

**Growing up, Sun-Hee Lee (now Sunny)** was born a bastard child with a cleft palate, living in a cave with no electricity or running water, with only her mother caring for her.

Sunny ended up in an orphanage, and was eventually led to her parents in the U.S., who she imagined were looking up at the very stars she looked at every night while in Seoul, South Korea.

Today, Sunny shares this message of hope and the journey to her new life in the United States to inspire leaders to have the courage to be more vulnerable and honest, sparking a renewed desire to be a shining star for others you cross on your path.

## **Main Points**

Perseverance is more than just the ability to get through adversity, but what ultimately molds us into the person we become.

We are not destined to be our circumstances. Our lives are meant for a much greater purpose.

Perseverance allows us to be vulnerable; we have to let go of what we can't control and keep moving forward.

"How we persevere, like stars piercing the night sky, that's what shapes who we are."