



Gospel ordinary isn't typical humanity



1. A world of typical humanity

2. Faith in the power of the AGPRTS

**Gospel transformation changes typical behavior.**

3. Appearing and affirming "Others"

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## Protests stay peaceful in Madison day after DA declines to charge officer in Tony Robinson killing



Several hundred demonstrators gather and prepare to march to the Dane County Courthouse in Madison the day after the district attorney decided not to pursue charges in the police shooting death of Tony Robinson in March. Video by Mark Hoffman

By Mary Spicuzza of the Journal Sentinel

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Photos

**Madison**— Protesters returned to the streets Wednesday, one day after the Dane County district attorney announced he would not pursue

## Wed Evening: Law Enforcement Training Conf.



**Milwaukee**  
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# My Wednesday

## Wed Morning: Black Lives Matter protest





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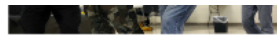
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