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Welcome, everybody, to the Ogden  
Way Podcast, a place where we talk

0:00:12.750,0:00:16.208  
about the stories of Ogden  
by telling the stories of Ogden???'s people.

0:00:16.666,0:00:19.958  
And we have today  
one of Ogden's best people.

0:00:20.125,0:00:22.708  
Thanks for Jennie Taylor.  
I'm excited to be here.

0:00:22.708,0:00:25.625  
This is great. I love what you're doing  
and getting the Ogden way out there.

0:00:25.625,0:00:26.333  
Thank you.

0:00:26.333,0:00:30.625  
Well, you are absolutely somebody  
who lives and breathes the Ogden way.

0:00:30.916,0:00:33.208  
Which is funny  
because I did grow up around here,

0:00:33.208,0:00:36.791  
and I kind of made fun of the people  
who stayed around here for generations.

0:00:37.166,0:00:39.833  
And I could not wait to get out of here.

0:00:39.833,0:00:41.833  
And then life takes twists and turns  
and I'm back.

0:00:41.833,0:00:44.708  
And I can't imagine anywhere else  
I'd rather be.

0:00:44.708,0:00:46.500  
Actually, I felt the same way I came here.

0:00:47.500,0:00:49.250  
I loved it while I was here.

0:00:49.250,0:00:49.708  
Sure.

0:00:49.708,0:00:50.916  
Me and my teammates, we all thought

0:00:50.916,0:00:53.541  
we were going to go somewhere else,  
and we all came back and just.

0:00:53.541,0:00:56.500  
I know, and it's just is a place  
that captures your heart and here.

0:00:56.500,0:00:57.333  
And here we are.

0:00:57.333,0:00:58.583  
It's a great place to be here.

0:00:58.583,0:01:01.583  
Well, actually, I think it's  
because we meet people like you

0:01:01.625,0:01:05.208  
and like so many others,

and we become connected with each other.

0:01:05.208,0:01:06.375

And it's just.

0:01:06.375,0:01:08.750

I don't just want to leave Ogden  
I don't want to leave my people.

0:01:08.750,0:01:11.125

No, it's a community effort  
for sure. For sure.

0:01:11.125,0:01:13.500

It takes a village  
and we have a village for all generations.

0:01:13.500,0:01:15.083

Not just little kids, right?

0:01:15.083,0:01:17.750

Yeah. Yeah. Well,  
thanks for being in our village.

0:01:17.750,0:01:19.875

Me and Jaynee love you to death.  
Thanks for leading the village.

0:01:19.875,0:01:22.166

Oh, yeah. You know, I'm  
willing to do. You???re doing great things.

0:01:22.166,0:01:24.166

Some great things.  
I love what you and the city are doing.

0:01:24.166,0:01:27.125

Your leadership is noticed. So.  
Thank you. Wow, thanks.

0:01:27.125,0:01:28.000

Appreciate that.

0:01:28.000,0:01:31.333

People don't say such  
kind things to me often, but thank you.

0:01:32.166,0:01:36.583

So here on the podcast, we talk obviously  
about our people here in Oregon,

0:01:37.125,0:01:39.708

but we like to get to the root of it.

0:01:39.708,0:01:43.000

Get to the heart of who we are  
and I know who you are.

0:01:43.000,0:01:44.500

And I think a lot of people know  
who you are.

0:01:44.500,0:01:46.416

But for those that don't.

0:01:46.416,0:01:48.250

Let's talk about Jennie like.

0:01:49.458,0:01:50.666

Okay I'm ready.

0:01:50.666,0:01:52.500

Yep. I have accurate information.

0:01:52.500,0:01:53.375

Well, it's my memory.

0:01:53.375,0:01:55.666

And for anybody watching,  
she's not one to brag on herself.

0:01:55.666,0:01:57.791  
So I'm kind of having to pull this out.

0:01:57.791,0:01:58.333  
Right.

0:01:58.333,0:02:01.166  
But you'll be impressed  
with what we pull out of here.

0:02:01.166,0:02:04.166  
So, Jennie,

0:02:04.166,0:02:07.166  
let's let's start with you grew up.

0:02:07.166,0:02:09.666  
Tell us where you grew  
up. Tell us the story.

0:02:09.666,0:02:13.333  
So my name is Jennie Taylor, and  
I consider myself a North Ogden native.

0:02:13.666,0:02:16.666  
That's where my family moved  
when I was in sixth grade.

0:02:17.083,0:02:19.125  
Prior to that, I was born in Salt Lake.

0:02:19.125,0:02:22.875  
My parents marriage and finances  
got a little rocky when I was younger.

0:02:22.875,0:02:24.500  
We moved around several times.

0:02:24.500,0:02:27.541  
I was in North Ogden for a quick minute  
in second grade.

0:02:28.083,0:02:31.333  
We moved to Omaha, Nebraska  
for a few years when my mom was employed

0:02:31.333,0:02:33.375  
by Union Pacific Railroad.

0:02:33.375,0:02:36.291  
And then my dad died by suicide  
when I was in fifth grade. Wow.

0:02:36.291,0:02:39.666  
And that's what brought us to North Ogden,  
because by that point, my grandfather

0:02:39.666,0:02:42.750  
and my grandparents  
had, a home in North Ogden.

0:02:43.208,0:02:47.083  
And so my mom, now  
a widowed mother of four young kids,

0:02:47.791,0:02:51.666  
was looking for work, was looking  
for a village, was looking for hope.

0:02:52.041,0:02:54.916  
And so we moved back and ended up  
living literally

0:02:54.916,0:02:57.916  
just down the street and around the corner

from Grandma and Grandpa.

0:02:57.916,0:02:59.791  
And that's some of my earliest memories.

0:02:59.791,0:03:00.708  
Sixth grade and forward.

0:03:00.708,0:03:04.583  
So I'm a Greenacres Grizzly for anyone  
listening North Ogden Knight

0:03:04.916,0:03:06.166  
and a Weber Warrior.

0:03:06.166,0:03:07.375  
So this is home.

0:03:07.375,0:03:09.666  
As long as you're not a Montana grizzly.  
I'm gonna like you.

0:03:09.666,0:03:12.458  
And I'm a green acres. Green acres.

0:03:12.458,0:03:15.125  
Got some history there.  
So you're a North Ogden,

0:03:16.208,0:03:18.083  
kid. And

0:03:18.083,0:03:21.083  
I know that  
you still consider yourself an Ogden kid.

0:03:21.250,0:03:23.375  
We are a greater Ogden community.

0:03:23.375,0:03:25.416  
I go home for sure. And

0:03:25.416,0:03:28.833  
and really, it's thanks to so many people  
you and I were talking off air.

0:03:29.375,0:03:34.250  
The people who, Who are our village,  
who are our community.

0:03:34.250,0:03:36.458  
I think back to junior  
high and high school.

0:03:36.458,0:03:38.333  
You know, statistically speaking,

0:03:38.333,0:03:41.333  
I was raised by a single mom  
who had a high school diploma.

0:03:41.375,0:03:44.750  
I had two older brothers  
who got heavily involved in and drinking

0:03:44.750,0:03:46.875  
and all kinds of addictive substances.

0:03:46.875,0:03:48.625  
My dad had died by suicide.

0:03:48.625,0:03:52.791  
In a generation where we did not say  
the word suicide out loud.

0:03:53.208,0:03:56.500  
Statistically speaking,  
I should have been a train wreck.

0:03:56.875,0:03:59.791  
All kinds of sociological issues.

0:03:59.791,0:04:02.875  
When in reality, what happened  
was I found great friends.

0:04:03.500,0:04:06.208  
I found great teachers.

0:04:06.208,0:04:09.041  
I found great parents of my friends

0:04:09.041,0:04:11.500  
who just became  
those role models that I needed.

0:04:11.500,0:04:13.333  
And you know what it was?

0:04:13.333,0:04:15.333  
They didn't sit down  
and tell me what not to do

0:04:15.333,0:04:18.625  
and how to be careful of my upbringing  
and try to break the norm

0:04:18.625,0:04:21.916  
of what statistically  
might be expected of my background.

0:04:22.625,0:04:24.958  
They saw what was good in me.

0:04:24.958,0:04:27.875  
They saw maybe what I was good at  
or what I could do.

0:04:27.875,0:04:30.583  
And they encouraged that,  
and they encouraged me.

0:04:30.583,0:04:34.875  
And I think of those those teachers  
and especially friends, parents often,

0:04:35.375,0:04:38.125  
particularly in the last few years  
where life has flipped upside down

0:04:38.125,0:04:39.541  
a couple of times.

0:04:39.541,0:04:41.416  
I go back to those young memories.

0:04:41.416,0:04:44.208  
Not that I ever want to go back to junior  
high and high school.

0:04:44.208,0:04:46.583  
Don't get me wrong,  
it was a great while it lasted.

0:04:46.583,0:04:49.416  
But some of those  
earliest lessons of resilience,

0:04:49.416,0:04:52.625  
some of those earliest opportunities  
to build confidence.

0:04:52.958,0:04:55.458  
You know, I think back in our day,  
you didn't get the confidence.

0:04:55.458,0:04:56.666  
You had to build it.

0:04:56.666,0:04:59.666  
There was no trophy for playing  
like if you lost, you lost.

0:05:00.125,0:05:01.625  
And losing is hard.

0:05:01.625,0:05:03.833  
But if you could find something  
you were good at and

0:05:03.833,0:05:06.166  
and like I said, that's  
what some of the greatest mentors

0:05:06.166,0:05:09.625  
in my life, all from this Ogden area,  
really helped me with.

0:05:10.083,0:05:11.750  
There were plenty of things  
I wasn't good at.

0:05:11.750,0:05:12.875  
I'm not athletic.

0:05:12.875,0:05:14.208  
I was never the popular girl.

0:05:14.208,0:05:16.750  
I had frizzy red hair  
and could never really know

0:05:16.750,0:05:18.750  
what to do with it to this day.

0:05:18.750,0:05:21.000  
But there were things I could do

0:05:21.000,0:05:22.041  
and then I could kind of

0:05:22.041,0:05:25.166  
just get into that lane  
and find my own level of excellence

0:05:25.166,0:05:29.875  
and my own level of confidence that comes  
with working hard and overcoming.

0:05:29.875,0:05:32.750  
And I'll tell you, that's carried me  
through now four and a half decades.

0:05:32.750,0:05:35.750  
Well,  
so you've always been this confident.

0:05:36.083,0:05:37.583  
Well, I don't know.

0:05:37.583,0:05:42.333  
I think you I think if you met people  
who knew me in junior high and high school

0:05:42.625,0:05:45.541  
and people who know me today  
in my mid 40s,

0:05:45.541,0:05:48.125  
they say, yeah,  
that's Jennie Ashworth Taylor,

0:05:48.125,0:05:51.458  
I think if you knew people

who only knew me in the middle when,

0:05:51.458,0:05:54.000

I don??it know how much of the story  
to jump into.

0:05:54.000,0:05:56.750

My husband I met on a blind date at BYU.

0:05:56.750,0:05:59.208

I had a master's degree,  
but as soon as my kids were born,

0:05:59.208,0:06:02.125

I quit my job  
and stayed home to raise my kids.

0:06:02.125,0:06:05.750

I've given birth seven times  
and drive a big white van.

0:06:06.166,0:06:08.208

And living that life in the middle.

0:06:08.208,0:06:11.541

It was a time of growth and development

0:06:12.166,0:06:15.416

that I feel prepared me  
for some of what life

0:06:15.416,0:06:18.500

looks like in my mid-forties,  
based on what I learned in my teens.

0:06:18.750,0:06:20.583

But I'll tell you,  
the 20s and 30s were rough

0:06:20.583,0:06:22.625

because I'm not domestically gifted.

0:06:22.625,0:06:24.375

That is not one of my strengths.

0:06:24.375,0:06:25.333

Can ask my kids.

0:06:25.333,0:06:29.333

I probably shouldn't have been the woman  
that had the seven kids, but here we are.

0:06:29.333,0:06:33.125

I know God knew I needed to, to learn  
and to grow with each of them.

0:06:33.125,0:06:37.250

And the greatest joys and  
the hardest hearts come from family life.

0:06:37.291,0:06:39.416

I think we can all agree that.

0:06:39.416,0:06:42.083

But I've always valued hard work.

0:06:42.083,0:06:46.291

I've always valued education  
for education sake, and

0:06:46.958,0:06:50.125

I think some of the greatest lessons  
I've learned, whether it's confidence or

0:06:50.125,0:06:51.500

not, is just

0:06:52.500,0:06:55.625

getting back  
up and maybe a little bit of a challenge.

0:06:55.750,0:06:56.833  
I don't know about you.

0:06:56.833,0:06:58.708  
I think you might kind of  
be a little similar,

0:06:58.708,0:07:02.333  
where maybe someone thought you couldn't  
do something, maybe.

0:07:02.375,0:07:05.291  
And so that might be the motive  
to do something,

0:07:05.291,0:07:08.375  
you know, and so or might start that way  
and then it turns into something bigger.

0:07:08.375,0:07:10.166  
Or it turns into something. Yeah. Yeah.

0:07:10.166,0:07:12.166  
So I don't know that  
I always had confidence.

0:07:12.166,0:07:14.666  
I in fact, I would say no, as a younger  
girl, I didn't.

0:07:14.666,0:07:16.916  
I look back  
now, I'm like I completely had anxiety.

0:07:16.916,0:07:18.916  
We just didn't know the terms for it.

0:07:18.916,0:07:22.583  
I was very self-conscious again,  
bright red hair.

0:07:22.583,0:07:26.416  
When we moved from Utah to Nebraska,  
I was horrendously behind in school.

0:07:27.250,0:07:31.083  
Not to point fingers in anybody's  
education system, but Utah's is very full

0:07:31.583,0:07:34.083  
and not funded. Super  
high versus Nebraska.

0:07:34.083,0:07:39.333  
I think we had 16 kids in my class and two  
classes in my whole grade at the school.

0:07:39.333,0:07:41.333  
Property taxes were much higher.

0:07:41.333,0:07:43.833  
The education system was further advanced.

0:07:43.833,0:07:47.041  
So when we got there as a ten year old,  
I was very behind.

0:07:47.041,0:07:50.041  
I remember coming home from school  
every day and crying

0:07:50.083,0:07:53.666  
and the flip side,  
when we moved back to Utah.

0:07:54.458,0:07:57.083  
From that point on, if you were further ahead, and that's what I was good at.

0:07:57.083,0:07:58.291  
I was good at academics.

0:07:58.291,0:08:01.166  
I was good at getting the grade  
I, I could sing and act,

0:08:01.166,0:08:04.041  
and I did some of those theatrical things  
as the extracurricular.

0:08:04.041,0:08:08.041  
But the lane I really found  
was I could academically excel.

0:08:08.791,0:08:12.791  
And that finding confidence in that lane,  
that one lane

0:08:13.208,0:08:17.125  
helped, helped me grow  
through some of the lack of confidence

0:08:17.125,0:08:18.791  
I had in a lot of other lanes,

0:08:18.791,0:08:21.333  
and there'd be maybe some advice  
I'd give to someone listening.

0:08:21.333,0:08:23.458  
It's really easy to wish  
we could be good at everything.

0:08:23.458,0:08:26.750  
We all want to be Superman  
and do all of the things, and Instagram

0:08:26.750,0:08:29.875  
makes it look like we all do,  
when in reality

0:08:30.708,0:08:33.250  
I say lean into what you are good at,

0:08:33.250,0:08:36.625  
really lean into those passions  
you have, maybe those strengths,

0:08:37.166,0:08:39.791  
and see if you can develop  
some confidence in that.

0:08:39.791,0:08:42.291  
Then maybe you can dabble  
in the things you're terrible at,

0:08:42.291,0:08:44.666  
or maybe you can just set those aside.

0:08:44.666,0:08:47.625  
But I think real confidence  
has to come in.

0:08:47.625,0:08:51.375  
And finding kind of where your passions  
and your abilities intersect with

0:08:51.375,0:08:55.833  
maybe a need in the world,  
and then you can develop that confidence

0:08:55.833,0:08:58.833  
to push through some of the things

maybe you're not naturally very good at,

0:08:58.875,0:09:01.875  
because I'm not naturally good  
at plenty of things.

0:09:01.916,0:09:05.208  
Unfortunately, motherhood and domestic  
life were at the top of that list,

0:09:05.458,0:09:07.291  
but I persevere. I pushed through.

0:09:07.291,0:09:11.500  
Hey, my mom, my mom told me one time  
she said, lower your standard as a parent.

0:09:11.500,0:09:12.625  
Yeah, just lower the expectations.

0:09:12.625,0:09:14.875  
Telling this to Jody Brown,  
who you know and love.

0:09:14.875,0:09:16.291  
Love Jody Brown I do.

0:09:16.291,0:09:18.666  
If you have this expectation  
for perfection.

0:09:18.666,0:09:21.541  
Things are not going to go very well  
for them or for you, for them or for you.

0:09:21.541,0:09:24.250  
And that's  
that's the lesson. Definitely learning.

0:09:24.250,0:09:28.625  
My oldest son just turned 18,  
and my next son just congratulated me

0:09:28.625,0:09:30.833  
for making it through. Two kids  
turning 18.

0:09:30.833,0:09:32.000  
He's like, mom, you did it.

0:09:32.000,0:09:33.333  
You've got two kids. 18.

0:09:33.333,0:09:34.291  
It's a big deal.

0:09:34.291,0:09:34.875  
It's a big deal.

0:09:34.875,0:09:36.958  
You've done awesome. And five more to go.

0:09:36.958,0:09:38.708  
Well, now you're back in Utah.

0:09:38.708,0:09:40.416  
Yep. You found community.

0:09:40.416,0:09:41.791  
Yeah, but you talk about friends.

0:09:41.791,0:09:44.583  
You found neighbors  
and a whole support network.

0:09:44.583,0:09:47.083  
That's that's finding community.  
You also found faith.

0:09:47.083,0:09:49.041  
And eventually it sounds like  
you found the love of your life.

0:09:49.041,0:09:50.458  
I did. Lucky for you.

0:09:50.458,0:09:55.208  
I found this kid on a blind date  
that, wanted to join the army.

0:09:55.708,0:09:58.625  
And I remember that came up on  
maybe our second date, and I thought

0:09:59.791,0:10:01.916  
I kind of had, like, a physical reaction.

0:10:01.916,0:10:05.875  
I can remember when he mentioned wanting  
to join the military shortly after 911.

0:10:05.875,0:10:08.041  
This is the very beginning of 2003.

0:10:08.041,0:10:10.458  
So we were not yet at war in Iraq.

0:10:10.458,0:10:12.916  
We were barely in Afghanistan.

0:10:12.916,0:10:16.125  
For the most part,  
National Guardsmen prior to this had been

0:10:16.666,0:10:19.166  
training military part time military.

0:10:19.166,0:10:21.708  
And I remember, early  
dating him, mentioning

0:10:21.708,0:10:23.250  
that he wanted to join the military.

0:10:23.250,0:10:25.125  
And I

0:10:25.125,0:10:27.625  
just kind of had that.

0:10:27.625,0:10:28.875  
I don't know what to say to that.

0:10:28.875,0:10:31.375  
And then I thought, why do I care?  
I don't even this kid.

0:10:31.375,0:10:33.083  
But anyway. You???re like it's  
not going to lead to anything.

0:10:33.083,0:10:34.833  
It's not going to do anything. It did.

0:10:34.833,0:10:37.833  
So the entire time  
Brent and I were dating,

0:10:37.833,0:10:41.083  
I joke he was courting me,  
and the recruiters were courting him.

0:10:41.625,0:10:44.750  
And in the middle of June of 2003,

0:10:45.291,0:10:48.500

we walked hand in hand  
into the recruiter's office, three days

0:10:48.500,0:10:51.541  
after he had,  
and he had proposed to me, he married.

0:10:52.041,0:10:55.041  
So his military service was always ours.

0:10:55.083,0:10:58.291  
And, you know, part of that,  
I joke that I had a master's degree

0:10:58.291,0:11:03.000  
and a ton of ambition, and I quit my job  
to stay home and be a mom.

0:11:03.000,0:11:05.208  
And I don't regret it for a minute.

0:11:05.208,0:11:10.166  
It was also part of that military life  
where, you know, a lot of military spouses

0:11:10.166,0:11:14.000  
struggle to find meaningful employment,  
whether they're moving around a lot

0:11:14.000,0:11:15.791  
or have a deployed spouse on and off.

0:11:15.791,0:11:19.041  
So, Brent, I joke there's no way

0:11:19.041,0:11:23.250  
he could have done what he did  
had I not been willing to do what I did.

0:11:23.333,0:11:26.666  
And we knew that  
and we had a very open partnership, right?

0:11:26.666,0:11:27.208  
Very.

0:11:27.208,0:11:30.208  
You could call it traditional gender roles  
if you want.

0:11:30.291,0:11:33.250  
I was not a doormat,  
in case anyone's wondering,

0:11:33.250,0:11:36.625  
but he was the one gainfully employed,  
and I stayed home with all those kiddos.

0:11:37.166,0:11:41.000  
He deployed to Iraq twice early  
in our marriage when we had two kids.

0:11:41.583,0:11:44.416  
He went to Afghanistan  
when we had four kids.

0:11:44.416,0:11:48.416  
At the same time, he had been elected as  
a member of the North Ogden City Council,

0:11:48.416,0:11:53.916  
so I have a heart for city government  
and your family, what they go

0:11:53.916,0:11:57.333  
through and support you to be able  
to do what you do for your citizens.

0:11:57.333,0:11:59.208  
So thank you and them for that.

0:11:59.208,0:11:59.875  
You???re welcome.

0:11:59.875,0:12:02.375  
About partway through that first term  
as a city councilman.

0:12:02.375,0:12:05.375  
He got deployed  
and went to Afghanistan for a year.

0:12:05.458,0:12:07.958  
They put a temporary councilman,  
and he came home.

0:12:07.958,0:12:12.208  
And then for five, six years went by  
and he served on the council.

0:12:12.208,0:12:14.041  
He was elected as mayor.

0:12:14.041,0:12:15.125  
We had a couple more kids.

0:12:15.125,0:12:18.750  
Pretty soon we're up to seven  
and we're getting old at this point,

0:12:18.875,0:12:21.875  
we're both 38,  
which is, in the military's world,

0:12:21.958,0:12:23.750  
kind of old.  
I mean, the generals are older,

0:12:23.750,0:12:26.750  
but the young guys,  
they're the young guys, right?

0:12:27.166,0:12:30.791  
And so when I was seven months pregnant  
with our seventh baby,

0:12:31.541,0:12:34.916  
Brent had gone to some National Guard  
meetings down at the headquarters

0:12:34.916,0:12:38.791  
in Draper, Utah, sent me a text message  
after a meeting

0:12:38.791,0:12:42.333  
that just said, hey, hun,  
when I get home, we need to talk.

0:12:43.333,0:12:45.958  
And that was I already knew.

0:12:45.958,0:12:47.041  
Deployed again.

0:12:47.041,0:12:49.583  
Yeah so he was on his way  
to Afghanistan again.

0:12:49.583,0:12:52.833  
So it came as a surprise to all of us,  
to both of us.

0:12:53.250,0:12:55.833  
The military is very good at on again,  
off again.

0:12:55.833,0:12:59.375  
You're not really going anywhere till you  
have orders and you're going somewhere.

0:12:59.916,0:13:04.375  
And so we didn't publicize it  
a lot at first.

0:13:04.375,0:13:06.750  
We were kind of waiting to see  
what would happen.

0:13:06.750,0:13:09.916  
He was quite a bit older to be going over

0:13:09.916,0:13:13.291  
and in kind of a combat unit,  
and he was a National Guardsman.

0:13:13.916,0:13:14.500  
He was a mayor.

0:13:14.500,0:13:18.708  
He was Caucasian guy from Utah,  
and he was attached

0:13:18.708,0:13:22.916  
to the Army Ranger Regiment,  
which are like the tough guys.

0:13:23.541,0:13:25.625  
And it's funny  
to hear his side of the story

0:13:25.625,0:13:30.208  
because when he deployed and was attached  
to the Rangers, they were already there.

0:13:30.333,0:13:33.875  
He kind of added on as he got there  
to serve in an advisory role.

0:13:34.333,0:13:37.333  
They were helping advise the Afghan,

0:13:37.333,0:13:40.791  
special forces to be able  
to take over their own national security.

0:13:40.791,0:13:43.500  
So and you can imagine  
what they're expecting.

0:13:43.500,0:13:46.500  
Here's the Army Rangers, if anyone  
listening knows anything about Army

0:13:46.500,0:13:49.958  
Rangers, Navy Seals, the Delta Force,  
call them what you will.

0:13:49.958,0:13:51.583  
These guys are tough, right?

0:13:51.583,0:13:54.416  
They've got this National Guardsmen, part

0:13:54.416,0:13:57.416  
time mayor from northern Utah,

0:13:57.583,0:14:01.291  
almost 40 years  
old, coming to be their advisor guy.

0:14:01.291,0:14:02.041  
BYU grad.

0:14:02.041,0:14:05.125

They lowered the bar quite a bit.

0:14:05.125,0:14:06.958  
You speak of lowering expectations.

0:14:06.958,0:14:09.041  
They did not expect much of him.

0:14:09.041,0:14:13.500  
And when he got there,  
he he loved serving in the uniform so much

0:14:14.458,0:14:17.791  
and he knew that he was kind of walking  
into this, who's this guy?

0:14:17.833,0:14:20.416  
Environment challenge accepted him.

0:14:20.416,0:14:23.166  
And I think he was the happiest  
he'd ever been in uniform

0:14:23.166,0:14:26.041  
in best shape of his life, worked  
as hard as he could.

0:14:26.041,0:14:28.958  
He loved going to the gun range  
and holding his own with them, out

0:14:28.958,0:14:31.916  
shooting some of them  
which they weren't super happy with.

0:14:31.916,0:14:34.958  
But he again,  
confidence comes through achievement

0:14:35.625,0:14:40.583  
and he was living his best life,  
commanding those commandos and

0:14:40.708,0:14:45.750  
the special forces from the Afghan side,  
a great partnership with our NATO allies.

0:14:45.750,0:14:47.583  
At the time it was Spain.

0:14:47.583,0:14:50.208  
And every weekend  
they would go on a ruck march,

0:14:50.208,0:14:54.958  
which is a hike and physical fitness  
team building camaraderie, laughing

0:14:54.958,0:14:59.666  
and racing each other with all this body  
gear on and every weekend.

0:14:59.666,0:15:01.708  
Predictable. Very predictable.

0:15:01.708,0:15:05.708  
Somewhere along the lines,  
during that year long deployment,

0:15:06.208,0:15:09.208  
one of the Afghan commandos,  
part of the training group,

0:15:09.750,0:15:12.750  
had become indoctrinated,  
indoctrinated with,

0:15:13.333,0:15:17.041

I don't know, terroristic ideologies  
began to see the Americans

0:15:17.041,0:15:20.041  
as the enemy began  
to very specifically see Brant

0:15:20.375,0:15:23.125  
as the face of the enemy.

0:15:23.125,0:15:25.791  
And he made a cell phone video

0:15:25.791,0:15:28.916  
declaring his intentions to stop that.

0:15:29.791,0:15:32.791  
And on Saturday, November 3rd, 2018,

0:15:33.375,0:15:36.625  
the Afghan commandos shot and killed  
Brent on one of those hikes.

0:15:37.500,0:15:41.458  
Very shocking to, I don't think,  
just to me, to my kids, to our family,

0:15:42.000,0:15:46.208  
to the entire city of Ogden, North Ogden  
and the Ogden area.

0:15:46.500,0:15:50.375  
Yeah, shocking to everybody  
to his unit to his comrades.

0:15:50.458,0:15:52.500  
It was oh my God, everybody.

0:15:52.500,0:15:53.416  
It was a shock.

0:15:53.416,0:15:55.791  
I remember,  
I think the first words out of my mouth

0:15:55.791,0:15:58.833  
when I was notified,  
I really think the first thing I said was

0:15:59.500,0:16:00.625  
they killed him on a hike

0:16:02.208,0:16:03.333  
because he'd been.

0:16:03.333,0:16:05.041  
This was his fourth combat deployment.

0:16:05.041,0:16:07.458  
He's working with the Taliban,  
with ISIS, with al-Qaida.

0:16:07.458,0:16:09.541  
And they killed him on a hike. Yeah.

0:16:09.541,0:16:14.958  
And, you know, there's there's  
some peace of mind that I found in that.

0:16:14.958,0:16:19.083  
I've since met with many other  
military families who've lost someone

0:16:19.625,0:16:22.333  
or interacted with people  
who've maybe been the victim of.

0:16:22.333,0:16:23.208

I mean, it's homicide.

0:16:23.208,0:16:25.333

We don't usually call it  
homicide in the military,

0:16:25.333,0:16:28.166  
but for all intents and purposes,  
he was shot and killed.

0:16:28.166,0:16:28.791  
Yeah.

0:16:28.791,0:16:32.458  
And some of the peace of mind  
that the kids and I, Brent??s

0:16:32.458,0:16:36.000  
family we're able to have is  
we know who killed him.

0:16:36.625,0:16:39.125  
We know how and where he killed him.

0:16:39.125,0:16:41.583  
We even know why he killed him.

0:16:41.583,0:16:46.625  
And we were able to get his body back,  
which I don't think I realized how

0:16:48.000,0:16:50.166  
fortunate we were for all of those pieces

0:16:50.166,0:16:54.750  
until as the years went by,  
I've interacted with several military

0:16:54.750,0:16:57.750  
family members who've maybe  
lost their person to plane accident,

0:16:58.375,0:17:02.250  
to some type of explosion, to something  
where you're lucky if you get any remains.

0:17:02.666,0:17:06.083  
We think of repatriated remains  
that come back from World War 2,

0:17:06.125,0:17:09.125  
80years later, and the family's been left  
wondering the whole time.

0:17:09.541,0:17:11.458  
One specific memory I have.

0:17:11.458,0:17:15.416  
So Brent died in November, right around  
Election Day and Veterans Day,

0:17:15.416,0:17:16.916  
which is fitting.

0:17:16.916,0:17:20.666  
He's the first sitting politician to be  
killed in action since the Civil War.

0:17:21.541,0:17:24.375  
The following May,  
of course, would be Memorial Day.

0:17:24.375,0:17:27.000  
And my two oldest  
boys and I were invited to the white House

0:17:27.000,0:17:30.333  
for a beautiful ceremony

for families of Fallen Service members

0:17:30.333,0:17:37.000  
across generations and that there's a  
a bond there that no one wants.

0:17:37.666,0:17:41.041  
But then there's also kind of that  
small talk of, hey, tell me about your,

0:17:41.583,0:17:45.083  
deceased person and why are you here  
in the white House for Memorial Day?

0:17:45.083,0:17:47.500  
Clearly,  
that means you have a story to tell and

0:17:47.500,0:17:50.500  
I met this gentleman who was probably  
about 20 years older than I was.

0:17:51.291,0:17:54.166  
And keep in mind, this is within months  
of my husband's death.

0:17:54.166,0:17:56.125  
I've got seven little children.

0:17:56.125,0:17:59.875  
And there with two of my boys  
who were ten and 12, grieving their father

0:17:59.875,0:18:03.500  
and being paraded around the white House,  
and everything's very overwhelming.

0:18:04.166,0:18:08.125  
And this gentleman was asking me  
about about my husband, my circumstances.

0:18:08.125,0:18:12.625  
And I kind of told him the brief story  
and, and he looked at me and he said,

0:18:13.500,0:18:16.916  
I'll never forget  
just how shocking his his comment was.

0:18:17.166,0:18:17.666  
He said

0:18:18.875,0:18:21.875  
but at least you got your soldier back.

0:18:22.291,0:18:24.208  
And I just thought,  
did you not hear a word I said?

0:18:24.208,0:18:26.833  
I just said he died, I said,  
I got these kids.

0:18:26.833,0:18:28.458  
I said, we're grieving like, so hard.

0:18:28.458,0:18:30.166  
I'm thinking that, yeah.

0:18:30.166,0:18:32.541  
And then I realized what he meant.

0:18:32.541,0:18:38.083  
He was the son of a Vietnam soldier  
who is still reported

0:18:38.083,0:18:42.416  
as missing in action, presumed deceased,

but they don't know.

0:18:43.000,0:18:46.375

Wow. And he was a young infant at the time  
and had spent his entire

0:18:46.375,0:18:49.416

50 plus years of life wondering  
if maybe today

0:18:49.416,0:18:52.833

my dad will walk through the door,  
if maybe he's got another life.

0:18:52.833,0:18:53.416

Maybe.

0:18:53.416,0:18:58.833

Maybe so I say that, and I think  
there's a lesson to learn there.

0:18:58.916,0:19:00.916

And our parents have told us  
our whole life. Right.

0:19:00.916,0:19:03.708

You think you've got it hard?  
Somebody for sure got it harder right.

0:19:03.708,0:19:06.708

That's a little cynical,  
but it's also helpful.

0:19:07.000,0:19:10.291

I know that  
when I get into my darkest times of grief,

0:19:10.291,0:19:12.750

and I'm not going to pretend  
I don't have them.

0:19:12.750,0:19:15.750

Even still, Brent died  
almost seven years ago.

0:19:15.833,0:19:18.833

I maybe am struggling with the grief more  
now than initially.

0:19:18.833,0:19:23.333

Different phases of my kids  
development stages of their life.

0:19:23.333,0:19:26.333

Realizing he's never coming back,

0:19:26.541,0:19:29.791

not just he's gone for a really long time,  
but he's never coming back.

0:19:30.333,0:19:33.750

But when I get in those darkest moments,  
I will tell you what's the most helpful

0:19:33.750,0:19:38.500

is to just realize I'm not the only one.

0:19:40.083,0:19:42.750

And the  
price of freedom is incredibly high.

0:19:42.750,0:19:46.708

And we spent 20 years in Iraq  
and Afghanistan, and we lost over 7000

0:19:46.708,0:19:50.333

men and women, but we lost more than that  
in about 15 minutes on D-Day.

0:19:51.208,0:19:55.041  
And so sometimes putting things  
into perspective historically is very good

0:19:55.041,0:19:55.291  
for me.

0:19:55.291,0:19:59.375  
That's why I think history  
is just so essential for us as a people,

0:19:59.875,0:20:02.958  
the history of our families,  
the history of our communities,

0:20:02.958,0:20:06.125  
the history of our faith groups,  
the history of our country.

0:20:06.583,0:20:09.000  
I think sometimes  
we find pieces of our history

0:20:09.000,0:20:10.708  
we don't feel comfortable with,

0:20:10.708,0:20:14.000  
and that could be personally  
or politically, nationally or at home.

0:20:14.875,0:20:17.500  
And sometimes when we're not comfortable  
with a piece of that history,

0:20:17.500,0:20:21.541  
we want to sweep it under the rug  
or explain it or justify it,

0:20:22.125,0:20:25.291  
when in reality we should just learn from  
it, just learn from it.

0:20:25.291,0:20:26.583  
So that's been helpful for me.

0:20:26.583,0:20:27.625  
I'm a history teacher.

0:20:27.625,0:20:29.791  
Back before  
all those years of raising babies.

0:20:29.791,0:20:34.791  
I love learning  
and looking at the bigger picture.

0:20:35.458,0:20:38.375  
And so you got to take a deep breath  
and you got to take a step back,

0:20:38.375,0:20:42.791  
because otherwise it's too easy to get  
swallowed up in your own unfair life

0:20:43.000,0:20:45.958  
because yours is unfair and mine's unfair  
and Cindy in the room is unfair.

0:20:45.958,0:20:49.666  
Everyone's life kind of sucks  
if you look at it that way, or.

0:20:49.708,0:20:52.541  
If that's what you choose to see. Correct.

0:20:52.541,0:20:56.250  
So you you've been

you've you just been through a lot.

0:20:56.416,0:20:57.416  
You've been through a lot.

0:20:59.291,0:21:02.291  
You how do you come back from that?

0:21:02.791,0:21:04.083  
Right.

0:21:04.083,0:21:07.333  
What was the community there  
to help you people 100%.

0:21:07.333,0:21:08.458  
Yeah, I, I joke

0:21:08.458,0:21:12.083  
I've been North Ogden service project  
for the better half of a decade now.

0:21:12.750,0:21:14.125  
I love it and I hate it.

0:21:14.125,0:21:17.000  
I hated it at first. It's  
so hard to take help.

0:21:17.000,0:21:20.375  
It's so hard to need help and to admit  
that I would rather take a casserole

0:21:20.375,0:21:23.375  
to your wife than have five wives  
drop one off on my porch.

0:21:23.666,0:21:24.541  
Sure.

0:21:24.541,0:21:28.291  
And just some of the dignity you feel  
you've lost and some of the shame of

0:21:28.291,0:21:33.541  
I can't take care of my own children  
and the responsibility I feel to do so.

0:21:33.958,0:21:36.125  
But I'll tell you, that perspective  
definitely changed.

0:21:36.125,0:21:38.958  
Definitely changed to where I.

0:21:38.958,0:21:42.500  
I have the biggest support system  
of anyone I know.

0:21:42.833,0:21:44.708  
My oldest daughter is a circus star.

0:21:44.708,0:21:48.708  
She climbs aerial silks like a monkey,  
so she climbs up these big, long, twisty

0:21:48.708,0:21:49.541  
pieces of fabric,

0:21:49.541,0:21:52.708  
wraps herself up, and then just let go  
and falls almost to the ground.

0:21:53.541,0:21:57.041  
And I think about that often  
because, Brent came with me

0:21:57.208,0:21:57.958

a couple of years before

0:21:57.958,0:22:02.291

he was killed to the junior high talent  
show, and Megan was in the school gym.

0:22:02.291,0:22:03.416

Now, picture school gym.

0:22:03.416,0:22:06.750

They're big, they're tall,  
they're massive rafters in the ceiling.

0:22:07.083,0:22:11.708

She's got this little itty bitty,  
probably two inch foam pad underneath.

0:22:11.708,0:22:14.375

The silk. And she's climbing.

0:22:14.375,0:22:16.833

She climbs at the top it???s  
Pirates of the Caribbean music.

0:22:16.833,0:22:20.791

All the junior high kids are going crazy  
as she climbs and twists and everything.

0:22:21.166,0:22:24.708

And then she does this massive drop  
where she mostly falls,

0:22:25.166,0:22:26.791

of course, on purpose, intentionally.

0:22:26.791,0:22:28.166

She knows how to fall.

0:22:28.166,0:22:30.666

And the whole audience gasped.

0:22:30.666,0:22:33.666

And I thought Brent was about to faint  
on the sight.

0:22:33.750,0:22:34.708

And I realized

0:22:35.708,0:22:38.708

he hadn't been with her to those practices  
every week.

0:22:38.750,0:22:42.125

I've been watching her since she practiced  
climbing up the silk maybe six inches,

0:22:42.791,0:22:45.791

falling on purpose,  
getting completely untangled

0:22:45.791,0:22:48.791

and retangled and mistangled  
and knowing how to get out of that.

0:22:49.166,0:22:51.125

And so I think of that with life.

0:22:51.125,0:22:53.458

We we're all going to fall.

0:22:53.458,0:22:56.458

We're all going to fail a million times.

0:22:56.875,0:22:59.625

The question is, how do we

0:22:59.625,0:23:00.833

what's our support system?

0:23:00.833,0:23:02.083  
What's our safety net? Right.

0:23:02.083,0:23:04.166  
You go to Cirque du Soleil,  
you're going to pay some big money

0:23:04.166,0:23:06.208  
to see a circus show like that.  
And you know why?

0:23:06.208,0:23:09.208  
Because they have like multimillion dollar  
safety nets under those people.

0:23:09.416,0:23:13.500  
And I promise you the first lesson  
those acrobats learn is how to fall.

0:23:13.958,0:23:16.416  
I guarantee you, the coach doesn't say,  
don't fall, don't trip, don't fail.

0:23:16.416,0:23:18.125  
Whatever you do, don't look down.

0:23:18.125,0:23:19.708  
They teach them how to fall.

0:23:19.708,0:23:22.166  
They prepare them  
that you're going to fall.

0:23:22.166,0:23:23.666  
And then they let them know

0:23:24.750,0:23:26.791  
it's safe to fall.

0:23:26.791,0:23:28.291  
So if you ask, how have I bounced back?

0:23:28.291,0:23:29.541  
I don't know that I bounce back at all.

0:23:29.541,0:23:32.541  
Yet I feel like the entire world  
just kind of carries me along.

0:23:32.583,0:23:35.583  
And there's days  
when I'm down and blue and dark and

0:23:35.916,0:23:39.708  
people either give me the biggest hug  
that I need, or little kick in the pants

0:23:39.750,0:23:41.625  
and say, listen, Jenny, get up, get going.

0:23:41.625,0:23:42.791  
And I think it takes both.

0:23:42.791,0:23:45.500  
And sometimes maybe we misfire,

0:23:45.500,0:23:49.083  
but, yeah, no, this community  
has been remarkable to me and my kids.

0:23:49.083,0:23:52.666  
I tell my kids all the time,  
we will spend the rest of our lives

0:23:52.666,0:23:54.875  
trying to pay it forward,  
and we will never catch up.

0:23:54.875,0:23:57.791  
Never catch up. Yeah. Do you?

0:23:57.791,0:24:00.875  
So let's let's talk about the things  
you're trying to do to catch up.

0:24:01.291,0:24:03.541  
Not that there's no one's keeping score.

0:24:03.541,0:24:04.708  
Just so you know.

0:24:04.708,0:24:06.666  
No one's keeping  
scores. I'm losing, I promise.

0:24:08.250,0:24:09.375  
But but

0:24:09.375,0:24:12.375  
that's also a really healthy  
mindset around.

0:24:12.375,0:24:15.291  
I have been given so much, especially with  
everything you've been through.

0:24:15.291,0:24:18.125  
It's amazing that that's your mindset.  
It is. It's there.

0:24:18.125,0:24:20.583  
But to return it with,  
I have so much more to give.

0:24:20.583,0:24:22.041  
Still, I'm eager.

0:24:22.041,0:24:25.125  
I'm eager to give back.  
I'm eager to help.

0:24:25.375,0:24:26.125  
One of the ways

0:24:26.125,0:24:30.416  
that we've found unexpected opportunities  
to give back is through a foundation.

0:24:30.416,0:24:33.416  
I started after Brent was killed,  
called Major Brent Taylor Foundation.

0:24:33.416,0:24:37.625  
Real Creative Name started as an effort  
to raise scholarships in his memory

0:24:38.083,0:24:40.625  
and has just grown to this beautiful civic

0:24:40.625,0:24:43.625  
awareness,  
patriotic, military supportive thing.

0:24:44.000,0:24:45.916  
Anyone listening,  
if you've seen a giant flag

0:24:45.916,0:24:49.000  
that flies in North Ogden Canyon or across

0:24:50.375,0:24:52.625  
Washington Blvd in Ogden City, that's us.

0:24:52.625,0:24:55.958  
We take the flag to rodeos and football

games.

0:24:55.958,0:25:00.000

We take lots of smaller flags to funerals  
and homecomings for military members.

0:25:00.416,0:25:02.083

We host a big 911 event.

0:25:02.083,0:25:05.208

It will be in Spanish Fork  
this year, where we commemorate

0:25:05.458,0:25:08.458

all the heroism associated with September  
11th.

0:25:08.750,0:25:12.125

Truly, the day that I would say  
is defined our generation's America.

0:25:12.333,0:25:12.625

Right.

0:25:12.625,0:25:15.000

We might look forward and say it's  
Covid has redefined it.

0:25:15.000,0:25:18.000

But up until that,  
it really was that 9/11 moment,

0:25:18.208,0:25:21.208

we try to find other military families  
like mine

0:25:21.416,0:25:25.666

that maybe weren't headline news forever,  
maybe didn't have five casseroles

0:25:25.666,0:25:29.541

dropped off in a day  
and could really use a better safety net

0:25:30.166,0:25:34.083

because what I have found  
is most most Utahns love the military.

0:25:34.083,0:25:34.833

We don't all join it.

0:25:34.833,0:25:35.333

And that's okay.

0:25:35.333,0:25:38.416

It's not for everyone, but a lot of Utah,

0:25:38.416,0:25:41.458

a lot of Ogden people love the military  
they want to support.

0:25:41.458,0:25:42.958

We've got Hill Air Force Base right here.

0:25:42.958,0:25:45.333

We've got great National Guardsmen  
and reservists.

0:25:45.333,0:25:48.000

We've even got Navy  
and Marines and Coast Guard around here.

0:25:48.958,0:25:49.833

And a lot of us don't know

0:25:49.833,0:25:52.833

how to support, how to help.

0:25:52.833,0:25:56.000  
And so in our organization, one of the  
I feel like one of the best things

0:25:56.000,0:25:59.000  
we can do to give back  
is just help connect those dots.

0:25:59.291,0:26:02.666  
There was a survey put out by Blue Star  
Families of America recently

0:26:02.666,0:26:06.916  
that found something like 20 or 30%  
of current military members,

0:26:06.916,0:26:09.916  
and their families feel like  
they're really supported by the community,

0:26:10.375,0:26:13.833  
where it's like 80 or 90% of the community  
feels like they're really supportive

0:26:13.833,0:26:15.000  
of military families.

0:26:15.000,0:26:16.458  
So that's a gap.

0:26:16.458,0:26:17.125  
Yeah, it is.

0:26:17.125,0:26:20.125  
And statistic  
and I got all these numbers in my head.

0:26:20.125,0:26:24.541  
Statistically speaking,  
less than 1% of America serves in uniform.

0:26:24.541,0:26:24.875  
Right now.

0:26:24.875,0:26:27.791  
Less than 1%  
of Americans are in the military.

0:26:27.791,0:26:30.291  
And you can say, that's terrible,  
that's awful.

0:26:30.291,0:26:31.375  
That's too small a number.

0:26:31.375,0:26:33.916  
But I like to say is, wow, thank you.

0:26:33.916,0:26:36.916  
And you know what that means  
for every one man or woman in uniform,

0:26:37.375,0:26:40.708  
there's 99 of us that are freeloaders  
getting all the benefits

0:26:40.708,0:26:43.708  
of freedom and liberty  
who should have their back.

0:26:43.916,0:26:47.708  
So that's one of the things I'm really  
passionate about, again, tied into that

0:26:48.541,0:26:51.000  
historical awareness and civic activism.

0:26:51.000,0:26:53.583

And just get to know your neighbor.

0:26:53.583,0:26:55.500

If you see a military member  
at the airport,

0:26:55.500,0:26:58.791

it might feel awkward,  
but say thank you for your service anyway,

0:26:59.375,0:27:02.833

and then take it one step further and say,  
where have you served?

0:27:02.833,0:27:03.875

Or why did you serve?

0:27:03.875,0:27:05.833

Or what have you learned in your service?

0:27:05.833,0:27:09.916

And I think that as we come together  
between civilians and service members,

0:27:10.541,0:27:13.791

we'll find that we need each other,  
which is an understatement.

0:27:14.375,0:27:18.833

But that's one of the things I'm really  
passionate about is mobilizing people

0:27:18.833,0:27:22.666

to get to know people  
from other walks of life, and then just

0:27:22.833,0:27:27.000

finding the way relationships can be built  
when you serve together.

0:27:27.666,0:27:29.375

I tell people all the time,  
if there's somebody

0:27:29.375,0:27:30.583

you don't get along with very well

0:27:30.583,0:27:33.708

or you're really struggling  
in a relationship, maybe a difficult

0:27:33.708,0:27:36.958

coworker, a stubborn  
child, go serve that person.

0:27:37.708,0:27:40.291

And if you're really struggling  
with that person,

0:27:40.291,0:27:43.416

find a way to serve with that person.

0:27:44.000,0:27:45.625

That's powerful.  
So we bring people together.

0:27:45.625,0:27:47.750

You know, our 911  
events are a classic example.

0:27:47.750,0:27:49.916

We've held it twice  
here, and Weber County.

0:27:49.916,0:27:52.833

It takes 400 to 500 volunteers.

0:27:52.833,0:27:55.375

We could just fundraise the money  
and hire ten people to run it.

0:27:56.458,0:27:56.875  
But we

0:27:56.875,0:28:00.333  
want 400 to 500 community members,  
young and old, black and white,

0:28:00.333,0:28:03.875  
religious and not different backgrounds,  
different demographics.

0:28:03.875,0:28:06.125  
Maybe they speak different languages,

0:28:06.125,0:28:09.208  
coming together to celebrate  
the resilience of this country,

0:28:09.208,0:28:12.208  
the resilience of freedom,  
which does not only belong to America.

0:28:12.958,0:28:15.625  
And, it's in those service

0:28:15.625,0:28:18.625  
opportunities that I,  
I just the biggest smile on my face.

0:28:18.666,0:28:22.208  
That's the that's the what it says  
on the trailer for the Foundation.

0:28:22.208,0:28:24.166  
It says it's  
all about service, about service.

0:28:24.166,0:28:27.166  
And that's  
what the Ogden Way is all about.

0:28:27.333,0:28:30.541  
That's what we in our city  
and our employees is all about everywhere

0:28:30.750,0:28:31.708  
right now.

0:28:31.708,0:28:36.375  
Because service is transformational,  
it does change things, changes people.

0:28:36.375,0:28:37.916  
It changes the world around us.

0:28:37.916,0:28:40.500  
It's it's everything that's right.

0:28:40.500,0:28:44.458  
And you'll see that at any service project  
you show up to in the Ogden area,

0:28:44.458,0:28:47.541  
you'll just see so many people that that's  
what I've been so impressed with

0:28:47.541,0:28:51.000  
working with the Ogden, we were Chamber  
of Commerce, the Women and Business

0:28:51.000,0:28:54.750  
Committee, volunteering at local schools,  
PTA, whatever it might be.

0:28:55.166,0:28:58.166

You will show up and just realize

0:28:58.291,0:29:01.625

people show up, people show up, people  
show up here, we show up and we show out.

0:29:01.625,0:29:03.750

That's what we do, right?

0:29:03.750,0:29:07.291

We've got, all manner of things  
happening in this city, this community,

0:29:07.291,0:29:10.875

the broader Ogden community,  
the greater Ogden community all the time.

0:29:11.583,0:29:14.791

And I just went to Washington, D.C.,  
to represent

0:29:15.000,0:29:18.416

Ogden and the Ogden Clearfield  
Metro statistical area around.

0:29:18.958,0:29:21.666

We were highlighted as the number two  
ranking economy in the country.

0:29:21.666,0:29:24.583

Which is incredible, by the way.  
I hope everyone celebrates it.

0:29:24.583,0:29:25.416

It was awesome.

0:29:25.416,0:29:29.791

And and it was but it's a it's  
a huge reflection, actually,

0:29:30.291,0:29:34.708

of service and of our community's  
role and responsibility around Hill

0:29:34.750,0:29:35.333

Air Force Base.

0:29:35.333,0:29:38.208

It is that's an enormous  
piece of who we are and what we do.

0:29:38.208,0:29:41.708

And I've made a real intentional effort  
to get more connected with the base.

0:29:42.458,0:29:46.625

And they talk about it  
all the time is how how warm and how

0:29:46.625,0:29:49.625

strong the relationship is and the support  
from the community that they feel.

0:29:50.000,0:29:53.083

And it's been you talked  
about how they don't know how to do it.

0:29:53.833,0:29:57.208

I didn't either  
until when I learned more about it.

0:29:57.208,0:30:01.791

They say our mission doesn't happen  
only on this base, right?

0:30:01.875,0:30:05.250

There's an entire ecosystem of private

0:30:05.583,0:30:08.583  
contractors and providers

0:30:08.708,0:30:12.750  
that are also contributing  
to what is being fulfilled on that base.

0:30:13.375,0:30:16.541  
And when you talk about an ecosystem of  
of economy,

0:30:17.250,0:30:21.208  
you have an ecosystem of people around  
and other related services.

0:30:21.625,0:30:25.833  
And it's amazing as you start to look into  
how much it builds out on itself

0:30:26.166,0:30:30.750  
and it all comes back to the service  
and support of our service members,

0:30:31.291,0:30:36.125  
right in our mission for our nation  
and that and that collaboration

0:30:36.125,0:30:41.083  
and that spirit of wanting to say thank  
you for your service and getting to work.

0:30:41.666,0:30:45.291  
And we've we've had great opportunities  
to feed the airmen at the airshow.

0:30:45.291,0:30:47.625  
So think of the giant airshow  
that happens every other year here.

0:30:47.625,0:30:49.166  
It's remarkable.

0:30:49.166,0:30:53.541  
And the airmen whose job it is to just  
keep things safe and running that day.

0:30:53.541,0:30:58.416  
We had a chance this last summer  
to make like 2500 sandwiches or something,

0:30:58.625,0:30:59.791  
and it was so fun

0:30:59.791,0:31:01.500  
and you saw so many people  
coming together,

0:31:01.500,0:31:03.708  
just excited that I can feed a soldier  
today.

0:31:03.708,0:31:06.625  
Like you're feeding him  
a sandwich airman, by the way,

0:31:06.625,0:31:09.291  
but you're feeding him a sandwich,  
but you're doing something.

0:31:09.291,0:31:12.875  
And I think that's what I love  
about the Ogden way here again, whatever

0:31:12.875,0:31:15.875  
setting you're in, you will find people

0:31:15.916,0:31:18.916  
who aren't just willing to give

and give back.

0:31:19.291,0:31:20.416

They're eager.

0:31:20.416,0:31:21.250

Oh, yeah, giving it back.

0:31:21.250,0:31:22.416

I mean, they're volunteering.

0:31:22.416,0:31:24.833

They're throwing their hands up so fast

0:31:24.833,0:31:28.458

that you're almost having to make up ways  
for people to help.

0:31:28.458,0:31:29.833

But there's always more we can do.

0:31:29.833,0:31:33.208

So that's that's what I love  
about living here and calling this place

0:31:33.208,0:31:36.791

home is running into a lot  
of the same people wherever you go.

0:31:36.791,0:31:39.125

Just knowing that I knew you'd be here.

0:31:39.125,0:31:41.625

I knew you'd be here.  
Of course I knew you'd be here.

0:31:41.625,0:31:44.625

I love that that's what my wife and I fell

0:31:44.625,0:31:48.416

in love with Ogden  
because we got to contribute to Ogden.

0:31:48.416,0:31:51.000

We got to participate in building Ogden.

0:31:51.000,0:31:53.666

We got to get our hands dirty,  
and we were exhausted.

0:31:53.666,0:31:54.958

And we still are exhausted.

0:31:54.958,0:31:58.125

And you feel like  
you've got a piece of it? Yes.

0:31:58.125,0:31:59.458

Yours. You're helping.

0:31:59.458,0:32:01.916

I love that  
the concept of your highest contribution,

0:32:01.916,0:32:03.875

Greg McEwen  
an author says that all the time.

0:32:03.875,0:32:06.083

What's your highest contribution?

0:32:06.083,0:32:09.333

And that eagerness to contribute,  
not just take,

0:32:10.083,0:32:13.250

but to be part of, not just take,  
but just give to contribute.

0:32:13.250,0:32:14.875  
What did President Kennedy say, right.

0:32:14.875,0:32:15.416  
Not yeah, ask

0:32:15.416,0:32:18.458  
not what your country can do for you,  
but what you can do for your country.

0:32:18.791,0:32:21.875  
And I think Ogden is full of organizations

0:32:21.875,0:32:26.125  
and entities  
and governments and businesses that allow

0:32:27.125,0:32:28.750  
us to contribute

0:32:28.750,0:32:32.500  
because there's an a mindset  
and a spirit of abundance here in Utah.

0:32:33.291,0:32:36.375  
And honestly,  
that's where we get the Ogden Way from.

0:32:36.750,0:32:40.416  
It was really rooted in what I learned  
through my professional career.

0:32:40.416,0:32:44.375  
And and when I moved here  
it was around the Utah way, right?

0:32:44.375,0:32:47.458  
It's a it is a mindset of abundance  
that I never felt before.

0:32:47.875,0:32:52.041  
And when you feel for the first time  
and you you, it hits you in the face.

0:32:52.375,0:32:55.375  
Right?  
And it's really strong and powerful.

0:32:55.375,0:32:57.458  
It's it's what makes us who we are.

0:32:57.458,0:32:58.916  
It's generous people.

0:32:58.916,0:33:03.083  
And when we were just at the legislature  
this morning honoring officers lost

0:33:03.333,0:33:07.583  
and, a really,  
a crappy club to be part of, right.

0:33:07.916,0:33:09.500  
That's the words of Representative Wilcox.

0:33:09.500,0:33:11.916  
It's a crappy club to be a part of.  
But we are together.

0:33:11.916,0:33:13.333  
Yeah, and.

0:33:13.333,0:33:18.000  
But you, the speaker of the House, says  
Utah is the greatest state in the nation.

0:33:18.000,0:33:23.041

And I 100% believe it, because we are  
the greatest people in the nation.

0:33:23.750,0:33:26.291  
And it's really special  
to be a part of Utah.

0:33:26.291,0:33:29.041  
And I feel really blessed  
to be a part of Ogden,

0:33:29.041,0:33:32.041  
because I get to be a part of something  
that really matters, you know?

0:33:32.333,0:33:35.375  
And so when we talk about the Ogden  
Way, we like to talk about

0:33:36.583,0:33:38.041  
doing the work to

0:33:38.041,0:33:41.041  
be who we are, to build a better place

0:33:41.375,0:33:45.958  
and, you don???t build a better place  
by only focusing selfishly on yourself.

0:33:46.541,0:33:50.583  
You build a better place by taking  
accountability for your own circumstances,

0:33:51.208,0:33:53.791  
becoming better every day and who you are

0:33:53.791,0:33:56.791  
while also making those around you better.

0:33:56.791,0:33:57.125  
Right?

0:33:57.125,0:34:00.458  
And also taking get your hands and get,  
get in and get get working.

0:34:00.458,0:34:03.166  
Yes you give and then they give back.

0:34:03.166,0:34:04.375  
You give and you get.

0:34:04.375,0:34:08.916  
That's what makes us a really strong  
community is we are Ogden.

0:34:08.916,0:34:10.791  
We are one Ogden. We are the Ogden way.

0:34:10.791,0:34:13.625  
And it's  
sometimes it's really frustrating.

0:34:13.625,0:34:18.041  
I remember we were in a mayoral debate  
and one of the candidates, John

0:34:18.083,0:34:21.541  
Greiner,  
said, Ogden Mayor is a cheerleader.

0:34:21.541,0:34:24.541  
And some people were  
really critical of him for saying that.

0:34:24.875,0:34:27.875  
I'm like, that's not, that's 100% true.

0:34:27.916,0:34:30.750

We have to maintain  
the spirit of our city.

0:34:30.750,0:34:34.708

And if the spirit of our city is focused  
on negativity, focused on everything,

0:34:34.708,0:34:38.708

that's that's wrong, everything  
that is being done to me and not for me,

0:34:39.333,0:34:42.000

then yeah, we're going to we're going  
to suffer and we're going to struggle.

0:34:42.000,0:34:47.083

But if we change our mindset to focus on  
the gifts that are in front of us, right

0:34:47.833,0:34:52.708

the way you did in the midst  
of all of that suffering and that tragedy,

0:34:53.250,0:34:55.708

to have the grace and the grit,

0:34:55.708,0:35:00.708

to see the beauty around you  
instead of the suffering, like,

0:35:00.750,0:35:04.208

I don't know how you did it,  
but I'm so grateful that you did,

0:35:04.208,0:35:07.625

because you're the you're such  
an example of the Ogden way, because

0:35:08.041,0:35:09.208

people are suffering.

0:35:10.166,0:35:10.666

People in our

0:35:10.666,0:35:14.500

nation and our city are suffering,  
but they don't always have to.

0:35:14.833,0:35:17.083

I understand that there's circumstances

0:35:17.083,0:35:20.083

that we can't control,  
but we can control our mindset.

0:35:20.375,0:35:21.375

Yeah, right.

0:35:21.375,0:35:25.125

I love it, I love it, and we can control  
what we try to contribute.

0:35:25.416,0:35:27.333

Right.

And that's

0:35:27.333,0:35:30.125

just I love that you said mindset,  
because we often

0:35:30.125,0:35:33.541

think of resilience as a muscle and says,  
how do you build a muscle?

0:35:33.541,0:35:35.875

You only build a muscle  
by using the muscle,

0:35:35.875,0:35:39.083  
but you can only have a resilient mindset  
if you choose it.

0:35:39.666,0:35:42.666  
So it's a muscle you have to use,  
but it's a mindset you have to choose.

0:35:43.125,0:35:45.291  
And I think we choose that here.

0:35:45.291,0:35:49.208  
And I think we are inspired  
by people around us who do.

0:35:49.208,0:35:53.041  
And and I will tell you, there were days,  
especially early on, early

0:35:53.041,0:35:56.333  
on thinking like physically,  
how did I get out of bed in the morning?

0:35:57.166,0:36:01.666  
And I would think of people, kind people  
who would send notes

0:36:01.666,0:36:04.833  
or brought a dinner or watched my kids,  
or helped with something.

0:36:05.625,0:36:09.333  
And I would just think,  
these people think I can do this.

0:36:10.750,0:36:11.916  
These people believe in

0:36:11.916,0:36:14.916  
me when I'm not sure I can believe in  
anything, let alone myself.

0:36:14.916,0:36:16.708  
These people believe in me.

0:36:16.708,0:36:19.708  
Yeah, I guess I'm going to get out of bed  
and give it a try.

0:36:20.250,0:36:23.416  
And and I think that's  
maybe another piece of advice

0:36:23.416,0:36:26.791  
for people listening when you're down  
and can't believe in yourself.

0:36:26.791,0:36:29.166  
Just find someone who does.

0:36:29.166,0:36:32.916  
And if you're the person that can believe  
in someone else,

0:36:33.541,0:36:36.666  
look at the power you have to unlock  
someone else's confidence, right?

0:36:36.791,0:36:40.166  
You can't give someone confidence,  
but you can believe in them, and you can

0:36:40.166,0:36:44.708  
express your confidence in them,  
and you can carry them when they're down.

0:36:44.708,0:36:48.666

And you never know  
when your kind words of encouragement

0:36:49.208,0:36:51.583  
will be what gets that person  
out of bed in the morning?

0:36:51.583,0:36:54.625  
Just something simple like, hey,  
you got this, I see you.

0:36:55.000,0:36:58.250  
It's so simple, so powerful.

0:36:58.500,0:37:01.333  
Because if you think I can do this,

0:37:01.333,0:37:03.250  
I guess I'm  
going to have to take your word for it,

0:37:03.250,0:37:06.250  
because I'm not sure today,  
but I am going to go ahead and try.

0:37:06.500,0:37:08.291  
But hey, when you try,

0:37:09.291,0:37:10.083  
you might fail.

0:37:10.083,0:37:13.833  
Yeah, but if you try again, you just  
might succeed and you probably will fail.

0:37:13.833,0:37:15.708  
Let's just be honest, right?  
You're going to try. You're going to fail.

0:37:15.708,0:37:17.750  
You're going to try.  
You're going to succeed.

0:37:17.750,0:37:20.750  
And,  
I think that's what's beautiful about it.

0:37:20.958,0:37:23.875  
Surround yourself  
with people who will be there

0:37:23.875,0:37:26.916  
for the failures and the successes.

0:37:26.916,0:37:29.833  
So I get crit, you might be surprised.

0:37:29.833,0:37:30.500  
You get criticized.

0:37:30.500,0:37:30.916  
I get criticized.

0:37:30.916,0:37:33.791  
In public office, I never knew.

0:37:33.791,0:37:35.500  
No wonder  
most of us don't even want your job.

0:37:35.500,0:37:37.083  
But okay carry on. I thought for sure.

0:37:37.083,0:37:39.625  
I was just enjoying  
100% support out there.

0:37:39.625,0:37:41.666

100% of the time also.

0:37:41.666,0:37:42.125

Right?

0:37:42.125,0:37:45.125

Turns out it's like 99% okay. Oh,

0:37:45.583,0:37:47.375

but I talk like

0:37:47.375,0:37:50.875

this and people are critical of me  
because they're saying that you're

0:37:50.875,0:37:55.625

a politician you are ignoring  
the realities of people's plight.

0:37:55.625,0:37:56.583

And no, I'm not.

0:37:56.583,0:37:59.291

I see them every day.

This job actually exposes you.

0:37:59.291,0:37:59.833

You see it.

0:37:59.833,0:38:03.083

To things that are hard to see. Yes,  
sure.

0:38:03.166,0:38:06.833

The I guess the assumption is that,  
oh, you're up on the top ivory tower

0:38:06.833,0:38:08.583

or whatever. Life is so great.

0:38:08.583,0:38:12.375

If you do the job and do it right, you see  
things that other people don't see.

0:38:12.708,0:38:17.416

If you go and spend one day on a fire  
truck or in an ambulance here,

0:38:17.666,0:38:20.916

you're going to see people's lives  
in ways that you don't see otherwise.

0:38:21.416,0:38:23.500

And I have those opportunities here.

0:38:23.500,0:38:25.375

And you take those opportunities  
which, again,

0:38:25.375,0:38:27.375

I commend you for your leadership,  
because it'd be easy for you

0:38:27.375,0:38:29.541

to just sit in your office in the tower.

0:38:29.541,0:38:30.625

You could just sit back.

0:38:30.625,0:38:32.666

It wouldn't be very helpful.

0:38:32.666,0:38:34.083

Engaging leadership.

0:38:34.083,0:38:36.708

Service oriented leadership  
gives you that opportunity.

0:38:36.708,0:38:37.875

You have to see.

0:38:37.875,0:38:41.583

But at the same time, when you see  
the challenges and you see the struggle,

0:38:43.083,0:38:43.750

we have to

0:38:43.750,0:38:46.875

be able to also see a way  
through, the way through.

0:38:46.916,0:38:48.750

We have to see our way through.

0:38:48.750,0:38:54.416

And if you don't see opportunities,  
you don't see or feel hope, right?

0:38:54.416,0:38:57.000

Whether you see it in yourself  
or for yourself,

0:38:57.000,0:38:59.500

maybe you're getting it  
from others around you.

0:38:59.500,0:39:02.500

But if we don't have a winning mindset.

0:39:02.541,0:39:03.375

We've already lost.

0:39:03.375,0:39:05.958

Then you've already lost  
and you're always going to lose,

0:39:05.958,0:39:09.208

and you're never going to get through the  
challenges and the suffering, right? Yes.

0:39:09.208,0:39:11.083

And I think that's why I love history  
so much.

0:39:11.083,0:39:14.625

Again, whether it's my own history  
or the world's history or whatever.

0:39:14.625,0:39:18.125

History, because, you know  
what's remarkable about the history

0:39:18.125,0:39:20.291

of the human race?

0:39:20.291,0:39:22.416

We keep getting up again, right?

0:39:22.416,0:39:25.416

Like our race  
has been through some pretty awful times.

0:39:25.416,0:39:26.833

Like you want to go to the Middle Ages,

0:39:26.833,0:39:29.875

do you want to go to the Crusades  
or you pick a time period of revolution?

0:39:29.875,0:39:30.416

Any of them?

0:39:32.000,0:39:33.083

And here we are.

0:39:33.083,0:39:36.666  
I remember a few years ago  
when, Notre Dame burned down.

0:39:36.750,0:39:39.750  
Remember in Paris and the fire,  
I mean, didn't burn down, but burned.

0:39:40.125,0:39:43.458  
And I remember thinking, what a tragedy  
like this is a piece of history.

0:39:43.708,0:39:46.291  
Guess what? They rebuilt it.  
They rebuilt it.

0:39:46.291,0:39:47.208  
They just reopened.

0:39:47.208,0:39:49.916  
They rebuilt it  
the same way for each of us.

0:39:49.916,0:39:53.916  
So for me and I think this is  
maybe what similar experience you've had,

0:39:54.625,0:39:59.250  
the more of the difficult side of humanity  
I see, though, it is gut wrenching

0:40:00.458,0:40:02.458  
and heavy.

0:40:02.458,0:40:05.458  
It's also incredibly inspiring to me

0:40:05.500,0:40:08.500  
because oh my goodness,  
look what we can handle.

0:40:08.958,0:40:11.791  
I had a student,  
I teach one class up at Utah State

0:40:11.791,0:40:14.791  
that's on positive  
psychology and mindset and things and,

0:40:15.416,0:40:17.875  
and one of the students in an assignment  
I gave her, she kind of

0:40:17.875,0:40:21.208  
took her own twist, and she said  
she made a list of everything difficult,

0:40:21.791,0:40:24.500  
basically all the ripoffs of life,  
everything unfair,

0:40:24.500,0:40:27.750  
everything that just didn't go  
the way she wanted it to.

0:40:28.041,0:40:29.250  
Some things she could complain about.

0:40:29.250,0:40:30.833  
She's 20, you know, whatever.

0:40:30.833,0:40:32.833  
Here's this, this list.

0:40:32.833,0:40:34.000  
And then you know what she did?

0:40:35.416,0:40:37.458  
She kept  
the same was left hand of the paper.

0:40:37.458,0:40:39.958  
She's got all this garbage.

0:40:39.958,0:40:42.958  
And she forced herself  
to find something good

0:40:43.041,0:40:48.500  
or a lesson learned and write it  
next to every single thing.

0:40:49.750,0:40:54.750  
And I think when we don't just look  
for lessons in life, but let ourselves

0:40:54.750,0:40:58.833  
create them, we can create meaning  
when there is no good.

0:40:58.833,0:41:00.125  
I mean, I hate when people say

0:41:00.125,0:41:03.666  
everything happens for a reason  
I think it???'s a stupid idea.

0:41:04.708,0:41:08.291  
We can find a reason out of everything  
that happens, we might need to create it.

0:41:08.291,0:41:11.291  
We might have to get really creative  
to see the silver lining.

0:41:11.833,0:41:15.125  
But when I see human suffering  
and when I look at it, whether it's today

0:41:15.125,0:41:18.958  
or over centuries, to me  
it is the most inspiring

0:41:19.500,0:41:22.208  
and motivating thing I.

0:41:22.208,0:41:26.041  
I look at my own experience losing  
my husband, and I have to remind myself

0:41:26.041,0:41:28.625  
that sometimes when I get worked up  
over the little things,

0:41:28.625,0:41:31.625  
I've lived through my worst case scenario.

0:41:31.625,0:41:34.166  
I remember as a young person thinking,  
I think the worst case scenario

0:41:34.166,0:41:37.166  
would be to lose a spouse  
and then because if you like,

0:41:37.166,0:41:39.000  
if something else happened,  
you at least have that spouse

0:41:39.000,0:41:41.291  
to be with you and that could be lost  
to death or divorce. Right?

0:41:41.291,0:41:44.166  
I remember just as a young person

thinking, that would just be awful.

0:41:45.166,0:41:47.833

Well,  
I face that awful and I'm still here.

0:41:47.833,0:41:50.916

And you're still here  
and I guess that means

0:41:50.916,0:41:53.916

whatever else I have to face,

0:41:55.125,0:41:56.375

somehow I'll still be here.

0:41:56.375,0:41:58.041

It's going to be okay.  
It's going to be okay.

0:41:58.041,0:42:00.958

I spoke the other day  
and I give two promises.

0:42:00.958,0:42:03.541

Something's going to go wrong,

0:42:03.541,0:42:06.000

and everything's going to be okay.

0:42:06.000,0:42:07.541

Those two truth.

0:42:07.541,0:42:08.916

Something's going to go wrong.

0:42:08.916,0:42:10.708

Brace yourself.

0:42:10.708,0:42:12.125

Everything's going to be okay.

0:42:12.125,0:42:13.541

A lot of things are going to go wrong.

0:42:13.541,0:42:16.125

Everything's going to be okay.

Everything's going to be okay.

0:42:16.125,0:42:19.125

It doesn't just apply to these tragedies  
like you've been through.

0:42:19.625,0:42:23.458

This is like the this is the worst case  
scenario that you've been through.

0:42:24.125,0:42:27.541

But if you  
if you think of how significant that is

0:42:27.541,0:42:30.541

and still yet still everything's okay.

0:42:30.875,0:42:34.166

I was with,  
I was with my one of my chiefs.

0:42:34.666,0:42:35.791

We were at the Capitol.

0:42:35.791,0:42:38.375

There was a bill. There's language  
that didn't work.

0:42:38.375,0:42:42.958

You know, and I said,  
chief, one thing I know for sure.

0:42:43.958,0:42:44.625  
We're going to be okay.

0:42:44.625,0:42:46.750  
I'm going to be okay.  
We'll find a way, I will.

0:42:46.750,0:42:48.208  
We are here today.

0:42:48.208,0:42:50.250  
We are always here to serve.

0:42:50.250,0:42:52.291  
No matter what has happened  
every single year

0:42:52.291,0:42:55.625  
and what has been decided  
whether we agree or not, we are okay.

0:42:55.875,0:42:57.416  
Like it or not, we're going to be okay.

0:42:57.416,0:42:59.291  
Yes, and that's the Ogden Way, right?

0:42:59.291,0:43:00.875  
That is, it has to be.

0:43:00.875,0:43:03.000  
And carry each other through the mud  
if we have to.

0:43:03.000,0:43:05.500  
But we're going to be okay.  
We have to be okay.

0:43:05.500,0:43:08.125  
Not just okay, we're going to be great.  
We're going to thrive.

0:43:08.125,0:43:10.875  
But it starts with the mindset.  
It always starts with the mindset.

0:43:10.875,0:43:13.291  
And if our mindset is,

0:43:13.291,0:43:15.125  
you know, what was me? What was me?

0:43:15.125,0:43:18.125  
The mayor didn't do this for me  
or the city didn't do that for me or

0:43:18.541,0:43:21.541  
the community doesn't help me or whatever.

0:43:21.541,0:43:24.291  
First, own your own life,

0:43:24.291,0:43:27.541  
your own circumstances,  
but change your mindset.

0:43:27.958,0:43:30.958  
It doesn't mean that you ignore  
the challenges of the suffering.

0:43:31.083,0:43:33.125  
No, it just means that.

0:43:33.125,0:43:35.458  
See things for what they are.  
They're right.

0:43:35.458,0:43:37.791

There's  
just another way to see everything.

0:43:37.791,0:43:38.500

Everything.

0:43:38.500,0:43:41.791

And I was,  
I was asked in an interview one time.

0:43:42.083,0:43:45.708

The question was, tell us about  
one of your biggest failures in life

0:43:46.166,0:43:46.916

and how you responded.

0:43:48.125,0:43:50.541

And I was like, oh man, you know,

0:43:50.541,0:43:54.333

and I actually my answer  
was something like I'm struggling

0:43:54.333,0:43:58.375

to remind, remember my failures  
not because I haven't had them.

0:43:58.500,0:44:00.625

Yeah.

But because I haven't dwelled on them.

0:44:00.625,0:44:02.458

Because you've turned them  
into a stepping stone.

0:44:02.458,0:44:04.208

I just move on.

0:44:04.208,0:44:08.375

And so I was like I'm sorry, I'm,  
I am a walking failure, no doubt about it.

0:44:08.375,0:44:09.625

Yeah.

0:44:09.625,0:44:11.291

But I just don't view them like that.

0:44:11.291,0:44:14.291

And so that was kind of my answer.

0:44:14.500,0:44:17.875

But I, I feel like as a city

0:44:19.000,0:44:22.000

we really need to focus on being great.

0:44:22.583,0:44:25.583

And we've got to recognize the struggle,  
recognize the challenge

0:44:25.916,0:44:29.125

and then help each other, help each other

0:44:29.125,0:44:32.458

get out of it,  
starting with seeing a way out of it.

0:44:33.125,0:44:35.958

Right. Having hope that-- There is a way.

0:44:35.958,0:44:36.750

There is a way.

0:44:36.750,0:44:39.458

We are surrounded by success

as well, right?

0:44:39.458,0:44:42.625  
We are surrounded  
by beautiful contributions of service

0:44:42.958,0:44:45.083  
and gifts of grace.

0:44:45.083,0:44:46.625  
And the resources are there.

0:44:46.625,0:44:50.458  
Yeah, the programs are there,  
the people are there, the resources

0:44:50.458,0:44:52.166  
and opportunities are there.

0:44:52.166,0:44:53.708  
We just have to have an environment

0:44:53.708,0:44:57.333  
and a mindset of positivity  
to see those things before us.

0:44:57.916,0:44:59.666  
Not to forget, not to ignore. Right?

0:44:59.666,0:45:00.791  
And not to be Pollyanna.

0:45:00.791,0:45:04.583  
To pretend it's not right  
because it's hard every day.

0:45:04.583,0:45:07.375  
Life is like this planet. Life on  
this planet is hard.

0:45:07.375,0:45:10.375  
I've yet to meet a person  
who doesn't think it's hard here, right?

0:45:10.375,0:45:12.875  
Real difficult existence yet.

0:45:13.916,0:45:14.916  
My my cute daughter.

0:45:14.916,0:45:17.416  
The same one that climbs  
all the circus ropes. She.

0:45:17.416,0:45:19.458  
One day she's had kind of this  
ah ha moment.

0:45:19.458,0:45:21.375  
She said, mom,

0:45:21.375,0:45:23.791  
I've come to the conclusion

0:45:23.791,0:45:26.791  
the universe is on my side.

0:45:26.875,0:45:28.000  
Like, okay, tell me more.

0:45:28.000,0:45:29.125  
What do you mean?

0:45:29.125,0:45:31.166  
And she said, the universe is on my side.

0:45:31.166,0:45:32.875  
Like if something doesn't go

the way I want it to,

0:45:32.875,0:45:35.875  
or if I'm disappointed  
or frustrated with something,

0:45:35.916,0:45:39.125  
I just have to remind myself  
that the universe is on my side

0:45:39.125,0:45:40.666  
and everything's going to work out.

0:45:40.666,0:45:41.041  
That's right.

0:45:41.041,0:45:44.583  
This teenage girl teaching all of us that.

0:45:45.041,0:45:48.541  
Now, whether you call the universe  
God or karma or destiny or fate

0:45:48.541,0:45:52.791  
or whatever word you want to apply to it,  
I think we would all benefit

0:45:52.791,0:45:55.791  
from believing  
that the universe is on our side,

0:45:56.541,0:46:00.000  
and then get to work with the universe,  
and when you see injustice,

0:46:00.000,0:46:01.333  
do what you can to try to right it.

0:46:01.333,0:46:04.333  
And when you're in the time of abundance,  
help those who are struggling.

0:46:04.333,0:46:08.375  
And when you are struggling, lean on those  
who are in a time of abundance.

0:46:08.375,0:46:11.375  
Don't be too prideful  
to right accept that help.

0:46:11.375,0:46:14.250  
And like I said, that  
was one of the hardest lessons I learned.

0:46:14.250,0:46:17.375  
Just being a very stubborn, Type-A,  
redhead person.

0:46:17.625,0:46:20.500  
Brent was gone.

0:46:20.500,0:46:22.291  
Our house flooded,  
we had some water damage,

0:46:22.291,0:46:25.750  
and some neighbors were coming to help  
get the furniture off the carpet.

0:46:26.250,0:46:28.458  
I had seven little kids.  
He'd just barely been gone.

0:46:28.458,0:46:30.791  
My baby was two months old.  
My oldest was only 12.

0:46:30.791,0:46:32.083

And I remember

0:46:32.083,0:46:35.250  
as these neighbors came over  
to get this furniture off the wet carpet,

0:46:35.791,0:46:39.541  
I can picture myself crawling on my hands  
and knees with just hot tears streaming

0:46:39.541,0:46:43.208  
down my face, trying to pick up the Legos  
or the Cheerios or whatever

0:46:43.208,0:46:46.750  
other embarrassing garbage was under  
my couch, and I just wanted them to leave.

0:46:46.750,0:46:47.791  
I just wanted them to leave.

0:46:47.791,0:46:51.291  
Like, I'll get the couch  
and I can't move the couch alone.

0:46:51.625,0:46:54.416  
No matter how stubborn  
I am, no matter how hard I try,

0:46:54.416,0:46:57.333  
I could not physically move  
that couch alone.

0:46:57.333,0:47:01.916  
I had to have help and nobody cared  
if there were Cheerios under the couch.

0:47:01.958,0:47:02.916  
Nobody cared.

0:47:02.916,0:47:07.458  
And I but I still picture  
that moment of me feeling so ashamed

0:47:07.458,0:47:12.708  
to need help and so broken  
that I had to admit I can't do this.

0:47:13.500,0:47:14.041  
And yet,

0:47:15.041,0:47:17.541  
what a liberating realization it's become.

0:47:17.541,0:47:19.000  
There's I can't do this.

0:47:19.000,0:47:21.291  
There's a big difference  
between giving up and giving in.

0:47:21.291,0:47:24.416  
And if you give in, you'll find tender  
mercy.

0:47:24.666,0:47:26.208  
Yeah, right. Right.

0:47:26.208,0:47:27.875  
Mercy leads the way to grace.

0:47:27.875,0:47:30.291  
If you give up, you've defeated yourself.  
Absolutely.

0:47:30.291,0:47:31.791  
You go from grace to forgiveness.

0:47:31.791,0:47:34.791  
Forgiveness  
to healing, healing to greatness.

0:47:34.833,0:47:36.125  
You have to.

0:47:36.125,0:47:39.625  
You have to have love for yourself  
to do those things

0:47:40.083,0:47:42.291  
and just accept it and allow for it.

0:47:42.291,0:47:46.125  
And just admit to yourself before you  
admit to other people, I can't do this.

0:47:46.541,0:47:49.375  
I can't do everything. Okay, great. Great.

0:47:49.375,0:47:52.291  
Right, then I guess let's figure out a way  
forward together. So.

0:47:52.291,0:47:54.875  
So here in the Ogden Way

0:47:54.875,0:47:56.333  
that is the lesson for the day.

0:47:56.333,0:48:00.666  
It is to,  
we have got to live and lead and love

0:48:01.375,0:48:05.000  
in the Ogden Way, following the principles  
that we've discussed today.

0:48:05.208,0:48:09.375  
Absolutely, in a way that is  
is selfless in our service to others.

0:48:09.750,0:48:14.541  
Sometimes it's selfish in the way  
that we have to own who we are, right?

0:48:14.666,0:48:15.791  
Right.

0:48:15.791,0:48:19.375  
But we've got to be better  
for each other, for ourselves.

0:48:19.833,0:48:22.291  
And if we can't see through  
the things that are before

0:48:22.291,0:48:25.291  
us, we're never going to get to the future  
that we know we all have.

0:48:25.291,0:48:26.083  
Right?

0:48:26.083,0:48:29.041  
And that's the kind of community  
I love to be a part of.

0:48:29.041,0:48:31.000  
That's the kind of community that we are.

0:48:31.000,0:48:32.875  
Right? The Ogden way exact.

0:48:32.875,0:48:34.125  
The universe is on our side.

0:48:34.125,0:48:37.041  
We are Ogden, we are one Ogden.

0:48:37.041,0:48:38.291  
We are the Ogden way.

0:48:38.291,0:48:41.791  
So for every episode when we wrap up,  
we always wrap up the call to service.

0:48:41.791,0:48:44.791  
We encourage or challenge  
anybody that's listening or viewing,

0:48:45.041,0:48:48.708  
even if there's only one person out there,  
challenge them to do something,

0:48:49.208,0:48:52.208  
and I want to challenge them  
to see the good,

0:48:52.625,0:48:55.166  
to see that the universe is on your side.

0:48:55.166,0:48:55.708  
Yeah.

0:48:55.708,0:48:59.250  
The next time you feel like  
things are stacked against you,

0:48:59.666,0:49:02.583  
and maybe they are,  
and maybe then they probably are, right.

0:49:02.583,0:49:04.625  
Yeah, that's very fair. But.

0:49:04.625,0:49:06.791  
But the universe is not.

0:49:06.791,0:49:09.750  
And the people around you are not are not.

0:49:09.750,0:49:13.166  
If they are, surround yourself  
with different people, right?

0:49:13.250,0:49:14.125  
Absolutely.

0:49:14.125,0:49:16.375  
So that's the call to action.  
I love that call to action.

0:49:16.375,0:49:18.750  
See the universe being on your side.

0:49:18.750,0:49:22.166  
Be the universe around people, right?

0:49:22.250,0:49:23.875  
Yeah. If you have people, you're around.

0:49:23.875,0:49:27.291  
Be the kind of person that creates  
the universe and the environment for them

0:49:27.583,0:49:30.041  
to feel supported, feel success.

0:49:30.041,0:49:32.833  
That's the difference between being a city  
and a community, right?

0:49:32.833,0:49:34.916  
And we're trying

to build a community here.

0:49:34.916,0:49:40.125

And if we keep assuming the worst  
in each other, assuming everything bad.

0:49:41.041,0:49:43.625

Or assuming that everyone is out  
to get us right.

0:49:43.625,0:49:45.875

And I mean, think of the flip mindset.

0:49:45.875,0:49:48.083

If you presume the universe  
is out to get you,

0:49:48.083,0:49:49.625

you're going to find lots of evidence.

0:49:49.625,0:49:50.791

You're going to get got. Yep.

0:49:50.791,0:49:52.708

But look at flip it the other way.

0:49:52.708,0:49:56.583

Look for just how do we invite  
people to just leave space

0:49:57.625,0:49:59.833

for the fact that the universe could be on  
your side?

0:49:59.833,0:50:01.166

Just leave space for just leave.

0:50:01.166,0:50:03.166

Leave space for this horrible, awful  
thing.

0:50:03.166,0:50:06.375

Could be good for you.

0:50:06.625,0:50:07.458

I don't like it.

0:50:07.458,0:50:08.083

I don't like it.

0:50:08.083,0:50:10.833

I'm going to admit  
I don't like it, but I believe it.

0:50:10.833,0:50:12.750

That's correct. Because I've lived it.

0:50:12.750,0:50:13.625

Jennie, thank you.

0:50:13.625,0:50:15.291

Thanks Mayor this has been great.

0:50:15.291,0:50:19.083

Thanks for not just for being here,  
but for living your life in the Ogden Way

0:50:19.083,0:50:22.083

for being the example

0:50:22.541,0:50:25.541

of strength and grace and grit

0:50:26.333,0:50:29.583

and gratitude through all of that grind  
that you've been through.

0:50:29.583,0:50:34.583

I can't even imagine the the  
what you've felt throughout all of this.

0:50:35.166,0:50:37.708  
But to know that what you feel

0:50:37.708,0:50:41.916  
now, to know that what you focus on today,  
that's real strength,

0:50:42.833,0:50:45.833  
that's real and that's real character

0:50:45.875,0:50:48.916  
and that's that's a real life  
and a real story of the Ogden Way.

0:50:48.916,0:50:50.000  
So Jennie Taylor,

0:50:51.291,0:50:51.625  
thank you.

0:50:51.625,0:50:52.375  
Great to be here with you.

0:50:52.375,0:50:56.791  
And just huge shout out to every teacher  
I ever had or coach

0:50:56.791,0:51:00.583  
or friend's parent again,  
those wonderful Ogden people

0:51:01.291,0:51:05.875  
who 30 years ago saw something in me  
that they knew I could be

0:51:06.541,0:51:09.875  
when I really needed to believe  
that somebody thought I could do it.

0:51:10.541,0:51:14.125  
And again, seven years ago,  
the same people who people

0:51:14.125,0:51:17.041  
who believed in me in my capacity  
when I wasn't sure of my own.

0:51:17.041,0:51:19.166  
So it is the Ogden Way together.

0:51:19.166,0:51:21.583  
And I'm I'm grateful to call Ogden home.

0:51:21.583,0:51:23.791  
I'm an Ogden girl. Absolutely me too.

0:51:23.791,0:51:26.791  
I'm I'm blessed to have the stress

0:51:26.916,0:51:29.750  
and the burden of the weight of the job.

0:51:29.750,0:51:32.750  
It is an absolute blessing from above.

0:51:33.000,0:51:36.000  
I will take that weight  
and take that struggle every day.

0:51:36.333,0:51:38.583  
Well, you're doing great things,  
so. Thanks.

0:51:38.583,0:51:40.666  
Hold on tight. The Ogden

Way. The Ogden Way.

0:51:40.666,0:51:42.083  
So you heard it.

0:51:42.083,0:51:43.833  
You know what your call to action is.

0:51:43.833,0:51:45.500  
Also, look up Jennie Taylor.

0:51:45.500,0:51:47.500  
Look up her, motivational speaking.

0:51:47.500,0:51:51.875  
Look up her presence on stage,  
the strength of the message

0:51:51.875,0:51:52.916  
that she delivers.

0:51:52.916,0:51:55.916  
I speak from experience  
because we've seen it here locally.

0:51:56.291,0:51:58.291  
We were in Florida at a conference.

0:51:58.291,0:52:01.291  
She walked up like a boss.

0:52:01.583,0:52:03.958  
That entire conference center.

0:52:03.958,0:52:05.791  
Thousands of people.

0:52:05.791,0:52:08.458  
It was a great stunned silence.

0:52:08.458,0:52:10.000  
They were rapt on every word.

0:52:10.000,0:52:12.458  
The only thing you could hear from  
the crowd were sniffles.

0:52:12.458,0:52:15.750  
That's how rapt around your message  
they were.

0:52:15.875,0:52:16.625  
Thank you.

0:52:16.625,0:52:19.250  
And when you finished, everybody stood up.

0:52:19.250,0:52:20.791  
Everybody cried.

0:52:20.791,0:52:23.041  
Tears of joy and strength.

0:52:23.041,0:52:24.875  
That's what you do.

0:52:24.875,0:52:26.458  
That's what you do.

0:52:26.458,0:52:30.666  
So be that, be your best  
and be the Ogden Way.

0:52:30.666,0:52:31.250  
Thank you.

0:52:31.250,0:52:33.708  
So thank you everybody for watching.

0:52:33.708,0:52:35.333  
And thank you,  
Jennie Taylor. Thanks, mayor.