Courage *within*Community

As followers of Christ, we have been commissioned to be the hands and feet of Jesus; it’s the ultimate mission to be an active part in sharing God’s love and truth. Yet, somehow amidst the daily hustle and bustle, it is easy to get lost in our own lives and forget about this calling and the needs of those around us. Whether we justify that “someone else will do it” or we feel inadequate, it is important we muster the strength to have courage. Courage to contribute and step out in faith. Courage to be the support for those that may be weak. Courage to reach out and serve selflessly, lead in times where others fall back, and to take hold with boldness.

When I think of community, I think of all the unique and equally important yet diverse roles each individual contributes to the whole. If no one steps up to help and support their community members, the community crumbles. In Zechariah 4:10 (NLT), we are reminded to not despise small beginnings, and that even in the littlest of deeds, the Lord rejoices to see the work begin. If we doubt that the smallest acts of kindness and generosity will not make a difference – we are mistaken. We must have the courage to contribute in any way, big or small. In fact, if everyone did a little, much would be gained. We must be “ALL IN,” for together we can make a stronger community. Together we can impact globally, serve generously, and care compassionately. The more I think about the great commission in Matthew 28:18-20, the more I aim to be “All IN,” the more I hope to have more courage within my community.

This body of work illustrates courageous acts. It is a glimpse into a pulsing and busy world (and perhaps a little chaotic), where an action emerges from the canvas of what could be. The drawings are partial and purposefully left unfinished, as to involve the viewer in the process, and leave them to decide whether they might take action and complete the task at hand.