

## The Solutions Are at Home - Jesse Taken Alive - OSEU 2

Of course, I always say this...we've always had to know how. We always lack the resources...whether it's housing...schools...resources to hire teachers...we've always had to know how. It's just a lack of resources that are challenging out there for us. And I say this in a respectful way to our friends out there in Washington D.C....while they talk about and provide the assessments...and say we need to study the situation more...a lot of times it's common sense. They don't have the solutions. The solutions are at home. The solutions are in our communities. And we're at the juncture right now where we are saying it is ok to question the need for us to continue to study. And I respect that in itself...to be studied...or to study a situation. But the focus we have right now is to look at solution-oriented issues, discussions, circles if you will. Let's do those types of things. The practical way of doing things...practice-based if you will...of doing things. And they've been with us for centuries. And now to see us change with the times...and we've been able to do that as Lakota. You look at history itself...they described us as "nomadic." Our minds were nomadic...to understand how we can live...and not only survive...but live in the challenging climates we have here in the Northern Plains. So, through that, we have a little teaching...real simple...we say "The only work that's there, is we pray that these changes we are dealing with right now, are going to be good for the all." That's the only work. And the prayer part is the work...and whatever we're changing to...let it be for the good of all.