that was quite an experience. You know, you think, you just sort of shrug it off. But it really is something.

AT: 01:26:50 Well, thank you so much for, for coming in and sharing with me.

CY: 01:26:55 It's almost like a therapy session. I mean you know going over all those memories has a profound affect, you know. I'm sure you talk to a lot of people and I'm sure they have the same reaction. Yeah, because everyone had a different experience but it's still the same experience in some ways.

AT: 01:27:26 Mhm.

CY: 01:20:15 You know, yeah, and um I, I suppose for some it was a good experience. And for others like my father, if you had my father here, it be a very different thing, you know. And uh, it's interesting.

AT: 01:27:47 Well, thank you again for coming in.

CY: 01:20:15 Oh, you're welcome. I hope I see you again someday.

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