

Living the Lakota Prophecy- Jesse Taken Alive - OSEU 3

Very grateful to be a part of this chapter, if you will, in our Lakota history. It's showing a lot of promise...and as I share with a lot of folks...we're getting a chance to live the prophecy of our people when they were first put on the reservation. I always want to make certain I can fulfill my role...my generation...and do it in a way that will help the prophecy they indicated earlier. And maybe it's prophecies, but the general understanding is...that they told us...what is being taken from us will return. Of course, a lot of people think we are going to return to tipis and what not. I wished...because that would be a testimony of healthy people living in that way...in a simple way. Nevertheless, it's going to be the spirit and the way of thinking...the language...that we see returning now. It's taking a lot of work revealing and relearning a lot of the history of why we are in the situation we are right now as one of the peoples of indigenous nations in America. It's exciting to really...really really exciting. Yes, we've got more assessing to do. It's human nature. We're trying to focus on solution-oriented discussions and things of that nature. To understand that...while we continue to seek and understand our Lakota dream...and help to be a part of that process that unveils it. To understand that Lakota dream is most necessary for our spirits because our spirits drive our mind...and our mind tells our bodies what to do. To see that coming back is really gratifying. The past...the future...and to be able to sit and watch that...and when it's time...when it's appropriate to be a part of that...to speak when asked to...hopefully to provide some support and some knowledge...to foster growth. It's really, really exciting. I'm elated to be alive today. I'm thankful for thousands and thousands of reasons...thousands and thousands of people that...that we're a part of that in a spiritual way...continue to be a part of that.