

## CHAPTER IV

### CONCLUSION

This chapter is talking about the conclusions from the analysis of *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed. The researcher uses an existentialism theory to analyze the existence of Cheryl Strayed as the main character in the novel. To know more about the main character, the researcher uses new criticism theory as the supporting theory to analyze the character and characterization of Cheryl Strayed.

The first discussion is about Strayed's characterization. Strayed is a caring woman who always take care and accompany her mother when her mother was sick. The caring of Strayed is also can be seen from how Strayed still have sufficient time to think about her other family members feeling when they know about the actual condition of her mother. When Strayed's mother passed away, Strayed decided to do a journey alone. Strayed dare to resist her fear. Though she never been on journey alone before. Strayed through many obstacles that had confronted by her successfully. Here, Strayed has a brave character who is ready to face and endure danger or showing a courage. Strayed also shows as an intelligence woman who strives to be able to think and act for herself.

The second discussion is about Strayed's existentialism as seen from Kierkegaard's existentialism; aesthetic stage, ethical stage, and religious stage. The aesthetic stage is when Strayed's mother passed away and everything has changed. It makes Strayed hates God and does not believe in God. Strayed also becomes a destructive one as a way to miss out of her sadness over what has

happened. In this phase, Strayed lives without any permanent point of satisfaction and a boring life. Furthermore, the next is ethical stage. The ethical stage is when Strayed do a journey alone as a way to reduce the boredom of her downfall and as a contemplation of the past. In this case, Strayed get back her consciousness and no longer want to repeat her faults which morally not good. But Strayed still does not have full of consciousness to the situation around her. In other word, Strayed still understand her rationality only. And the last is religious stage. In this stage, Strayed starting get her consciousness over God's existence. Strayed was grateful that God had guided her on a journey that taught her about many things. Moreover, Strayed felt that she had found herself completely and tries to starts aware to the situation that occurred in her life.

In conclusion, the journey gives Strayed a new life and makes Strayed realizes that the world is not so bad. Strayed completed her journey with full responsibility. And Strayed has been back into her own self as she is after her mother's death. Strayed also has found her inner peace and her self as she used to be. Strayed finally have reached the highest existence.