

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

In this segment, the researcher drew conclusions from the results of the conducted study and provided several suggestions.

5.1 Conclusion

This thesis explored the psychological aspect of love in literature as a fundamental human need, portraying the love representation among the main characters and the love elements. The researcher used the Triangular Theory of Love as the foundational ground for revealing the representation of the main character's love and applied The Art of Loving to find the elements of love in the main character's love story as efforts to maintain and practice the love they had built. After going through deep analysis comprehensively and carefully, the researcher disclosed that the representation of love of the main characters, Michael Hosea and Sarah, in the novel "Redeeming Love" written by Francine Rivers is consummate love. In order to reach the stage of consummate love, the three components in the formation of love must be fulfilled, which consist of intimacy, passion, and decision or commitment. As an act of giving, the main characters implement care, responsibility, respect, and knowledge toward each other. With all the highs and lows in their love journey, Michael Hosea and Sarah were eventually married for sixty-eight years until death did them part.

5.2 Suggestion

The researcher suggests that after analyzing the novel “Redeeming Love” using the Triangular Theory of Love and The Art of Loving, future research will be able to look at the portrayal of love from different angles, allowing for a different perspective on the projection results of love in literature by employing different theories or different literary works. Future literary studies may also incorporate the triangular theory of love and the art of loving, or perhaps both of these theories of love combined. The researcher hopes that this thesis will help many people to better understand literature and the phenomena of love, which will lead to a better, more moral, and God-fearing society. The psychological element of human beings is intimately linked to love, which is why it is frequently used as a teaching instrument in literary works. The novel “Redeeming Love” itself is based on the prophet Hosea’s story in the Old Testament, book of Hosea, who feared God and always served him. All in all, the researcher believes that anyone who reads this thesis will gain profound insight that God’s love is with us always to the close of the age.