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My art gives those who have not been incarcerated a visual understanding of my thoughts and how I feel now and going forward in life. The piece titled "Love will break the chains" shows two hands with shackles around the wrists and a heart above the ring finger. I consider myself a bit of a hopeless romantic and that piece symbolizes that. I feel as if there is a void in my life now and in the not too distant future, the shackles represent my reluctance and fear. The heart is in color to symbolize there is hope no matter how black and white things may seem, being vulnerable is something I've never done before and it is terrifying, however, the chance at being loved, vulnerable, and free keep me moving forward. My other submission reflects how I truly feel, I want to yell, scream and cry but I act as if everything is okay that is why I drew one side happy and the other sad/angry. The man in the boat symbolizes my anxiety to love, the boat is teetering on the edge of the cliff and that is the unknown. Do I stay on solid ground where I am comfortable or do I go overboard and venture into the unknown that is love?

