



# Portfolio

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Fine Art



# Family I

2022

Acrylic

180 x 150 cm

*I struggled to connect with my biological family, leading to significant depression. However, I eventually found the strength to reevaluate and understand them, fostering a more positive relationship.*



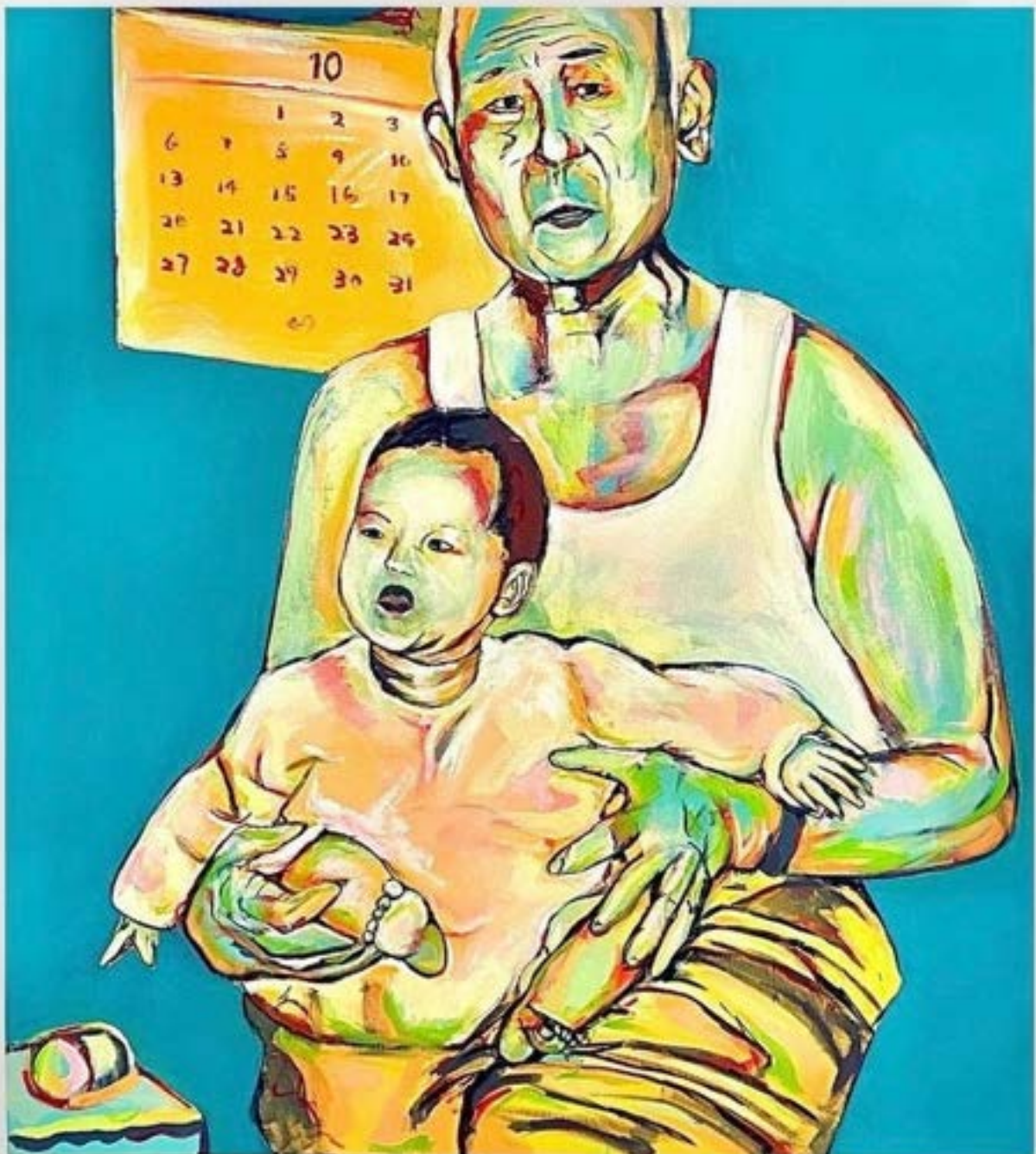
# Family II

2022

Acrylic

135 x 120 cm

*To gain a deeper understanding of myself, I revisited my past to examine how I was raised.*





*Using painting as a medium, I encouraged myself to revisit individual with whom I find it challenging to establish a connection in real life*

# Family III

2022

Acrylic

175 x 150 cm





### 'I Survived Because I Don't Believe' - The Sculpture

This piece conveys the summer back in 2018: I was sitting on the balcony of 24th floor, wishing the pain would end, but my curiosity saved me. God asked me, "If you just don't let yourself die right now..." I let God planted the seed of faith and nurture it with his hopeful water.



The story of this painting is of my relationship with God and my family. Less than a decade ago, I didn't have the best bond with my family; at the time, my families were but "blood-related roommates" to me. But I really admired those who could interact with their families as if they were best friends. I still remember the conversation I had with my mum: I told her that "I wish our family would be more loving with each other", but she told me "it is how it is". Once again, I chose not to believe I chose not to believe that God placed me in this family for no reason. I especially hand-sew the two canvases because it represents the process of mending relationships something that cannot be sped up with a sewing machine. Besides, compared with years of effort to change and heal, ten hours of hand-sewing is nothing at all.





# Get me out

2023

*Oil on paper*

30 x 21 cm



*I sobbed uncontrollably in my brother's embrace as he attempted to interact with me. The discomfort of transitioning from what felt like Heaven to Earth (as I believe) still required time for adjustment.*

*I enjoy observing people's interactions and understanding the dynamics between individuals. Witnessing someone exuding confidence in public makes me wonder whether that self-assured persists in their private moments.*



# Intangible

2023

*Oil, charcoal, and acrylic on canvas*

155 x 105 cm



# Long Lasting

2023

Oil on canvas

130 x 90 cm



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*Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.*

*Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

# Genesis 2:24

2023

Oil on paper

15 x 30 cm



*Witnessing my parents grow more united as they softened their stubbornness, anger, and other negative traits while individually developing new characteristics in Christ is truly heartening. It serves as a comforting contrast to the trauma of witnessing their nightly fights during my early childhood.*



# His Way

2023

Oil on canvas

135 x 120 cm



*My dad did not grow up in a wealthy family; in fact, it was quite the opposite, lacking sufficient warmth and food. Consequently, providing for us through meals is his way of expressing love and ensuring security.*



# 2 Corinthians 5:17

2023

*Card board, clay, wire, and oil*

50 x 70 x 55 cm

*I left numerous scars on my thigh during a difficult period of self-harm. However, these scars have transformed into powerful testimonies that I now share to encourage others. Even though we may be caught up in challenging moments, they can ultimately lead to positive outcomes.*







*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"*



# Where I belong

2023

*Oil on paper*

25 x 18 cm



*Using painting as a medium, I encouraged myself to revisit individual with whom I find it challenging to establish a connection in real life*

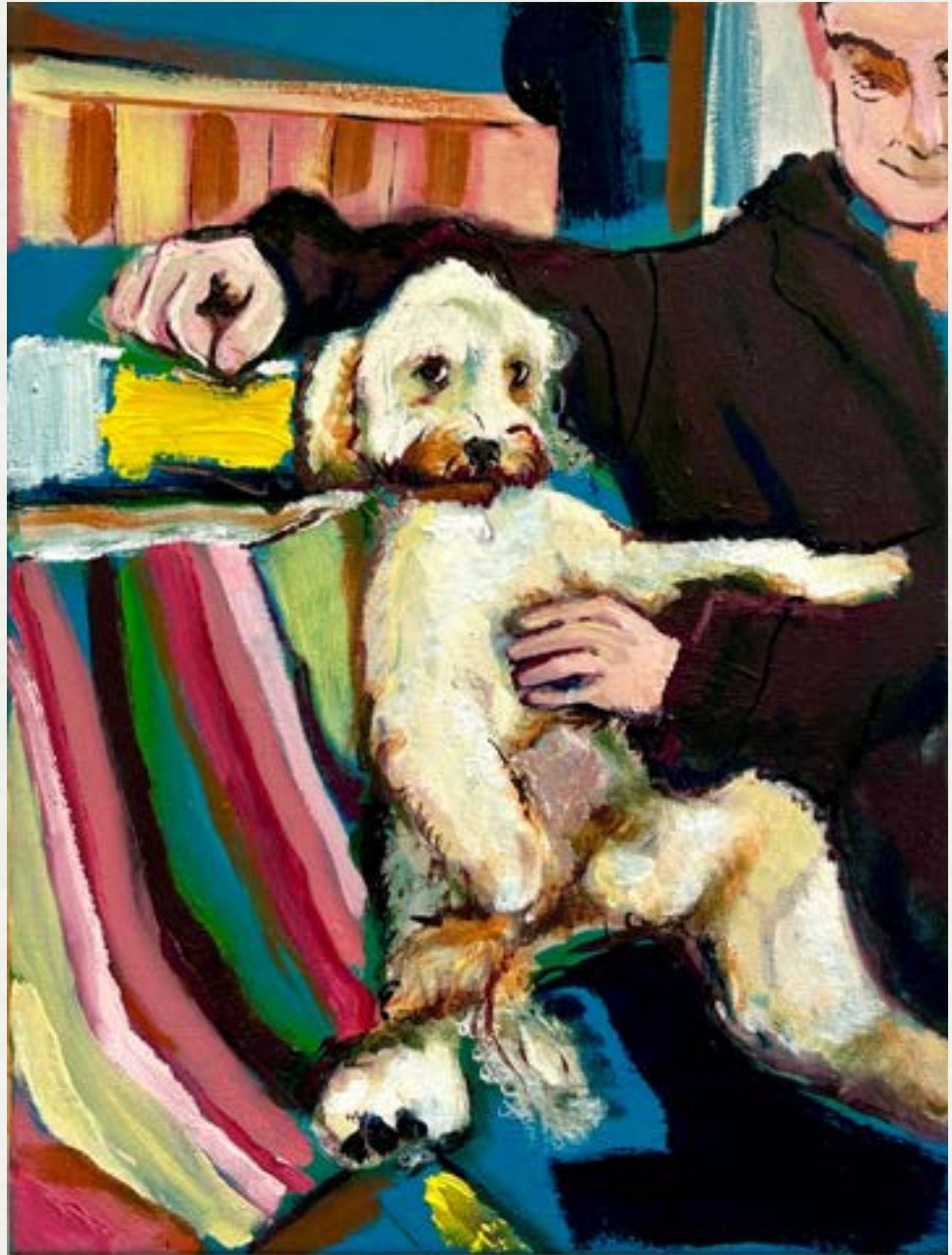


# Matt 18:3

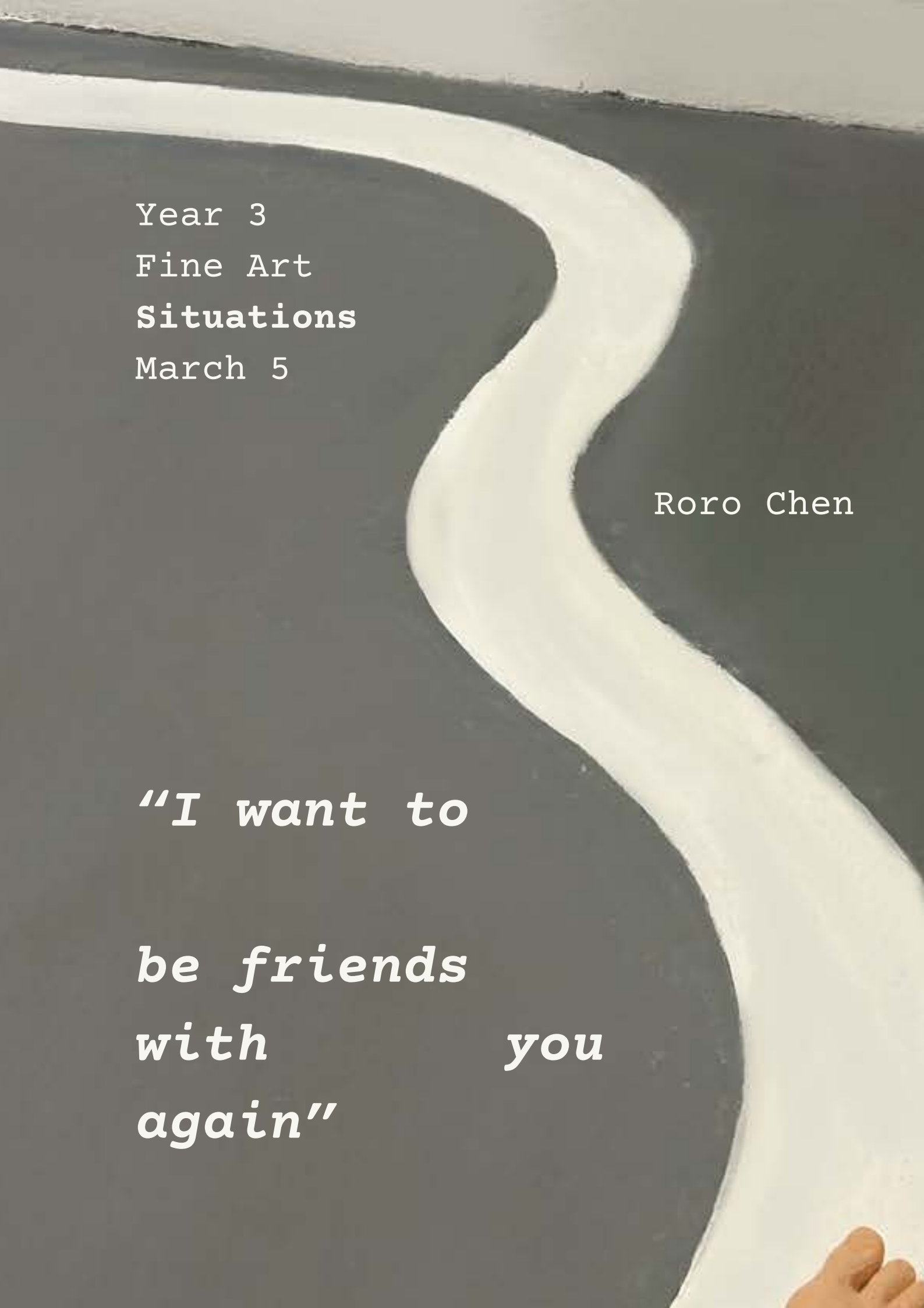
2023

Oil on canvas

40 x 30 cm



*In Matthew 18: 3 it says, "And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." I aspire to live with purity, courage, and joy, akin to the simplicity of a dog's life.*



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Roro Chen

*"I want to  
be friends  
with you  
again"*





# "I want to be friends with you again"

In this series, I revisited my childhood to comprehend the person I used to be. As I've grown older, I find moments where I can't suppress the childlike aspects of myself. However, I recognize that it's an integral part of who I am, and it's better to embrace and protect that part of me. Now, I cherish the exuberance I developed in my youth. Witnessing the energy and strength she possesses motivates me to confront more challenges in life.

In this series, I selected scriptures centered on reconciliation as the title for each painting. It represents a personal journey of reconciliation and making amends with myself.

# Ecclesiastes 3:8

2023

Oil on canvas

18 x 13 cm



*"A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace."*



# Romans 5:10

2023

Oil on canvas

18 x 13 cm



***"For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life."***

*Through Jesus, the shame has been lifted, allowing me to embody this newfound confidence.*



# No rules

2023

Oil on canvas

18 x 13 cm



*I am grateful for the freedom my parents afforded me during my upbringing.  
The space to explore without undue constraints has been the best gift, and I  
believe it has contributed to the quirky charm I possess today.*



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# Proverbs 16:7

2023

Oil on canvas

18 x 13 cm

***"When a man's ways please the LORD, he makes even his enemies  
to be at peace with him."***

*My friend and I used to have many conflicts, but as we both matured and  
embraced a Christ-like mindset, we became closer mentally.*





# Reverse living

2023

Oil on canvas

18 x 13 cm



*In my childhood, I yearned to grow up, oblivious to the challenges that adulthood entails. My aspiration was to lead a carefree and innocent life, akin to that of a child.*



# Colossian 1:22

2023

Oil on canvas

13 x 18 cm



*My faith has been instrumental in resolving conflicts within our household,  
fostering a sense of unity that resembles a "real family."*



# I want to be friends with you again

2024  
*Plaster*







# The 8 Blessings

2023

Oil on canvas

112 x 140 cm



*"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.*

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