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Id' like to think of myself as an artist. I certainly enjoy the process of creating art. However, finding inspiration in a closed oppressively negative environment such as prison is often a very big hurdle to overcome. The staleness and monotony of incarceration is not conducive to the kind of creative thinking that brings out truly original art.

For me, painting is an evolutionary process of self discovery. I try to stay away from visual references to avoid outside influences from effecting my work. Occasionally I will find myself "speaking out" about some issue I wasn't fully aware I was troubled with at the time. Because I believe we are more than our past deeds and that overcoming hardship builds character I try to bring paintings that have a positive "voice" to the PCAP art exhibition. My hope is to inspire others, incarcerated or not, to push through their own hardships and begin to thrive in life.

The three paintings I'm presenting for consideration, although visually quite different, all speak to overcoming struggle, accepting the scars that make us who we currently are and pushing ourselves to persevere to become the majestic versions of ourselves we were born to be.