

Series: Understanding the Bible - CRACKED

Sermon: Author's Intent

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Bible Verses: 2 Peter 1:21

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Author's Intent - The Bible was written by _____, who were carried along by the _____ (2 Peter 1:21). This means _____ man and God played an important role in writing the Scriptures. Sometimes, you cannot understand the true meaning, unless you know something about the author(s).

**To understand the author's _____,
you must understand the author's _____.**

The more _____ I spend understanding the author the better able I will be to understand what the author is saying. Is he compassionate or in a rush, is he _____ or joking, etc.

In 2nd Peter, Peter was writing his "last words"; he knew he _____.

Peter's experiences with Jesus were important, but he wants to make sure that we know the written prophetic words (_____/_____) are even more important and _____.

Prophets (the Bible) _____ human thoughts. It is a collection of God's words; even though he used humans and their style to write it down _____.

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Keys to understanding the author's intent:

We should never create _____ based on Scriptures that are unclear, especially if we don't _____ the Author's intention

The question, when reading the Bible, is not, "What do I think this means?" but "What was the author trying to say?" My interpretation is only true _____ what the author intended.