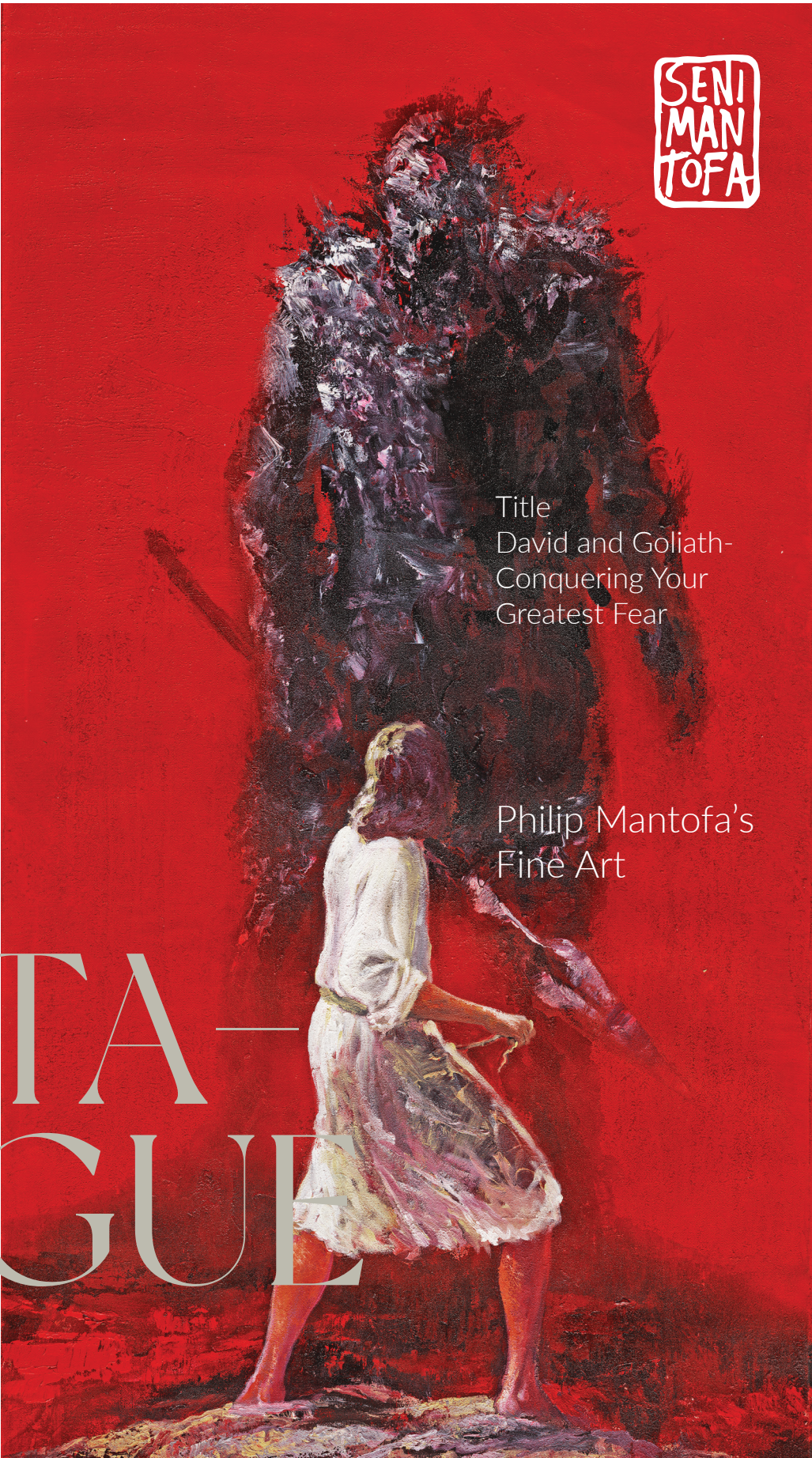
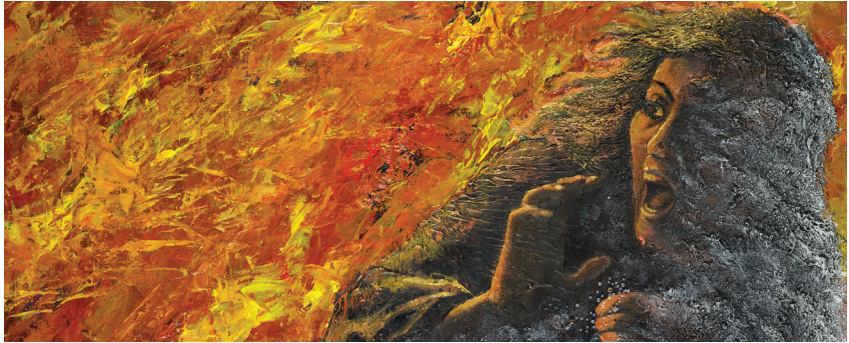


# CATALOGUE



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Conquering Your  
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## LOT'S WIFE – LOVE LIFE, NOT THINGS!

Then the Lord rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah—from the Lord out of the heavens. But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt. (Genesis 19:24, 26)

The world is obsessed with material things: turn on the tv and you'll see commercials promoting the fanciest cars, the most expensive jewelry, and the finest things to buy. Just as the two ancient sin cities, the world is still all about greed, lust, pride, and corruption. It hasn't changed a bit, and clearly, the world is messed up.

On the contrary, the Bible speaks the truth: "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what would a man give as an exchange for his life?" (Matthew 16:26 AMP). Set your priorities in the right order—God first, then people, then things! Indeed, that is life.

If you are rich in this present world, don't be arrogant nor put your hope in wealth, which is so uncertain; but put your hope in God, who richly provides you with everything for your enjoyment. Do good and be rich in good deeds, and always be generous and willing to share. In this way you will lay up treasure for yourself as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that you may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Love people, not things; use things, not people. Do remember that some of life's greatest enjoyments are not even found in material possessions. Do not be like the lady in the painting: for the love of the world she did not only forfeit her own soul when she looked back, but also her family. It isn't a legend or a myth, but a true story. The Dead Sea with its high mineral content stands as a testimony of a timeless lesson with the, then, entertainment capitals of the world—Sodom & Gomorrah—and a pillar of salt buried under it. This is the lesson... Learn from Lot's wife—love life, not things!

Lover of life,  
Philip Mantofa

ACRYLIC — MIXED MEDIA ON CANVAS  
160 x 80 cm



## MESSIAH – FOLLOW ME!

"As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him." (Matthew 9:9)

A painting that will call many to follow Him. I had a dream of this image the night before my conversion in 1992 to the new life Jesus offered me. I remember those eyes, Oh, those eyes... In His eyes, I saw the power that sees the hearts of men. For He knew His Father's mind concerning me, and spoke His Father's words when He said to me, "Follow Me!"

My life has never been the same ever since. Those two words gently spoken by Jesus still echo in my soul, and I can never forget that one glance which has penetrated so deeply in my spirit. Gaze upon this portrait of the Messiah, and you will be able to see your life in the pupil of His eye. Get up and follow Him!

Eye-to-eye with Him,  
Philip Mantofa

ACRYLIC ON CANVAS  
160 x 100 cm



## ELIJAH – THE FATHER'S HEART

"Look, I am sending you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the Lord arrives. His preaching will turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise I will come and strike the land with a curse." (Malachi 4:5-6)

In this fallen world, there are spiritual orphans. We see the fatherless spirits manifest themselves in so many ways in troubled souls. Everywhere there are victim mentalities, the spirits of rejection, the cries for acceptance, the addictions for attention, the cravings for acknowledgement, and the endless drives to prove oneself. Without true relationship with God the earth is just one big, lonely orphanage. The land, thus, needs not be stricken with a curse for it already is, as the end of sonship is the beginning of accursed hardship. This calls for a drastic measure - Elijah's ministry!

Elijah's preaching ministry has long survived his earthly presence. It is a timeless message that still resounds to this day. Taken alive into heaven in a fiery chariot, the man of God left behind a legacy and a continuing mission to offer sonship to a fatherless world. Turning strayed hearts to God, the spirit of Elijah - the Holy Spirit - continues to translate the heartbeat of Daddy God to us, which can be summed up in these liberating words:

"Child, I love you just as you are. Nothing you do or do not do can make me love you less or more, for I have loved you with an everlasting love. Who you are is not determined by what you do, but by what my word says concerning you. I have the best plan for your life, and I call you by your name. Be whom I have called you to be and do what I have chosen you to do. Love as you have been loved. Abba Father is with you!"

Once, the great prophet called down fire upon the altar He built for God's Old-Testament people. Dreadful flames descended hard, signifying the Lord's arrival on Israel's atoning sacrifice. Decoding this holy incident by the heart of a son, I must declare that it was not (just) fire that came down. I am sure the red, blazing inferno was really the Father's bleeding heart!

Fathering through art,  
Philip Mantofa

ACRYLIC ON CANVAS  
150 x 200 cm



## THROW YOUR NET ON THE RIGHT

"He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish." (John 21:6)

A carpenter's son took a band of seasoned fishermen to school right on the ocean. The Son of Joseph, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, was about to transform the lives of a number of Galilean sailors as He taught them the unforgettable lesson of trusting not in human might.

Truth be told, neither the left or right had ever been the right side of the boat to throw the disciples' net which could guarantee success or results. The key to the miraculous finding of fish itself was found in none other than Jesus' sovereign words—because His Word was God's Word. As a matter of fact, He is the Word; Jesus, the Son of God, is the Word of life. Therefore, let us obey Him.

The simplistic instruction to throw the net on the right has such a deep, profound meaning to it. Conceivably, in doing so, the fish hunters had to be denied their right-handed might as the basal or principal pulling force since the net was on their right-hand side. Now they must fall upon their weaker left arms to haul the net in, in case of a catch. Noticeably, the Master's message in this story—and through this painting—could not have been mistaken: only when we cease to believe in ourselves is God's power manifested; for it is in our weakness that His power is made perfect. And as long as we rely on our own wisdom and depend on our strength, there shall be no large number of fish in our net!

Throwing you on the right,  
Philip Mantofa

ACRYLIC ON CANVAS  
100 x 120 cm



## DAVID AND GOLIATH – CONQUERING YOUR GREATEST FEAR

"Today the Lord will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel!" (1 Samuel 17:46)

Conquering your greatest fear is easy, if you believe that your God is greater than your problem.

Conquering your greatest fear is easy, if you believe that the odds are in your favor as God has painted the air red with Christ's blood to your advantage.

Conquering your greatest fear is easy, if you believe that you are the giant—and your enemy is the dwarf!

Today I kill Goliath,  
Philip Mantofa

ACRYLIC ON CANVAS  
80 x 160 cm



## JOHN THE BAPTIST

"I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." (Matthew 3:11)

Here is a spiritual image to commemorate your baptism, or just to encourage you to get into the water as Jesus did in order to activate your new mission in life. The following words describe my life's holy experience in John the Baptist's shoes:

When I baptize men in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, as He commanded, the "Three" are present in the water with me:

The Father loves sinners back into His arms through my embrace; the Son of God is revealed in their hearts through my words; and the tangible presence of the Holy Spirit descends upon them, through my faith, like a dove.

I baptize because I love!

A baptist in John's footsteps,  
Philip Mantofa

ACRYLIC ON CANVAS  
80 x 135 cm





## IN THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY

"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." (Psalms 91:1-2)

ACRYLIC — MIXED MEDIA ON CANVA  
60 x 80 cm



## MIRIAM WHEN A WOMAN IS JOYFUL

"Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine and led all the women as they played their tambourines and danced. And Miriam sang this song: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; he has hurled both horse and rider into the sea." (Exodus 15:20-21)

When a woman is joyful, she is a mighty prophet. Her words pierce the hardest of hearts, hurling both horse and rider of hell into the sea of obscurity.

When a woman is joyful, she is a triumphant leader. Her confidence inspires courage in the hearts of all her sisters, as the thundering claps of Miriam's tambourine led all the women to come out of obscurity into their God-given destiny.

When a woman is joyful, she is a natural musician by heart. She sings and makes melodies to the Lord. Her cheerfulness is gloriously contagious; such a lady cannot be hidden and will never go unnoticed. As such a woman is loosed from all sorrow and grudge, only she can perfectly dance to the tune of her Father's heart!

Imparting joy,  
Philip Mantofa

ACRYLIC ON CANVAS  
150 x 100 cm

## THE FIRST NOEL

"And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child." (Luke 2:4-5)

ACRYLIC ON CANVAS  
50 x 80 cm



## THE SPIES – LAND OF MILK AND HONEY

"This was their report to Moses: "We entered the land you sent us to explore, and it is indeed a bountiful country—a land flowing with milk and honey. Here is the kind of fruit it produces." (Numbers 13:27)

Whatever blessing you have received to this day only serves as a report to you what more God can do. Grasp that any miracle in the past is just the tip of the iceberg, and it must stir your heart. God has more for you. Greater things are yet to come!

Indeed, the Kingdom of God is a bountiful country; it welcomes and awaits you. Please exit your sinful lifestyle at once and leave your Egypt behind. Enter God's world where the land is flowing with supernatural milk and honey. Explore a world of possibilities for your future when God is on your side. Moreover, repent from being a small thinker who only notices the hole in a donut instead of the dough!

Keep in mind that God is not preparing the blessing for you, but He is preparing you for the blessing. It is not your business or ministry that He enlarges. He enlarges you. Then, when your personal limitations have been supernaturally stretched, there will be no limit to what you can do. The sky will no longer be your ceiling nor the ends of earth your boundary. Here is the kind of fruit that the promised land produces: Greatness. My friend, that greatness starts in you!

A spy who painted your blessing,  
Philip Mantofa

ACRYLIC ON CANVAS  
67 x 80 cm



## VIA DOLOROSA

"Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha)." (John 19:17)

Via Dolorosa (Latin: "Way of Suffering") was a 595-meter walk to remember. It was the way of passion down a narrow street of stone in the Old City of Jerusalem. Upon His shoulder was a world of lost sinners in a 300-pound old, rugged cross, as He was led through the crowded streets with markets all around.

Jesus, heaven's dearest and best, went out to Golgotha to redeem the Skull - a wretch like me. Bleeding and sweating the cold, clammy sweat of shock, He carried my cross that became His own.

I do not know why Jesus loved me and sacrificed His life for me, but I am glad He did. Even if I were the only sinner in the world to save, I am convinced that He would still come and die for me. Now I know that there is no burden too heavy in my life that Jesus cannot carry. There is no problem too big that He cannot solve it for me. And if Jesus carried the weight of the world upon His shoulder, I know my friend that He will carry you!

Upon His shoulder that day,  
Philip Mantofa

ACRYLIC ON CANVAS  
67 x 100 cm



## NEHEMIAH – REBUILDER OF BROKEN WALLS

"They said to me, "Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire." When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven." (Nehemiah 1:3-4)

Follow in the footsteps of an unlikely hero named Nehemiah. At hearing the bad news that his countrymen were not doing well back home in the province of Judah, the formerly cup-bearer to king Artaxerxes sat down and wept before the God of heaven. In the face of utter desperation and disgrace, Nehemiah chose to pray. Tears began rolling down his cheeks as he emboldened his soul to believe that it was not the end for Jerusalem. At the feet of his God, Nehemiah poured his heart. That is where every magical comeback in life still finds its start.

The silence of torn-down walls and destroyed gates is the sound of hidden cries summoning the man of the hour. A true leader is always birthed in and through the fire. Times of distress merely set the stage for heaven's movers and shakers to rise to the call.

Behold, you are the present day Nehemiah who will rebuild whatever ruins. There can be no lingering setback or eternal defeat in you, for you have been chosen to meet your challenges. Take your circumstances as your God-given task. Any setback now is just a setup—for something new or something far greater in the future. God being on your side, with one hand holding a supernatural sword and another a spiritual scroll of heaven's blueprints, you can repair anything broken and retrieve anything missing in your life. Punctuated by mourning and fasting, without fail you will be able to restore ancient foundations. The God of Nehemiah, He will help you. He shall establish you again, and you will ultimately turn your broken walls into great walls after all!

Restarting hope,  
Philip Mantofa

ACRYLIC — MIXED MEDIA ON CANVAS  
67 x 80 cm

## YOUR MIRACULOUS CATCH

"When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish." "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear!" (Luke 5:4-6)

If you wish to catch some fish, go out where it is deeper. Deepen your relationship with the Master of all creation, before you let down your nets to haul in your catch of the day.

If you wish to catch a miracle, go out of your box so that God can do something new. Believe the Master of your heart, not in your training or preceding experiences. If He says so, even though you may have worked hard all night without having fished even a plankton, let down your nets once again in sheer obedience.

If you wish to encounter your miraculous catch, then let the Master catch you first. As He does, miracles will grab you. That time when their trawls began to tear, it was not Simon's nets that had caught the fish. Believe it or not, it was the fish that had caught his nets!

Beware of 153 miracles,  
Philip Mantofa

ACRYLIC ON CANVAS  
67 x 82 cm

