



**SEASON # 1   EPISODE # 3   QUARTER # 1**

**THEME:** AWARENESS THROUGH HONESTY

**TITLE:** HERE'S WHAT WE'VE NOTICED: Our Current Observations

**MONOLOGUE QUESTION:** Are you aware of what makes you diverse & are you equally aware of what makes you exceptional?

**SEGMENT GOAL:** Share current observations about the culture of diversity and inclusion in the media and through social sharing, and set the stage for a deeper conversation about how culture shapes societal expectations.

**KEY POINTS:**

- In 2019, more than any year I'd observed before, I noticed a concentration in the media and among social shares on



various platforms about exceptional people who were diagnosed as being on the autism spectrum

- Kodi Lee, AGT winner who has an exceptional talent as a musician and who shared his victory on national television to emphasize the value of providing attention and resources to all individuals to offer equal opportunities to "win at life"
- Here in Florida, a local lawyer, Haley Moss, was featured in the media and became a local icon for being the "1<sup>st</sup> openly autistic lawyer" in Florida ---being visible "opens the door for others to learn"
- Great Thunberg, named TIME's Person of the Year, for her exceptional advocacy for change in environmental incentives
- Commonalities here: people love these stories, share them, and believe in them --- But WHY?
- Leaning on the success of the movie Rainman, something powerful happens when we show people how to SEE and feel the exceptional experience



**CTA:** Spend your week identifying your exceptional qualities. Write them down, take a mental note, share them with someone, us if you'd like!

**CREATIVE CONNECTION:** "When I was a kid I thought Zootopia was this perfect place. Where everyone got along and anyone could be anything. Turns out real life's a little bit more complicated than a slogan on a bumper sticker. Real life is messy. We all have limitations. We all make mistakes. Which means, hey, glass half-full we all have a lot in common. And the more we try to understand one another the more exceptional each of us will be. But we have to try. So, no matter what type of animal you are...I implore you, try. Try to make the world a better place. Look inside yourself and recognize that change starts with you. It starts with me. It starts with all of us." -Disney's Zootopia, The Movie

**MANTRA:** I AM EXCEPTIONAL. I am more than my outer appearance and the obvious details which label me as different or diverse. I am more than my hidden labels too. I AM COMMITTED to SEEing myself for ALL that makes me exceptional.