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Welcome, everybody, to the Ogden
Way podcast, where I.

0:00:13.000,0:00:17.125

Ogden City Mayor Ben
Nadolski invite guests like Delores Green

0:00:17.500,0:00:20.708

to talk about their experience, to talk
about how they grew up here in Ogden

0:00:21.125,0:00:23.541

and how they built themselves
into who they are today.

0:00:23.541,0:00:26.750

And we'll learn important lessons
about what the Ogden Way really means

0:00:27.041,0:00:30.083

in terms of stories of grit
and resilience and unity.

0:00:30.666,0:00:33.916

And we're going to learn those lessons
through people like Delores.

0:00:33.916,0:00:35.916

Delores, thanks for being here.
Thank you. Appreciate it.

0:00:35.916,0:00:38.291

Thanks for inviting me.
Yeah. This is exciting.

0:00:38.291,0:00:41.291

I always love connecting with you,
just like I did in the hallway.

0:00:41.458,0:00:42.083

Right?

0:00:42.083,0:00:45.083

Because you have beautiful energy.

0:00:45.083,0:00:48.083

Thank you.
You just have a spirit about you.

0:00:48.166,0:00:49.583

That makes me happy.

0:00:49.583,0:00:50.000

Thank you.

0:00:50.000,0:00:51.083

And you make me happy, too.

0:00:51.083,0:00:53.000

Your spirit is just the same.

0:00:53.000,0:00:54.833

I appreciate that.
You know what else makes me happy?

0:00:54.833,0:00:56.250

What's your shirt?

0:00:56.250,0:00:58.333

Oh, honey, I know, that's right.

0:00:58.333,0:00:59.791

- This is it.
- Girl.

0:01:00.958,0:01:01.916

I love that look.

0:01:01.916,0:01:04.916

Right there. Is beautiful.
So love it. Yeah.

0:01:05.458,0:01:08.750

And and for those listening
and watching, FYI,

0:01:08.750,0:01:11.833

we do have a line of apparel
that reflects the Ogden Way.

0:01:12.375,0:01:12.958

It's a brand.

0:01:12.958,0:01:14.375

It's an ethos. Yes.

0:01:14.375,0:01:17.375

It's also it's also a part of our hearts.

0:01:17.416,0:01:18.208

Right?

0:01:18.208,0:01:18.875

So it's something.

0:01:18.875,0:01:19.875

It's a badge of honor.

0:01:19.875,0:01:22.791

It's something we want to wear
and we want to. Yes.

0:01:22.791,0:01:24.833

And that is a reminder
when you're out in the city

0:01:24.833,0:01:27.833

once when we talk about the Ogden Way more,

0:01:28.125,0:01:33.250

that's a reminder of our initiative
to be and to lead and to love.

0:01:33.250,0:01:34.583

Absolutely right.

0:01:34.583,0:01:37.041

And to serve in the spirit
of the ordinance.

0:01:37.041,0:01:38.333

Yes, absolutely.

0:01:38.333,0:01:39.708

And I'm so proud to wear it, I love it.

0:01:39.708,0:01:41.458

I got the t-shirt, the hat.

0:01:41.458,0:01:43.000

I mean, I've got the gear. I'm ready.

0:01:43.000,0:01:44.000

You are geared up.

0:01:44.000,0:01:44.708

I appreciate that.

0:01:44.708,0:01:45.958

And thanks for repping the brand.

0:01:45.958,0:01:49.375

Yes, thank you for for,
bring it up to my attention

0:01:49.375,0:01:53.083
because when it came through,
I said, wow, this is beautiful.

0:01:53.458,0:01:54.708
It's good quality, too.

0:01:54.708,0:01:57.666
It is good quality by local vendors.

0:01:57.666,0:01:59.208
So when we talk about

0:02:00.166,0:02:01.000
I started off by talking

0:02:01.000,0:02:04.000
about your energy and energy
didn't come out of nowhere.

0:02:05.083,0:02:07.041
It's it's made to be.

0:02:07.041,0:02:09.500
It's made to be by you. Right? Yes.

0:02:09.500,0:02:12.541
I want to talk about
you want to talk about your energy

0:02:13.250,0:02:16.791
and how it is you come to me
every single time I see you.

0:02:16.791,0:02:19.000
And I know it's
not just for me, it's for everybody.

0:02:19.000,0:02:19.875
And that you've got this.

0:02:19.875,0:02:22.875
This spirit and this energy.

0:02:23.916,0:02:27.083
That that, to me, is Delores, right? Yes.

0:02:27.916,0:02:30.000
But Delores is not always lived in Ogden.

0:02:30.000,0:02:31.000
Right? Right.

0:02:31.000,0:02:32.541
You've had a you've had a lot of journey.

0:02:32.541,0:02:34.375
I have had a lot of journeys.

0:02:34.375,0:02:37.291
I've lived many places.
But I started here in Ogden.

0:02:37.291,0:02:41.208
I moved here, at
a very at a kindergarten age.

0:02:42.458,0:02:45.458
My father was in the military, and,

0:02:45.833,0:02:49.708
so he, he met when he met my mom,
he took her away,

0:02:49.708,0:02:53.666
and we were, born in Louisiana
and then came back to Utah.

0:02:53.666,0:02:55.583

And then I went to Pingree Elementary.

0:02:55.583,0:02:59.083

I went to watch Washington Junior High,
and then I went to Ogden High.

0:02:59.500,0:03:00.958

And then I got married.

0:03:00.958,0:03:03.333

Right, before graduation.

0:03:03.333,0:03:04.583

And then I moved away.

0:03:04.583,0:03:09.250

I got married young, and,
we had a son, and, we did that.

0:03:09.250,0:03:13.666

And then I came back,
and I raised Marcus in the Ogden area.

0:03:14.000,0:03:15.250

So the Marshall White,

0:03:15.250,0:03:18.250

That was our place to go.

0:03:18.291,0:03:22.250

We back in the day, we weren't allowed
to live above Washington Boulevard.

0:03:22.250,0:03:25.250

So all of the blacks
live below Washington Boulevard.

0:03:25.291,0:03:26.541

So we had a nice,

0:03:28.375,0:03:29.083

just a

0:03:29.083,0:03:33.041

nice community, a community of just that's
all we have was each other at that time.

0:03:33.041,0:03:35.041

And so,

0:03:35.041,0:03:37.458

we, I raised Marcus.

0:03:37.458,0:03:38.875

When Marcus got to high school,

0:03:38.875,0:03:41.625

it was time for him
to go to be with his father.

0:03:41.625,0:03:44.583

And then I decided to move away
to the Washington, D.C.

0:03:44.583,0:03:46.875

area for 30 plus years.

0:03:46.875,0:03:48.541

And that was an experience for me.

0:03:48.541,0:03:51.541

That's how I became the woman
that I am today.

0:03:51.916,0:03:53.458

For real, a lot of my energy.

0:03:53.458,0:03:56.083
But I've always been loved Ogden.

0:03:56.083,0:03:57.291
I always loved Ogden.

0:03:57.291,0:04:01.916
But I knew I needed more because there's
always been about less than 1% of us.

0:04:02.125,0:04:05.708
And it was important that I go somewhere

0:04:05.708,0:04:10.250
where I could see people
that looked like myself and doing things

0:04:10.250,0:04:14.750
that I love to do and get some education
and just build myself up.

0:04:14.750,0:04:17.333
So I did that, and so I wanted to,

0:04:18.916,0:04:21.208
the kids
of Utah have always been on my mind.

0:04:21.208,0:04:25.375
I would always hear about the statistics
of the, suicide rates in our state.

0:04:25.375,0:04:29.291
And I said, oh my God, our children
and I would come here every year

0:04:29.291,0:04:30.708
for 30 years on vacation.

0:04:30.708,0:04:35.125
I would see what's going on in,
in the area and the moving and shaking.

0:04:35.125,0:04:39.125
It wasn't to my liking very much,
but I was wondering what was going on

0:04:39.125,0:04:40.375
with our children.

0:04:40.375,0:04:44.666
So finally
I decided to come back to semi retire

0:04:45.208,0:04:48.208
and I started being a substitute teacher.

0:04:48.375,0:04:51.208
And because I wanted to start
and see what's going on with the kids,

0:04:51.208,0:04:52.791
what are they talking about?
What are they doing?

0:04:52.791,0:04:54.958
Why are they sad? What's going on?

0:04:54.958,0:04:57.958
So I connected with the kids and,
we loved one another.

0:04:57.958,0:04:58.750
I had a great time.

0:04:58.750,0:05:00.541
I did it for a couple of years,

0:05:00.541,0:05:04.208
and then I, decided to get out
and work a little bit, and,

0:05:05.458,0:05:08.458
from there, I joined,

0:05:09.583,0:05:11.291
the NAACP for a short

0:05:11.291,0:05:14.666
period of time,
but our values didn't match one another.

0:05:14.666,0:05:16.833
But I enjoyed that, that experience.

0:05:16.833,0:05:19.500
And then from there,

0:05:19.500,0:05:22.708
I went up to Ben Lomond.

0:05:23.125,0:05:23.666
Yes, you did.

0:05:23.666,0:05:25.875
And that's where

0:05:25.875,0:05:27.500
- That's where we're going to head.
- Yes.

0:05:27.500,0:05:27.791
Okay.

0:05:27.791,0:05:31.166
We got some significant
plans in the works, right?

0:05:31.250,0:05:32.458
Yes we do.

0:05:32.458,0:05:32.750
Okay.

0:05:32.750,0:05:37.083
So you're a you're a, a child
with, a parent with the military service.

0:05:37.083,0:05:40.250
I hear that a lot from people that they,
they spent some time in Ogden.

0:05:40.375,0:05:40.625
Yeah.

0:05:40.625,0:05:43.916
I actually hear it from the leadership
in the command, leaders on base.

0:05:44.458,0:05:46.666
That a lot of their service members
love to live in Ogden

0:05:46.666,0:05:48.541
because they come from all over the world,

0:05:48.541,0:05:52.166
but they feel more at home in Ogden
than anywhere else in this area.

0:05:52.333,0:05:55.333
And so we yeah, we house and,

0:05:55.458,0:05:59.208
and support a lot of service members
in the city for that exact reason.

0:05:59.208,0:05:59.916
And you were one of them.

0:05:59.916,0:06:03.958
And it's often that they come back
after they retire or after

0:06:03.958,0:06:07.791
or after they're, you know, growing
and working on their own.

0:06:07.791,0:06:09.291
They come back to here
and start a life on their own,

0:06:09.291,0:06:12.083
because this is the one place in their
service duty that they love the most.

0:06:12.083,0:06:13.375
Yes, absolutely.

0:06:13.375,0:06:16.041
But I wanted to talk about Marcus.
You mentioned Marcus.

0:06:16.041,0:06:18.500
And he's the one that actually
introduced me to you.

0:06:18.500,0:06:21.333
And I, I met Marcus
because of the Marshall White Center

0:06:21.333,0:06:24.750
and the project and all the hubbub
and the blow up around that.

0:06:25.125,0:06:27.500
He was adamant the first time I ever met.

0:06:27.500,0:06:29.000
And I was talking to him on the phone,

0:06:29.000,0:06:31.583
and he was adamant that that Marshall
White center stay put right.

0:06:31.583,0:06:32.000
Where it was.

0:06:32.000,0:06:33.708
Yes. Right. Yes.

0:06:33.708,0:06:35.000
And why was that significant?

0:06:35.000,0:06:37.791
It was significant
because that's all we had.

0:06:37.791,0:06:40.500
I mean, that is a place where we all went.

0:06:40.500,0:06:44.583
I mean, the blacks, Hispanics, the whites,
we all came together.

0:06:44.583,0:06:47.708
There was a lot boxing championships
there.

0:06:48.083,0:06:51.208
There was concerts
there, there was swimming there.

0:06:51.583,0:06:55.375

There was they would serve lunches
for the kids during the summertime

0:06:55.375,0:06:58.833
and then bussed them
to, Upward Bound over at Weber State.

0:06:58.833,0:07:00.666
I mean, it was a significant,

0:07:02.750,0:07:06.708
part of, of our history here in Ogden.

0:07:06.708,0:07:09.708
And when we found out
that it was going to be moved,

0:07:10.500,0:07:12.708
it was it was heartbreaking for us.

0:07:12.708,0:07:15.833
And that's when Marcus jumped in and said,
mom, we've got to do something right,

0:07:15.875,0:07:18.500
you know?
And so that's how it's all to off.

0:07:18.500,0:07:19.750
And that's why Marcus called me.

0:07:19.750,0:07:21.208
And funny thing is, I was on my way

0:07:21.208,0:07:23.291
to a city council meeting
where we were going to talk about it.

0:07:23.291,0:07:26.291
Marcus called and,

0:07:26.833,0:07:30.416
and I knew before I even met him
in person, talking to him on that phone,

0:07:31.041,0:07:34.208
I remember turning left on to 26th
and Washington and coming into the meeting,

0:07:34.875,0:07:38.000
and I was just, like,
so amped up talking to him

0:07:38.541,0:07:39.958
like I had never met in person yet.

0:07:39.958,0:07:43.791
And I knew in that that moment,
he was like a brother to me in

0:07:43.791,0:07:45.208
some way or some form.

0:07:46.250,0:07:47.125
Just that energy.

0:07:47.125,0:07:50.250
You can you can feel it through a phone,
right? Yes.

0:07:51.250,0:07:54.250
And he really inspired me to,

0:07:55.041,0:07:58.041
for for me to look at things differently.

0:07:58.291,0:08:03.000
And, if not for Marcus,

I wouldn't have gone home later that day.

0:08:03.000,0:08:06.000

And I told my wife, I said,

0:08:06.000,0:08:09.000

I think politics is over for me.

0:08:09.958,0:08:12.541

And I'm going to I'm
going to lose a lot of, a lot of,

0:08:12.541,0:08:15.416

support and friendship over this,
but I'm going to be

0:08:15.416,0:08:18.416

on the right side of history,
and then we're going to set sail.

0:08:19.416,0:08:21.875

I guess I was wrong on some of that,

0:08:21.875,0:08:24.666

but I think we got it right

0:08:24.666,0:08:28.208

on the most important part of that,
which was we kept it where it was. Yes.

0:08:28.375,0:08:31.125

And that was an a huge driver
for that neighborhood.

0:08:31.125,0:08:32.875

Right. And that's the neighborhood
you live in now?

0:08:32.875,0:08:35.750

Oh yes. I'm right there. I'm a homeowner.

0:08:35.750,0:08:39.541

I live in the house that my husband's,
mother raised six kids there.

0:08:40.000,0:08:42.500

He lost his father at a young age,
and they were living in West Ogden.

0:08:42.500,0:08:45.750

So West Ogden was was mostly black as well.

0:08:46.083,0:08:51.125

And so, when we when I got back from DC,
we decided

0:08:51.125,0:08:54.625

that we were going to buy - because I didn't
want to buy it, it???s 117 years old.

0:08:54.625,0:08:57.333

And I was like, I don't want to,
but I was raised in that area.

0:08:57.333,0:09:00.583

I was raised on Pingree
Avenue, Wall Avenue, and,

0:09:01.250,0:09:05.250

and then Lincoln Avenue was our,
I mean, that was the territory.

0:09:05.250,0:09:06.958

I said, you know what?

0:09:06.958,0:09:08.708

I'm going to stay right here.

0:09:08.708,0:09:10.250

This is where I'm from.

0:09:10.250,0:09:12.833

This is where I'm going to be.

That's right. Myself.

0:09:12.833,0:09:14.041

And we're going to figure this out.

0:09:14.041,0:09:16.000

We go. And we do it. Right.

0:09:16.000,0:09:18.458

- And we're doing with some attitude and.

- With some attitude.

0:09:18.458,0:09:20.791

Oh, yeah.

So I've never known you not to attitude.

0:09:21.958,0:09:23.875

like you've

been copping ???tude since the day I met.

0:09:23.875,0:09:26.041

I know.

0:09:26.041,0:09:27.500

Same with Marcus. Right?

0:09:27.500,0:09:30.000

- Oh yes.

- But the beautiful thing is that that's that's the

0:09:30.000,0:09:33.583

neighborhood you raised Marcus in.

Marshall White Center's where you raised Marcus.

0:09:33.583,0:09:34.625

Right?

0:09:34.625,0:09:36.250

Marcus learned some hard lessons in life.

0:09:36.250,0:09:38.250

He had some hard knocks, but absolutely.

0:09:38.250,0:09:41.250

But he tells me, if not for the Marshall

White Center, he's not who he is either.

0:09:41.750,0:09:43.916

And and he just recently moved back
to Ogden.

0:09:43.916,0:09:44.833

Yes, he did.

0:09:44.833,0:09:47.333

And he's built himself into who he is
today.

0:09:47.333,0:09:49.041

And he's he's an innovator

0:09:49.041,0:09:52.958

and a he's got a science

background, is inventing and innovating.

0:09:52.958,0:09:53.916

Yes.

0:09:53.916,0:09:56.541

- He's really focused on kids as well.

- Yes.

0:09:56.541,0:09:59.416

In the vein of your legacy,
in your example.

0:09:59.416,0:10:01.250
He cares deeply.

0:10:01.250,0:10:06.500
And that's that's the story of resilience
and that's the Ogden story.

0:10:06.500,0:10:08.458
- It is.
- It's also the Ogden way.

0:10:08.458,0:10:09.625
It is the Ogden way.

0:10:09.625,0:10:11.750
So when you were
when you were growing up there,

0:10:14.250,0:10:15.750
certainly were relying on each other.

0:10:15.750,0:10:18.166
- Right?
- Yes.
- Because we were a community.

0:10:18.166,0:10:21.166
But you have talked to me a lot about

0:10:21.833,0:10:24.000
over the years
since we've gotten to know each other

0:10:24.000,0:10:26.750
about relying on yourself

0:10:26.750,0:10:29.750
- and the accountability for self first.
- Yes.

0:10:29.958,0:10:32.958
Tell me about
tell me about that in your story and,

0:10:33.291,0:10:36.166
and in the story of raising Marcus.

0:10:36.166,0:10:39.416
It was,
it was tough raising Marcus here in,

0:10:39.958,0:10:42.541
we started in Ogden
and then we, we sort of moved

0:10:42.541,0:10:45.541
to Salt Lake before he went to California
to be with his father.

0:10:45.625,0:10:48.958
But it was always a struggle,
raising him by myself.

0:10:48.958,0:10:52.333
But I got out there
and I started working here very young.

0:10:52.333,0:10:55.333
My first job was a dispatcher
for the Weber County Police.

0:10:55.416,0:10:57.166
I mean, sheriff's department, right.

0:10:57.166,0:10:59.333

And so I've always worked and tried to,

0:11:00.875,0:11:02.666
to, to raise him and but I

0:11:02.666,0:11:05.666
did the best I could,
and he never lacked anything.

0:11:06.500,0:11:10.375
And so that's
what really the strength in me

0:11:10.375,0:11:13.791
came out when I knew that
I had to do the best I could with him.

0:11:14.041,0:11:16.208
He was such a loving young man to
at the time.

0:11:16.208,0:11:17.875
It was very easy for me,

0:11:17.875,0:11:21.125
but it taught me a lesson and taught me
how to be a wonderful mother,

0:11:21.250,0:11:24.958
a strong mother, and to make sure
that I supported him in his sports.

0:11:24.958,0:11:28.500
And I made a way to be there for him
when we moved to Salt Lake.

0:11:28.500,0:11:31.708
But it was always a struggle,
but it made me strong.

0:11:32.541,0:11:35.500
The rent here was always high, for us,

0:11:35.500,0:11:40.416
so we always struggled, with the rent
was always higher than what we got paid.

0:11:40.416,0:11:44.458
And so I was like, oh, but we did it,
you know, and and,

0:11:44.875,0:11:47.541
he did very well in school,
but it was time for us to part ways

0:11:47.541,0:11:51.458
- so he can be a man from a boy to a man
- It???s a big step.

0:11:51.500,0:11:55.791
Yes, it's a big step because I knew that
he needed his father at that time.

0:11:56.208,0:11:58.500
And so that's when we decided to,

0:11:59.875,0:12:02.708
do that, let him go and finish
high school in California.

0:12:02.708,0:12:05.541
And then that's
when I decided I'm going to.

0:12:05.541,0:12:06.416
I worked here for a while,

0:12:06.416,0:12:10.666

then I decided I got a job,
transferred to go to the DC area,

0:12:10.916,0:12:14.125
and that's when I started a bigger career,
for myself.

0:12:14.375,0:12:17.375
So. Okay, so as you're raising Marcus.

0:12:17.750,0:12:21.500
Obviously you had a lot of investment
in yourself and in him.

0:12:22.541,0:12:25.541
It must have been times
where you felt alone or lonely, but,

0:12:26.250,0:12:27.750
but there were also,
it sounds like a lot of times

0:12:27.750,0:12:31.708
where you knew you weren't alone, that
you were surrounded love and caring

0:12:31.791,0:12:34.041
- And community
- The community.

0:12:34.041,0:12:37.375
Listen, I, I,
I have nothing negative to say

0:12:37.666,0:12:40.666
about Ogden, about Utah, period.

0:12:41.000,0:12:43.583
Every say,
every experience that I've had here

0:12:43.583,0:12:47.541
was always positive
and enlightening for me.

0:12:47.541,0:12:49.125
We always came together.

0:12:49.125,0:12:53.333
I did not feel that
I was being discriminated against,

0:12:54.541,0:12:55.375
or or

0:12:55.375,0:12:59.750
any type of things that I hear people
talk about in other cities and states.

0:13:00.083,0:13:03.083
I don't feel that here in Ogden
now we've got our issues here.

0:13:03.375,0:13:04.375
But let me tell you something.

0:13:04.375,0:13:07.208
We've always had a support system here.

0:13:07.208,0:13:10.708
I never experienced racism here,
never a day.

0:13:11.000,0:13:13.625
I've always got the jobs that I wanted.

0:13:13.625,0:13:17.000
People always were kind to me, you know,

0:13:17.000,0:13:20.833

I just have not had a bad experience here
living in this state.

0:13:20.833,0:13:22.916

That's why I love you so much.

0:13:22.916,0:13:25.250

All right, I we talked,
we started our talk.

0:13:25.250,0:13:26.416

Talk about your energy.

0:13:26.416,0:13:29.041

- Yeah.

- How beautiful your energy is.

0:13:29.041,0:13:32.041

I think your energy is a reflection
of your mindset

0:13:32.291,0:13:35.291

because you say you've
never had a bad day.

0:13:35.666,0:13:37.916

You've never been the victim of of racism.

0:13:37.916,0:13:39.875

You've never had a bad experience.

0:13:39.875,0:13:42.625

You've always gotten the opportunities
that you wanted.

0:13:42.625,0:13:45.083

I know for a fact
there's been hard set, hard,

0:13:46.333,0:13:47.666

setbacks in your life.

0:13:47.666,0:13:50.000

And I know that you've risen above them,

0:13:50.000,0:13:52.583

but you've always had a mindset
of positivity.

0:13:52.583,0:13:55.375

Yes, that you made a decision
at some point that you were going

0:13:55.375,0:14:00.375

- to see things in a in a way
that was productive and positive for.

- Yes.

0:14:00.500,0:14:05.166

- And I think that's why I feel that draw
to the energy that you have.

- Yes.

0:14:05.625,0:14:06.958

Because

0:14:06.958,0:14:09.333

- because you haven't
ever had a bad day.

- No.

0:14:09.333,0:14:11.125

Even though maybe to some.

0:14:11.125,0:14:13.375

And you look at it, that was a bad day.

0:14:13.375,0:14:16.375
But it was a day that was beautiful.

0:14:16.708,0:14:17.458
It was a day.

0:14:17.458,0:14:20.208
And I know, I know, I know,
you were a woman of faith.

0:14:20.208,0:14:22.166
And, you know, I'm a man of faith.

0:14:22.166,0:14:24.291
And so there are no bad days in,

0:14:24.291,0:14:28.500
in in a life that's lived in the vision
and and in the light of Christ.

0:14:28.583,0:14:29.458
Right, right.

0:14:29.458,0:14:32.083
And so I'm not going to preach here. It's
not what it's about. Don't worry.

0:14:32.083,0:14:34.916
all the viewers and the
and the listeners but

0:14:34.916,0:14:37.166
but everybody has their, their way
of being motivated.

0:14:37.166,0:14:37.916
- Right?
- Yes.

0:14:37.916,0:14:39.500
But I always admire that about you.

0:14:39.500,0:14:41.750
How you, you refused to be

0:14:41.750,0:14:42.958
refuse to be the victim.

0:14:42.958,0:14:44.833
You refuse to have a bad day.

0:14:44.833,0:14:47.875
You make a mind set
and a decision to be great

0:14:48.416,0:14:50.666
and and you make a decision
to have a great day.

0:14:50.666,0:14:52.791
- Yes I do.
- That's beautiful.

0:14:52.791,0:14:53.875
That's why I call you the Queen.

0:14:53.875,0:14:54.875
Oh, yeah.

0:14:54.875,0:14:57.166
Thank you so much.

0:14:57.166,0:14:58.083
You know -

0:14:58.083,0:14:58.875
Hey, you.

0:14:58.875,0:15:01.333

You hear me call you the Queen all the time.

0:15:03.000,0:15:06.000

But, the queen to me is a leader.

0:15:06.041,0:15:08.000

It's a it's a leader that's beautiful.

0:15:08.000,0:15:12.125

And it embodies a spirit and energy
that that to me, I, I,

0:15:12.166,0:15:13.041

I feel when I'm with you.

0:15:13.041,0:15:16.458

So thank you for sharing that with me,
but also with all of Ogden.

0:15:17.250,0:15:19.208

You mentioned that,

0:15:19.208,0:15:21.625

it was time for Marcus
to go to finish high school, California.

0:15:21.625,0:15:24.375

But he before he finished high school,
he was a Ben Lomond Scott.

0:15:24.375,0:15:26.791

- He was a Ben Lomond Scott
- And he was an athlete there.

0:15:26.791,0:15:28.500

a good athlete

0:15:28.500,0:15:31.125

Kind of built on the experiences
he had at the Marshall White Center

0:15:31.125,0:15:34.041

- Yes.
- So thank you Delores for raising him up.

0:15:34.041,0:15:34.500

Yes.

0:15:34.500,0:15:37.500

Thank you Marshall White Community
for for wrapping your arms around him

0:15:37.541,0:15:40.083

raising him up
getting him to the to Ben Lomond.

0:15:40.083,0:15:42.958

So now today we had a meeting.

0:15:42.958,0:15:45.750

- And you're an advisor for Ben
Lomond High School.
- Yes.

0:15:45.750,0:15:49.750

- And you've advised the
then named Black Student Union?
- Yes.

0:15:49.750,0:15:52.041

Now the urban student Alliance USA.

0:15:52.041,0:15:54.791

Yes. I'm excited.

0:15:54.791,0:15:55.875

Before we talk about the meeting

0:15:55.875,0:15:58.875

we had the things that kids shared with us
that were so powerful.

0:15:58.875,0:15:59.458

Tell us a little bit

0:15:59.458,0:16:02.875

about the Black Student Union
and what is now the Urban Student Alliance

0:16:02.875,0:16:03.625

Okay.

0:16:03.625,0:16:08.125

Well, when I went to go and meet,
Principal Paul at the time,

0:16:08.875,0:16:11.708

he was telling me that, well,

0:16:11.708,0:16:14.625

that he would like to have something

0:16:14.625,0:16:18.041

for the our black kids to be a part of.

0:16:18.250,0:16:20.791

So he said, what do you think about

0:16:22.000,0:16:23.333

you, you know,

0:16:23.333,0:16:27.583

being a part of us and
and having we're going to have a class.

0:16:27.916,0:16:30.041

And I'd love for you
to participate in the class.

0:16:30.041,0:16:31.958

And I was like, this is awesome.

0:16:31.958,0:16:34.958

So I started working with the kids and,

0:16:36.500,0:16:37.583

wonderful kids.

0:16:37.583,0:16:42.208

I had 13 at first, 13 kids and.

0:16:44.250,0:16:45.166

I want to tell this story.

0:16:45.166,0:16:45.833

I have to tell this.

0:16:45.833,0:16:48.333

- You have to.

- I have to be honest. Okay.

0:16:48.333,0:16:51.875

So we were invited up to Weber
State, and Weber State was having,

0:16:54.000,0:16:57.416

something to do with justice or something

0:16:57.416,0:16:59.000

they invited us about.

0:16:59.000,0:17:03.708

So when we got there, our kids,
it was about how many?

0:17:03.708,0:17:06.708
How many of you kids know
anybody's been killed by police

0:17:06.916,0:17:08.208
and all this type of stuff?

0:17:08.208,0:17:11.750
So they were talking about things
that they were dealing with that the,

0:17:11.958,0:17:14.208
black students
I guess, we're dealing with in their lives

0:17:14.208,0:17:16.500
because, you know, people from all over
come to Weber State.

0:17:16.500,0:17:19.875
So the kids was looking like we don't know
anybody that's, you know,

0:17:19.916,0:17:21.208
they are not about that.

0:17:21.208,0:17:23.458
They haven't been exposed.

0:17:23.458,0:17:26.375
Are you kids haven't been exposed to

0:17:26.375,0:17:29.375
some of the things like kids
from other states have.

0:17:29.625,0:17:31.791
So they were standing around lost.

0:17:31.791,0:17:33.916
Well, let me tell you after.

0:17:33.916,0:17:37.000
And then so when we went down to eat
and then some of the kids

0:17:37.000,0:17:39.541
don't come here to Weber State,
this is awful.

0:17:39.541,0:17:41.750
Just negative about Weber
state, I was like -

0:17:41.750,0:17:43.583
And the kids were looking
I was looking I was like,

0:17:43.583,0:17:46.583
I don't want my kids to hear
negative things about Weber State

0:17:46.583,0:17:48.958
because they may want to go, here's
something.

0:17:48.958,0:17:52.708
So anyway, we get back the next week.

0:17:52.708,0:17:54.166
I went to go meet with the kids.

0:17:54.166,0:17:57.166
They turned their back on me
and didn't want to talk to me.

0:17:57.750,0:18:02.666

They just shut me out and I was like,
oh my God, I just teared up.

0:18:02.666,0:18:04.333
I went home,
I said, something has happened.

0:18:05.333,0:18:08.333
The principal called and he said
they didn't enjoy that

0:18:08.333,0:18:10.291
event

0:18:10.291,0:18:13.250
They they couldn't relate to it and
they thought it was something different.

0:18:13.250,0:18:15.708
And so did, Delores.
I was like, well, it wasn't my fault.

0:18:15.708,0:18:17.541
I didn't know what to expect either.

0:18:17.541,0:18:22.583
So anyway, so two months went by,
my heart was broken, two months went by,

0:18:23.125,0:18:27.916
and, the principal called me and he said,
Delores, the kids want you to come back

0:18:28.250,0:18:30.958
and they want you to help them go

0:18:30.958,0:18:33.625
on a historic black college tour.

0:18:33.625,0:18:34.916
And I was like, all teared up.

0:18:34.916,0:18:37.166
I was like, oh my God, I love to.

0:18:37.166,0:18:38.250
I would love to.

0:18:38.250,0:18:41.916
So we got back together
and so we started building out our class.

0:18:41.958,0:18:43.916
It was a pure leadership class.

0:18:43.916,0:18:46.875
So we built the class
and we talked about black history.

0:18:46.875,0:18:51.333
We talked about a lot of different issues
that that they go through in their life.

0:18:51.333,0:18:52.958
And so we just start building upon that.

0:18:52.958,0:18:54.750
And so we came very close.

0:18:54.750,0:18:58.250
Well, when the time when it came time
for us to get ready to go,

0:18:58.791,0:19:02.708
we we didn't raise enough money,
to go that year

0:19:02.708,0:19:06.625

and so it broke our heart
because we were like maybe \$15,000 short.

0:19:07.166,0:19:09.250
So the kids graduated.

0:19:09.250,0:19:10.708
A lot of them went on to college,

0:19:10.708,0:19:12.666
a lot of them went to
some went to the military.

0:19:12.666,0:19:15.125
But great success
with that pure leadership class.

0:19:15.125,0:19:18.375
It was a wonderful time for all of us,
but they really wanted to go

0:19:18.375,0:19:21.375
on a historic black card
just just to get out and go.

0:19:21.666,0:19:24.833
So I got a next group of kids,
the next group of kids.

0:19:24.833,0:19:27.166
It was about 15 of them. And

0:19:28.125,0:19:31.708
so I went to some of our,

0:19:32.958,0:19:35.958
constituents here in Ogden.

0:19:36.416,0:19:38.000
And they wanted to know

0:19:38.000,0:19:42.083
why we didn't go on the historic black
college tour, because we had a fundraiser

0:19:42.083,0:19:46.250
and everything, and I was like,
we were \$15,000 short and they were like,

0:19:46.708,0:19:48.625
Joseph Carey. I don't know if you know.

0:19:48.625,0:19:50.166
Yup, state school board member.

0:19:50.166,0:19:53.166
We met those kids down.

0:19:53.666,0:19:55.791
I was like, yes, we broke -

0:19:55.791,0:20:00.208
He said, Jamie,
what are we going to do about this?

0:20:00.625,0:20:02.041
This cannot happen.

0:20:02.041,0:20:05.375
So anyway,
the next thing I knew the following

0:20:05.375,0:20:09.041
year, 2023, we start having a fundraiser.

0:20:09.041,0:20:10.625
We start building up money.

0:20:10.625,0:20:11.666
Everybody showed up.

0:20:11.666,0:20:14.750
You showed up
and the city council member showed up.

0:20:14.750,0:20:18.708
The city showed up for these kids
and we fed them.

0:20:18.708,0:20:20.625
We had a soul food dinner.

0:20:20.625,0:20:21.500
We did. We fit.

0:20:21.500,0:20:22.541
We fed everybody.

0:20:22.541,0:20:26.958
The program was okay, and we raised
that money and we raised that money.

0:20:26.958,0:20:29.541
And those kids, we were on that flight,

0:20:29.541,0:20:33.083
and we were able to take those kids
to the Washington, D.C.

0:20:33.083,0:20:36.208
area on a historic black college
tour and a history tour.

0:20:36.583,0:20:38.625
So we did all that in five days.

0:20:38.625,0:20:41.625
Those kids and some of them
had never been out of Ogden,

0:20:42.000,0:20:45.250
and it was 13 of them
that had a beautiful experience

0:20:45.250,0:20:48.083
seeing people that look like them.
And we had all races.

0:20:48.083,0:20:52.708
We had white, black, Hispanic,
all those mixed of get mixture of kids

0:20:53.041,0:20:56.666
that was able to just see how it is

0:20:56.666,0:21:01.375
outside of Utah and different races and
just the positivity of the whole thing.

0:21:01.375,0:21:04.333
It was incredible.
And they will talk about that.

0:21:04.333,0:21:06.750
Still no telling
when they'll share it with their kids.

0:21:06.750,0:21:10.250
Okay, so now I know for a fact
the listeners and viewers are feeling

0:21:10.250,0:21:13.791
the energy this is the Delores energy
that was talking about the

0:21:15.166,0:21:16.125

where do we even begin?

0:21:16.125,0:21:17.500
Right? Okay.

0:21:17.500,0:21:21.625
So the kids themselves,
they rejected what they were seeing

0:21:21.625,0:21:25.458
and reflected by others because it didn't
reflect their experience here in Ogden.

0:21:25.458,0:21:27.416
Right. And I want to call something out.

0:21:27.416,0:21:29.083
You said

0:21:29.083,0:21:31.833
that the event was highlighting police,

0:21:31.833,0:21:35.916
and I, I love the fact that the kids
that grew up here in Ogden,

0:21:36.416,0:21:39.708
who had experience with police here
in Ogden, didn't have those experiences.

0:21:39.708,0:21:43.583
And they they rejected the the narrative
that was sweeping the nation,

0:21:43.583,0:21:48.458
because that's not who we are in Ogden,
including that's not who we are at OPD.

0:21:48.583,0:21:49.416
Right.

0:21:49.416,0:21:51.625
Ogden Police Department,
the best department.

0:21:51.625,0:21:54.875
That's right. Period. The best. I have.

0:21:54.875,0:21:56.875
That is one thing I have learned
since I got this

0:21:56.875,0:21:59.958
job is just how incredible
Ogden Police Department is.

0:22:00.500,0:22:03.041
And I love the fact that the kids felt that

0:22:03.041,0:22:06.750
- Yes, they did
- Even if they didn't know it
the way I know it, they felt it.

0:22:06.750,0:22:09.625
- And they rejected that.
- Yes, they did.

0:22:09.625,0:22:10.500
Hats off to the kids.

0:22:10.500,0:22:14.250
Hats off to OPD, not just OPD, OPD past.

0:22:14.250,0:22:17.250
Yes, that's a culture and a long standing.

0:22:17.541,0:22:18.958

In fact, OPD

0:22:18.958,0:22:20.791
but now is going to play a huge role
at the Marshal

0:22:20.791,0:22:22.375
White and always did in the past, right?

0:22:22.375,0:22:24.416
Yes, I'm excited about that.

0:22:24.416,0:22:26.041
Because Marshall and White is -

0:22:26.041,0:22:27.583
- Yes
- Doctor White

0:22:27.583,0:22:28.291
Detective White
Officer White

0:22:28.291,0:22:29.875
Yes, absolutely.

0:22:29.875,0:22:31.791
Fallen hero of our police department.

0:22:32.750,0:22:33.833
We are at a point where we

0:22:33.833,0:22:36.833
And the first week of May, we're
still slated in on time, on schedule.

0:22:37.000,0:22:39.208
- It could change. Things happen.
- That's okay. I know it does.

0:22:39.208,0:22:43.083
But we are shooting for the first week
in May to have a ground or a

0:22:43.416,0:22:47.750
or a ribbon cutting for the most beautiful
Marshall White center.

0:22:48.500,0:22:49.083
Looking beautiful.

0:22:49.083,0:22:52.958
Oh, I just drive by there every day
and I am so in

0:22:52.958,0:22:56.875
awe with how fast, how they did it,
how nice it looks.

0:22:56.875,0:22:59.750
I was like, thank you Ogden City.

0:22:59.750,0:23:02.750
This is just incredible, right?

0:23:02.833,0:23:03.916
Oh my gosh.

0:23:03.916,0:23:06.916
- It's just so incredible
- Hey, secret

0:23:07.250,0:23:09.166
It wasn't it doesn't happen on its own.

0:23:09.166,0:23:12.125
- It's made to happen by people
- I know.

0:23:12.125,0:23:13.791

And so we we went through a journey.

0:23:13.791,0:23:17.750

There was some strife even along the way
a lot of conflict and tension.

0:23:17.750,0:23:19.583

But you know what?
We landed in the right place.

0:23:19.583,0:23:22.250

Yes, we did, we did it.
We did the best we possibly could.

0:23:23.625,0:23:25.500

We all want it to be bigger and better.

0:23:25.500,0:23:27.250

There's no end in sight
for what it could be.

0:23:27.250,0:23:29.666

But we did everything that we can
for Ogden.

0:23:29.666,0:23:31.666

And it's going to be an incredible
facility.

0:23:31.666,0:23:32.458

It really is.

0:23:32.458,0:23:35.750

When I interviewed my new chief, Chief
Jake Sube, I said,

0:23:35.750,0:23:39.000

what do you want
your legacy to be as chief?

0:23:39.375,0:23:39.916

And he talked about

0:23:39.916,0:23:42.916

a few different things,
including the history of our department.

0:23:43.166,0:23:46.166

He also talked about the legacy
that we leave for our youth.

0:23:46.375,0:23:48.875

He really wants to have a bigger impact

0:23:48.875,0:23:51.875

and a bigger presence for not just him,
but his officers

0:23:52.666,0:23:54.291

at the Marshall White Center.

0:23:54.291,0:23:54.958

And we are

0:23:54.958,0:23:58.375

going to make sure that happens,
because that is going to be a connection

0:23:58.791,0:24:01.541

that the kids are always going to have,
just like they used to

0:24:01.541,0:24:05.875

Former Chief of Police Randy
Watt talks about coaching boxing, right?

0:24:06.000,0:24:08.791

We're going have boxing at the
Marshall White Center,

0:24:08.791,0:24:11.666

and we're going to have officers
involved in participating.

0:24:11.666,0:24:13.458

That's the thing that your kids felt

0:24:13.458,0:24:15.166

that the other kids around the country
didn't feel.

0:24:15.166,0:24:17.166

I know that's the Ogden Way.

0:24:17.166,0:24:19.250

It???s what we do.

0:24:19.250,0:24:22.375

- It???s so exciting

- It???s just who we are

0:24:22.583,0:24:23.833

It's like it's it's an ethos.

0:24:23.833,0:24:26.708

It's like, yeah, it's in our blood.

0:24:26.708,0:24:27.416

It's in our soul.

0:24:27.416,0:24:29.875

- It is in our bones.

- Yes, it is.

0:24:30.916,0:24:33.916

So as we, as we,

0:24:34.166,0:24:37.166

as we look to the future
for the Marshall White Center,

0:24:37.458,0:24:39.291

that's under construction,

0:24:39.291,0:24:42.083

we've got to be listening
to the voices of our youth.

0:24:42.083,0:24:45.416

And that's why, you reached out and asked
if I would be willing

0:24:45.416,0:24:49.375

to meet with the Black Student Union group

0:24:49.375,0:24:50.291

Now the Urban Student Alliance

0:24:50.291,0:24:53.458

- Yes

- Of course, I took, I took,

0:24:53.541,0:24:57.125

I took your offer, and, boy did
those kids knocked my socks off.

0:24:57.708,0:24:59.541

- Aren???t they incredible.

- They were incredible.

0:24:59.541,0:25:02.166

We had them around the table in my office,
and we talked about so many things.

0:25:02.166,0:25:04.541

- They came with questions for me.

- Yes they did.

0:25:04.541,0:25:06.333

Great questions.

0:25:06.333,0:25:07.875

Boy, they pressed me hard.

0:25:07.875,0:25:09.708

They did hold me accountable.

0:25:09.708,0:25:10.666

They did?

0:25:10.666,0:25:12.583

No, all of them.

I had nothing to do with it.

0:25:12.583,0:25:15.541

I said, you have something for him.

What do you want to ask him?

0:25:15.541,0:25:18.333

And they had their little eight

by ten piece paper.

0:25:18.333,0:25:20.750

They were so cute.

And they were ready.

0:25:20.750,0:25:21.500

They were ready.

0:25:21.500,0:25:23.250

- They were nervous. But they were.

- Yeah.

0:25:23.250,0:25:24.250

And they got their answers.

0:25:24.250,0:25:25.250

Yes, they did.

0:25:25.250,0:25:27.625

And, and I kind of fit the script.

0:25:27.625,0:25:29.625

Yes, you did too. I love how you did that.

0:25:29.625,0:25:32.416

All right, my turn. We still got time, right.

0:25:33.833,0:25:34.541

And and I

0:25:34.541,0:25:37.541

asked them questions because I didn't

I didn't

0:25:38.375,0:25:41.750

I didn't accept your offer just because

I wanted to answer their questions.

0:25:41.750,0:25:44.750

I wanted to hear their answers too

0:25:44.750,0:25:45.583

And that's part of listening.

0:25:45.583,0:25:48.583

It's asking questions

and answering questions and

0:25:48.666,0:25:52.791

they told me something that day

that broke my heart

0:25:53.541,0:25:56.958
when they felt like
the north end of town was left behind,

0:25:58.375,0:26:01.250
they felt like there

0:26:01.250,0:26:03.166
themselves in some cases,

0:26:03.166,0:26:05.666
and their peers in the student body,

0:26:05.666,0:26:08.666
their brothers and sisters
and their neighbors

0:26:09.166,0:26:11.375
had lost hope.

0:26:11.375,0:26:11.916
They said

0:26:11.916,0:26:14.916
They said, mayor,
there's this sense of despair,

0:26:15.208,0:26:18.041
- this loss of hope, right?
- Yes.

0:26:18.041,0:26:19.583
And it broke my heart when they said that.

0:26:19.583,0:26:21.291
I know it did.

0:26:21.291,0:26:24.791
So we are not going to let kids

0:26:24.791,0:26:27.500
tell us something like that
without doing something about it.

0:26:27.500,0:26:28.958
And we're going to have
some guests on this podcast,

0:26:28.958,0:26:29.416
are going to tell us

0:26:29.416,0:26:32.125
about what they're doing to help us
on the north side of town.

0:26:32.125,0:26:33.208
Okay.

0:26:33.208,0:26:34.583
So the north end of town
is going to become

0:26:34.583,0:26:37.041
a more priority focus
for the city and moving forward.

0:26:37.041,0:26:37.500
Wonderful.

0:26:37.500,0:26:39.208
When we talk about policies,
we're gonna make sure

0:26:39.208,0:26:41.666
that we're accounting for the North
in a town.

0:26:41.666,0:26:45.541
We are not going to let kids
get to this point of hopelessness.

0:26:47.083,0:26:48.833
If they lose hope, we're going to lose.

0:26:48.833,0:26:51.500
Kids literally lose lives.

0:26:51.500,0:26:55.708
So, you and I, so you're coming to the
state of the city event on January 29th.

0:26:55.791,0:26:57.208
- I will be there.
- Right?

0:26:57.208,0:27:01.625
So this episode will have, aired
after the 29th.

0:27:01.875,0:27:02.500
Okay.

0:27:02.500,0:27:04.666
Well, recorded it beforehand,
so we're prepared.

0:27:04.666,0:27:07.375
Okay. But those kids are going to come to.

0:27:07.375,0:27:08.041
So are the.

0:27:08.041,0:27:10.291
So are the Ben
Lomond bagpipes and drummers.

0:27:10.291,0:27:11.541
Yes.

0:27:11.541,0:27:13.500
And we'll have participants
Ogden High as well.

0:27:13.500,0:27:14.791
- Wonderful.
- Right?

0:27:14.791,0:27:15.083
Yeah.

0:27:15.083,0:27:18.000
There'll
be, it's going to be a beautiful night

0:27:18.000,0:27:20.416
and everybody is listening
now, will will agree

0:27:20.416,0:27:22.750
- because it will have
already happened.
- Yes.

0:27:22.750,0:27:25.000
But what we've done since then

0:27:25.000,0:27:27.583
is we've challenged our staff and our team

0:27:27.583,0:27:31.041
all the way from our chief of police
to our recreation division manager,

0:27:31.500,0:27:34.500
that we're going to put a priority

focus on kids in the north end of town.

0:27:34.958,0:27:35.666
Thank you.

0:27:35.666,0:27:39.375
They we've enlisted the help of community
leaders in the north end of town.

0:27:39.375,0:27:42.958
Because of the conversation that we had
okay to find coaches and mentors,

0:27:43.750,0:27:46.333
and they're assembling teams

0:27:46.333,0:27:49.458
as we speak, of just kids
that are in the neighborhood around

0:27:49.458,0:27:50.708
Ben Lomond

0:27:50.708,0:27:53.000
Because we're not going to let those kids

0:27:54.125,0:27:56.000
compete when they get to high school

0:27:56.000,0:27:58.541
and to continue to to struggle
the way that they are

0:27:58.541,0:28:01.875
because we didn't provide for them
opportunities and a pipeline for success.

0:28:02.250,0:28:04.708
- Right? We're going to change that now.
- Yes.

0:28:04.708,0:28:08.458
And that group is the first ones
that, that told me that something else

0:28:08.458,0:28:10.708
- has to change.
- Yes, I'm so excited.

0:28:10.708,0:28:12.875
We've got more plans for you,
just so you know.

0:28:12.875,0:28:13.875
Thank you.

0:28:13.875,0:28:16.541
You're going to,

0:28:16.541,0:28:18.791
you're a community leader in Ogden,

0:28:18.791,0:28:22.666
and you have become a leader in the north
end of Ogden.

0:28:23.500,0:28:26.500
You have wrapped your arms around the kids
in the Ben Lomond community,

0:28:26.750,0:28:30.625
and you're you're giving them hope, right?

0:28:30.916,0:28:31.500
Tell me.

0:28:31.500,0:28:33.958
Tell me about that trip to the,

0:28:33.958,0:28:35.666
to Washington, D.C..

0:28:35.666,0:28:37.666
Tell me about how that gave kids hope.

0:28:37.666,0:28:38.750
What did that do for them?

0:28:41.125,0:28:42.958
It inspired them.

0:28:42.958,0:28:46.500
It just brought out something in them
that was not,

0:28:47.833,0:28:50.333
they didn't realize that was in them.

0:28:50.333,0:28:53.500
The joy that they that that over.

0:28:54.000,0:28:57.458
It was just
something that you see in their faces

0:28:57.458,0:29:01.791
and how just learning
about the black history.

0:29:01.791,0:29:05.083
We went to the black history,
the African-American History Museum.

0:29:05.333,0:29:08.458
We went to the Holocaust Museum.
We went to -

0:29:08.541,0:29:10.000
There was so many things that we did.

0:29:10.000,0:29:11.458
There's so much to do there.

0:29:11.458,0:29:13.625
And so we did a lot of it in five days.

0:29:13.625,0:29:16.208
And so we even took them to Six Flags.

0:29:16.208,0:29:19.958
We, we did every day we got up
and those kids

0:29:20.625,0:29:24.083
just just how happy that they were.

0:29:24.208,0:29:27.250
And to see different cultures,

0:29:28.000,0:29:30.458
there really lit them up as well.

0:29:30.458,0:29:31.750
I mean, that was it.

0:29:31.750,0:29:33.458
You know, we only have 1% black.

0:29:33.458,0:29:37.125
So, right when they seen all those blacks
because we flew into Baltimore

0:29:37.250,0:29:40.250
and so they were like,
oh, so, you know, just

0:29:40.250,0:29:43.958
that black experience, that,
that they had.

0:29:43.958,0:29:47.333
And then just the cultures coming together
and the hard working,

0:29:47.416,0:29:51.625
we took them in the neighborhoods
of Alexandria, the rich, the poor,

0:29:51.666,0:29:55.541
they seen a mixture of everything
and the HBCUs, they,

0:29:56.250,0:30:00.208
when we went there and they seen
all those beautiful students,

0:30:00.666,0:30:02.916
they are going to college.

0:30:02.916,0:30:04.708
And just that environment there.

0:30:04.708,0:30:09.041
Howard University
went to Baltimore -

0:30:10.333,0:30:11.875
oh, this couple up we went.

0:30:11.875,0:30:13.250
We were just moving so fast.

0:30:13.250,0:30:16.541
But that experience for them
just opened their mind.

0:30:16.541,0:30:18.125
They're talking about it today.

0:30:18.125,0:30:20.958
They want to go somewhere again now, but
I don't know if we're going to make it.

0:30:20.958,0:30:22.833
I said every two years
we're going to go somewhere.

0:30:22.833,0:30:25.125
But I was like, I don't know.

0:30:25.125,0:30:28.125
But the thing is, they need hope.

0:30:28.125,0:30:29.916
They need to have something to strive for.

0:30:29.916,0:30:32.916
They need mentors
and community members around them

0:30:33.208,0:30:36.625
that help them
see their greatness and their potential.

0:30:36.666,0:30:40.791
And help them recognize that
they've got to invest in themselves.

0:30:40.875,0:30:44.583
And when you invest in yourself,
those around you will invest in you back.

0:30:44.625,0:30:46.250
As they do that for you.

0:30:46.250,0:30:48.000
You do that for them, right?

0:30:48.000,0:30:51.000
I want to tell you, though,
we did, people were,

0:30:51.208,0:30:56.125
a little like against us
going to the, on HBCU, tours.

0:30:56.125,0:30:57.833
They said, what about Utah? Utah -

0:30:57.833,0:31:00.166
Yes, yes, we do have great schools.

0:31:00.166,0:31:03.958
And we went to every school, college,
university here in Utah too

0:31:04.125,0:31:06.500
we took them up there first.
We did that first.

0:31:06.500,0:31:08.375
I said, okay, got it.

0:31:08.375,0:31:11.333
We toured all of the schools
from Saint George.

0:31:11.333,0:31:12.833
We went everywhere.

0:31:12.833,0:31:16.750
And they got a taste of, of their own
universities and colleges.

0:31:16.750,0:31:18.000
So I was happy about that.

0:31:18.000,0:31:20.333
So then for them to go somewhere else.

0:31:20.333,0:31:22.416
And so that was empowering for them.

0:31:22.416,0:31:24.208
Now some of our kids aren't,

0:31:25.291,0:31:26.333
interested in college.

0:31:26.333,0:31:29.791
A few of them aren't,
because, you know, a lot -

0:31:29.916,0:31:32.875
But there's trade schools,
so they're interested in doing something

0:31:32.875,0:31:37.000
not a single student in three years
that I've, I've mentored

0:31:37.000,0:31:40.000
these kids have been incarcerated or
in trouble.

0:31:40.000,0:31:41.916
They're either working
or they're in college.

0:31:41.916,0:31:45.000
They're contributing to our city
and our state.

0:31:45.291,0:31:48.291
And I am so happy about that.

0:31:48.291,0:31:49.375
Good for you.

0:31:49.375,0:31:50.833
They are happy.

0:31:50.833,0:31:51.625
They're doing well.

0:31:51.625,0:31:53.000
They stay in touch.

0:31:53.000,0:31:55.625
They take me to dinner.

0:31:55.625,0:31:56.750
You know.

0:31:56.750,0:31:58.041
Well, that's the proof of success.

0:31:58.041,0:32:00.000
Just statistically, I don't think you can take

0:32:00.000,0:32:03.041
that many kids in any city
and have that kind of an outcome.

0:32:03.041,0:32:05.500
Is success without this kind of

0:32:05.500,0:32:06.958
program and intervention.

0:32:06.958,0:32:10.541
So you went to all the colleges
and universities you have some kids were

0:32:11.000,0:32:12.291
And and that's an important point.

0:32:12.291,0:32:13.250
College is it for everybody.

0:32:13.250,0:32:16.500
- It's not.
- And it's okay.

0:32:16.625,0:32:17.333
Oh yeah.

0:32:17.333,0:32:19.875
But Ben Lomond
now connects with O-Tech High.

0:32:19.875,0:32:20.583
Sure does.

0:32:20.583,0:32:22.708
And they are interested.

0:32:22.708,0:32:24.833
We've got a few kids that have already.

0:32:24.833,0:32:27.833
They're taking classes already over there

0:32:27.916,0:32:31.500
because they could still be in high school
and take courses over there as well.

0:32:31.666,0:32:35.791
Then some transferred out altogether
and are going to the high school.

0:32:35.958,0:32:39.375

So I lost a couple of them to go
over there to the O-Tech high school,

0:32:39.750,0:32:42.166

because they already know what
they want to do and they're getting ready.

0:32:42.166,0:32:45.000

They're in 11th grade,
so they're trying to get it done.

0:32:45.000,0:32:48.250

So so there's new opportunities in Ogden.

0:32:49.541,0:32:51.208

It's on the north end of town,
on the campus

0:32:51.208,0:32:54.291

of the of the Technical College,
but it's called O-Tech High.

0:32:54.291,0:32:57.166

You can go to high school on campus.

0:32:57.166,0:32:59.333

If you want to, participate in that.

0:32:59.333,0:33:03.791

You can you can be it school at Ben Lomond
and go to O-Tech for specific courses.

0:33:03.791,0:33:04.666

I love that.

0:33:04.666,0:33:08.625

Finish your graduate with credits
for college.

0:33:08.708,0:33:12.291

Working toward your college degree
or toward your certifications in the trade

0:33:12.541,0:33:13.875

of your choice.

0:33:13.875,0:33:17.166

And, you know, we talk about
all the opportunities that we create.

0:33:17.166,0:33:20.416

And that's really central to the Ogden Way
and the vision

0:33:20.958,0:33:24.041

that we've set out for ourselves here
in Ogden is to create

0:33:24.041,0:33:27.083

an environment where opportunities exist
and for people to thrive and succeed.

0:33:27.250,0:33:28.125

Yeah.

0:33:28.125,0:33:31.250

One of those big opportunities for us
is the aerospace and defense industry

0:33:31.791,0:33:33.625

and that O-Tech high

0:33:33.625,0:33:34.666

Right?

0:33:34.666,0:33:37.166

And and the Ogden
Weber Applied Technology

0:33:38.166,0:33:38.750
College plays

0:33:38.750,0:33:41.750
such an important role
to prepare our youth and

0:33:42.750,0:33:45.750
and our grown ups
who want to retool themselves

0:33:46.250,0:33:48.958
and to certify themselves in new ways
to get.

0:33:48.958,0:33:51.791
High paying, family
supporting job. Right?

0:33:51.791,0:33:53.958
The hard thing is these connections.

0:33:53.958,0:33:55.541
And that's why I appreciate you.

0:33:55.541,0:33:58.375
Your connector, you know, you you go
and you connect

0:33:58.375,0:34:01.375
with the kids on a personal level
in a way that resonates with them.

0:34:01.666,0:34:03.750
And then you connected them with me.

0:34:03.750,0:34:06.500
And then I connected the dots
with their hopelessness,

0:34:06.500,0:34:08.208
with with needs
for initiatives in the community.

0:34:08.208,0:34:10.833
But what those kids can do
is become connectors.

0:34:10.833,0:34:13.000
That's
what we're working on together, right?

0:34:13.000,0:34:15.416
Because those kids
have voices on that campus.

0:34:15.416,0:34:17.083
- They have influence, don't they?
- Yes they do.

0:34:17.083,0:34:21.041
I know tons of other kids and they can
help connect those kids with with hope.

0:34:22.083,0:34:22.958
And you get hope by

0:34:22.958,0:34:25.958
having an inspiration for the future.

0:34:25.958,0:34:29.958
And whether it's college at an HBCU
or a local universities

0:34:30.416,0:34:32.875

or through the
through the trade school

0:34:32.875,0:34:35.541

Whatever
your pathway is, there are opportunities.

0:34:35.541,0:34:38.541

We need
people like you and more people like you,

0:34:38.666,0:34:42.708

and more people like the students
in your group to help be connectors.

0:34:42.958,0:34:43.833

- Yes.
- Right?

0:34:43.833,0:34:44.458

And that's one of the

0:34:44.458,0:34:47.541

that's one of the things that I'm going
to finish the show with when we get there

0:34:47.541,0:34:52.583

is this call to action live and lead
and love in the modern way.

0:34:52.625,0:34:55.083

Which means if you know
somebody that you think

0:34:55.083,0:34:58.083

is ready to level up
and you know of an opportunity,

0:34:58.458,0:35:00.750

grab them by the hand
and connect them to the opportunity.

0:35:00.750,0:35:01.791

- Yes.
- Right?

0:35:01.791,0:35:03.291

And if you don't know what
that opportunity is,

0:35:03.291,0:35:06.083

connecting with somebody
that does like you did with me

0:35:06.083,0:35:09.083

and help them
find that opportunity, right?

0:35:09.333,0:35:10.791

That's what you're doing.

0:35:10.791,0:35:12.208

You're you're lifting kids.

0:35:13.291,0:35:15.833

So we have another guest on this podcast
on another episode.

0:35:15.833,0:35:16.708

Okay.

0:35:16.708,0:35:21.375

And he told me before that meeting,
you got to listen to the kids.

0:35:22.250,0:35:25.333

You got to love the kids and
you got to do the work to lift the kids.

0:35:25.500,0:35:27.041

That's what you do.

0:35:27.041,0:35:28.000

That's it. Right.

0:35:28.000,0:35:31.041

So as you do that, tell us about the plans

0:35:31.041,0:35:35.375

for the Urban Student Alliance
USA in the coming year.

0:35:35.375,0:35:38.541

So we ended the class yesterday.

0:35:38.541,0:35:42.791

And so we had been talking about this
and I was trying to think of a,

0:35:43.750,0:35:47.416

to call the club
something different other than than BSU.

0:35:47.416,0:35:50.333

We wanted to separate the two
because that was the pure leadership.

0:35:50.333,0:35:53.333

So we wanted it to be all inclusive
for all students.

0:35:53.541,0:35:56.916

There's so many students
that need a place to be a part of.

0:35:56.916,0:35:58.375

So we want a club.

0:35:58.375,0:36:01.541

So we named it Urban Student Alliance

0:36:02.041,0:36:06.083

because we want all the kids to feel like
they have some place to come

0:36:06.208,0:36:10.375

to have conversations about what
they're going through in their life, about

0:36:10.583,0:36:13.791

just give them to help them
with a direction

0:36:14.000,0:36:17.000

that they they just need a little push.

0:36:17.125,0:36:21.666

And what we talk about in the club,
in the class are a lot of,

0:36:22.833,0:36:25.916

conversations that you don't
they can't talk about in the classroom.

0:36:26.125,0:36:27.750

It's so formal in the classroom.

0:36:27.750,0:36:30.541

So this gives us an opportunity
for the kids to come together.

0:36:30.541,0:36:34.916

All cultures come together
and talk about their life's experiences.

0:36:35.125,0:36:38.416

And then I want to have a podcast
for them, a place where they can come

0:36:38.875,0:36:44.833
and they we're going to talk about this,
and we want it to be shared with other

0:36:45.166,0:36:49.250
high school students, because high school
is a very interesting place for them.

0:36:49.625,0:36:53.041
Their conversations and what they do
and what it is so interesting

0:36:53.041,0:36:56.875
and I learn a lot from them,
but they don't share it with everybody.

0:36:57.208,0:37:00.208
They have to feel safe
and our kids don't feel safe

0:37:00.291,0:37:01.708
and how are we going to learn our kids

0:37:01.708,0:37:04.375
if we don't give them a place
that feel safe?

0:37:04.375,0:37:07.375
And so this is what we're going to provide
for them in the club.

0:37:07.666,0:37:10.541
And so we're going
to open up to our coaches,

0:37:10.541,0:37:14.583
because when there was a black student
union, kid would say, but I'm not black.

0:37:14.750,0:37:16.500
But it wasn't a black thing.

0:37:16.500,0:37:20.041
It was
who were allies to the black culture

0:37:20.750,0:37:23.083
and wanted to be a part of learning
some of the history.

0:37:23.083,0:37:25.083
Let's learn one another's cultures

0:37:25.083,0:37:27.250
so that we can all come together,
because they're marrying

0:37:27.250,0:37:29.916
each other, they're dating each other,
they're playing with each.

0:37:29.916,0:37:32.500
They're already interacting
with each other here in Ogden there.

0:37:32.500,0:37:35.125
So it's such a diverse community

0:37:35.125,0:37:37.500
So I was like,
so we're not going to have any division.

0:37:37.500,0:37:40.708
We don't believe in any type of division
amongst our kids.

0:37:41.166,0:37:43.583
They don't think that way anymore.

0:37:43.583,0:37:45.000
You know, they're coming out of that.

0:37:45.000,0:37:48.625
They're changing the world,
getting eliminating all of this stuff

0:37:48.791,0:37:50.541
that is setting our kids back.

0:37:51.875,0:37:55.166
And dividing
them from one from one another.

0:37:55.166,0:37:59.750
So this club is going to be,
a start of something here in Ogden.

0:38:00.291,0:38:03.750
And I'm just praying to God
that it's, it's going to be successful.

0:38:05.000,0:38:07.625
Well it's going to be successful
because we're gonna make sure of it.

0:38:07.625,0:38:08.250
Right?
Yes

0:38:08.250,0:38:09.500
I know you are.

0:38:09.500,0:38:11.333
And I know that I am.

0:38:11.333,0:38:13.375
These kids are going to have the support,
not just of you.

0:38:13.375,0:38:15.708
They're going to the support
of their mayor and their city,

0:38:15.708,0:38:16.833
their community, their neighborhoods.

0:38:16.833,0:38:20.041
It's their neighbors and their friends
are teachers, right?

0:38:20.541,0:38:22.416
It's a beautiful thing to live in Ogden.

0:38:22.416,0:38:24.083
It really is.

0:38:24.083,0:38:26.833
I am so grateful and blessed to be here.

0:38:26.833,0:38:29.125
- And we're so blessed to have you.
- Oh, I appreciate that.

0:38:29.125,0:38:32.500
I am so
excited that you're you're our mayor,

0:38:32.500,0:38:36.083
- and I just I'm so happy
- I appreciate that

0:38:36.083,0:38:37.250
I, I'm so happy.

0:38:37.250,0:38:41.333

I feel I'm way more blessed to know you
and to and to have the opportunity

0:38:41.333,0:38:44.458

to be the mayor, to serve and to
and to do everything I can to lift others.

0:38:44.541,0:38:46.500

I know I'm not going to be perfect.
None of us are.

0:38:46.500,0:38:48.666

- No one's perfect.
- But this is a beautiful city.

0:38:48.666,0:38:51.500

We've got beautiful souls,
yourself one of them.

0:38:51.500,0:38:51.833

Thank you.

0:38:51.833,0:38:56.791

So before we wrap up, I want to end on
your soul, on your spirit and your energy.

0:38:57.375,0:39:01.500

Because for today's call to action,
I want to talk about that connector.

0:39:02.291,0:39:02.541

Right.

0:39:02.541,0:39:06.833

So as you know, this is for everybody not
didn't everybody listening or watching.

0:39:08.125,0:39:08.750

If you're looking for a

0:39:08.750,0:39:11.750

call to action, be a connector,
be a Delores.

0:39:11.916,0:39:14.916

There's a lot of Delores??? is Ogden and
they're the ones that make the difference.

0:39:15.500,0:39:17.666

Find somebody,

0:39:17.666,0:39:19.208

grab them by the hand and lift them.

0:39:19.208,0:39:22.041

Connect them with an opportunity,
and then stay with them.

0:39:22.041,0:39:24.458

Stay connected as their connector

0:39:24.458,0:39:27.416

to help them through,
to lift themselves and lift.

0:39:27.416,0:39:28.708

- Right?
- Yes.

0:39:28.708,0:39:32.291

Be the example of how to lift yourself to
how to take accountability for yourself.

0:39:32.541,0:39:36.666

Be the example of what it's like
to power through grit and grind, right?

0:39:36.791,0:39:39.375

Life's hard and it's okay.

0:39:39.375,0:39:41.416

Not not just okay, it's good.

0:39:41.416,0:39:43.041

Hard things are good things.

0:39:43.041,0:39:44.041

Yes they are.

0:39:44.041,0:39:46.708

We harden ourselves
as we go through hard things, right?

0:39:46.708,0:39:47.750

Yes we do.

0:39:47.750,0:39:51.833

And I really admire you and appreciate
and love you for being that person

0:39:51.833,0:39:52.708

for so many kids.

0:39:52.708,0:39:53.458

Thank you.

0:39:53.458,0:39:56.000

And thank you for giving me
the opportunity to serve the

0:39:56.000,0:39:57.625

the kids of Ben Lomond High School.

0:39:57.625,0:39:59.041

Oh, it's a pleasure.

0:39:59.041,0:40:01.375

We're going to we're going to make leaders
out of those kids.

0:40:01.375,0:40:03.666

- Right?

- Yes, we are

- I can't wait to see them.

0:40:03.666,0:40:05.625

Oh yeah. Soon to see you as well.

0:40:05.625,0:40:08.125

We've got more plans
that we're working out, you and I

0:40:08.125,0:40:09.916

We're going to keep doing it, right?

0:40:09.916,0:40:12.541

Yes. Love conquers all.

0:40:12.541,0:40:15.541

If we don't love, it's impossible.

0:40:15.625,0:40:18.458

And so to lift each other up,
we have to love one another.

0:40:18.458,0:40:18.875

Right?

0:40:18.875,0:40:20.250

And we listen to them.

0:40:20.250,0:40:22.625

We love them. And then we lift them.

0:40:22.625,0:40:23.916
So that's it.

0:40:23.916,0:40:25.916
So we've got our call to action.

0:40:25.916,0:40:27.333
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0:40:30.291,0:40:33.666
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and in the in the credits of the episode.

0:40:34.583,0:40:37.583
Learn
more about the Urban Student Alliance.

0:40:37.708,0:40:41.166
Get engaged, get connected,
make a difference and make an impact.

0:40:41.666,0:40:44.416
Live, lead
and love in the Ogden Way.

0:40:44.416,0:40:45.750
Thank you so much. God bless you.

0:40:45.750,0:40:47.750
God bless you, Ben.

0:40:47.750,0:40:49.958
Until next time,

0:40:49.958,0:40:52.583
That's another episode of the Ogden Way.