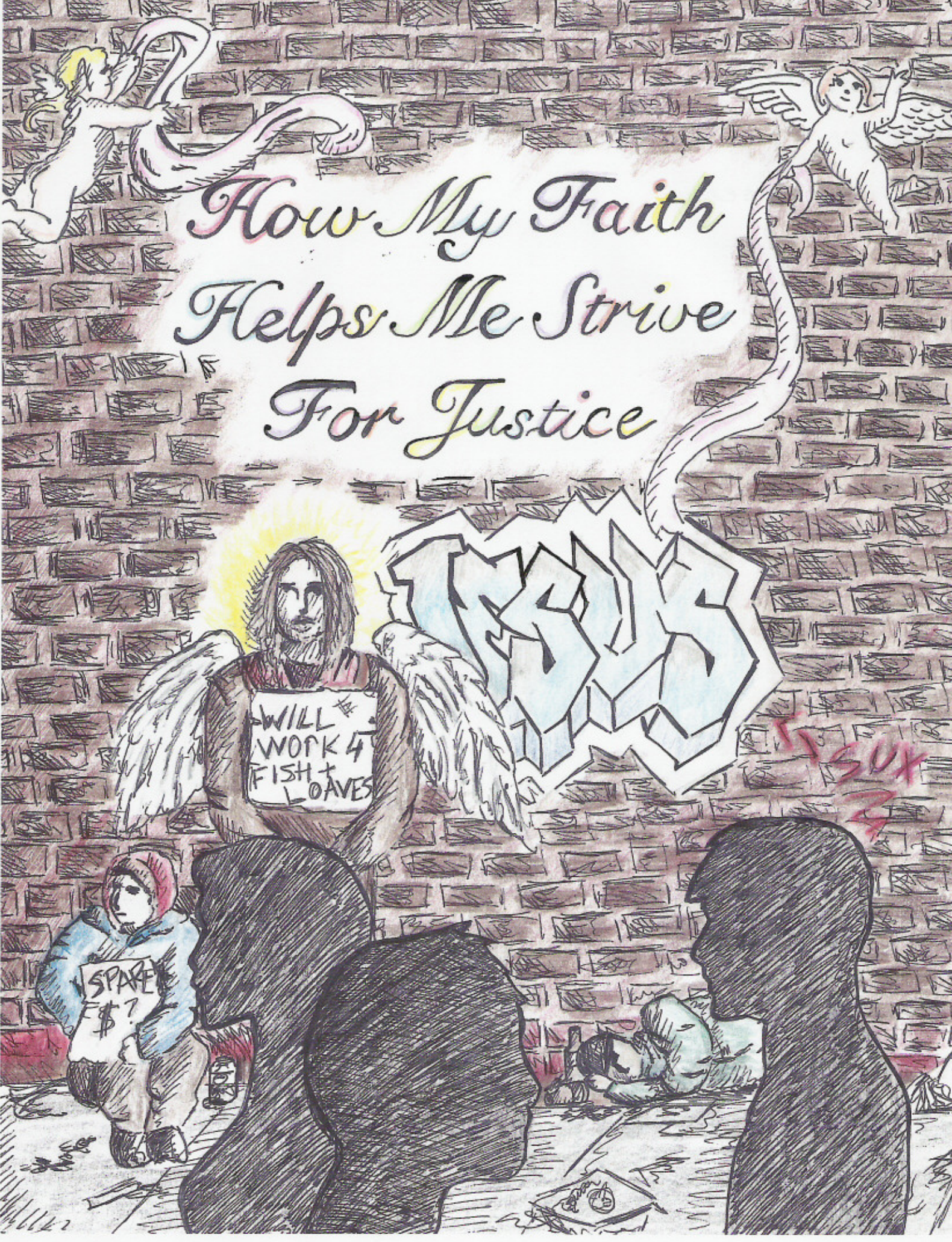


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Our race focuses so much on the religious and spiritual aspects of our culture. We spend countless hours trying to create a definite line between right and wrong, light and darkness. Although our moralistic values differ depending on the country, what we ultimately strive for is a greater good. So why then do we display such ignorance and selfishness towards the less fortunate? An unreasonable percentage of the population is too poor to afford shelter, food and water among other basic necessities many of us take for granted. Our race's more-fortunate percentage must stop making excuses for the lack of compassion and awareness being provided and start admitting to the fact that they are too lazy, too sheltered by their pampered lives, to care about a homeless youth with hardly a fragment of a future. Schools and governments all across the world do attempt to raise awareness to today's students but seldom do these acts take notable impact. Everyday we live for ourselves. We go to school for education so we can one day get a decent job and pay. Then we spend most of that money on luxurious houses and food. If North America boasts such an honorable and ethical worldview then why don't we take a stand for the people who need our help rather than waging war in countries that are clearly better off without us taking sides?

If we look at the idols of our society, Gandhi, Mohammed, Jesus, we see them preaching about being an overall better person. Giving to the less fortunate, trying to understand them, all these things the average well-off person doesn't even think about. Many fortunate North Americans sing praises every Sunday and yet do any of them truly think about making life better for someone else everyday? Have any of them actually read the bible cover to cover and understood completely what part they play in the grand scheme? Is the bible, for them, just another "terms of license" box where they just scroll to the bottom and click the "I agree" button for their own convenience? It would appear to me that this is the case. If Jesus returned to the Earth would he be impressed? Would he be amazed by the way we live our sheltered, ignorant lives scorning anyone "below" us? What if Jesus came back as one of these people? If he appeared as a typical homeless outcast we everyday blow off. Would someone take the time to show a sliver of kindness or charity to him? It is a harsh truth that this is the way many less fortunate believe we treat them. If we treated every person equal to Christianity's sacrificial lamb, Jesus, if we took the initiative to notice that every human being, despite their social standing, has a story worth listening to the world would undeniably be a better place.