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I will not condemn #Ferguson protesters that turn violent. They are David going up against Goliath in tanks with military grade assault rifles. While I hope for peace, I will not demand it of people I have no right to ask to be patient. The justice they deserve is long overdue. I will not shame my brothers and sisters fed up and ready to tear down an injustice system that would sooner murder them then allow them a small amount of dignity. I will not tell these mothers and fathers to turn the other cheek, when I am not sure I could do the same if it were my child that lay dead in the street. I will simply hope that when the smoke clears and the dust settles we are just as committed to building lasting power as we are to temporary disruption. Both will be needed in the long road toward justice.

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I am not surprised by the #Ferguson verdict. My eyes have been wide open, and I am not under the illusion that this system is just. What I am is committed to the building of a more perfect union... to the amassing of power so that we can fight back and even win sometimes. I know this is not what people want to hear, but the struggle is real. We are talking about trillions of dollars, we are talking about wealth that dates back to before America even existed, we are talking about a system built on the need to maintain power and dominance... to ensure the "peasants/pirates/slaves/rebels/heretics" don't rise up against the ruling class. Our country has never fully lived up to our ideals. But she is our country and we are responsible for transforming her. Just as millions who have fought and died before us have done to get her to this point. Yes, this is a beautiful struggle, but it is dark and twisted, and inhumane nonetheless. I urge you to stand tall family, in dignity and love. I call you to move with a righteous anger that burns deep in your soul. I pray you will be strategic, coordinated, collaborative, and relentless. I hope you will see the interconnection of between militarized police, the distribution of wealth, and the need to control the labor (whether in prison or in poverty wage jobs) of millions of black lives. Most of all I commit to stand and be counted in the resistance. There is an action happening now on 12th and Wisconsin. Tuesday, the Hamilton family is asking folks to meet at 5pm at Red Arrow park. Friday @ 6am a bus will leave to join striking Walmart workers. Show up and be counted in the resistance #blacklivesmatter