

The Author

Author: the writer of a literary work, book or article. One that originate or creates something like God created us and the word of God

Or a person who plans, builds, and brings to life the very thing he desires others to discover and believe!

How many have ever started a book and never finished it for some reason?

So you never received the full benefit the author was hoping that you would discover because it was their completed work, not a partial work

Hebrews 12:1,2 NKJV Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the ^[a]author and ^[b]finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12, follows 11 where we read about the great Hall of Fame heroes

Verse 1 - tells us there is no way we can keep our eyes on Jesus if we don't lay aside every weight or sin that hinders our progress along the road of faith we walk

Verse 2 - gives us a command at the beginning of the verse, fixing our eyes on Jesus, so stop being distracted by the obstacles that pop-up along our journey or our own inadequacies -instead, set our spiritual gaze solely on Jesus

How pastor? Remember the author

Verse 2

1. Remember Jesus is the author –

Another word is pioneer. In other words, he initiated the path of faith, and he successfully completed it. He was and is the author of our faith.

Jesus is also the finisher of our faith -

Another word is perfecter, it's him who brings a triumphant completion to our faith. He finished all that was needed for our salvation and victory because he knew we would fall short in ourselves.

Remember, the author knows the beginning and the end because he's writing the story!

2. The price:

He entered the cross and despising the shame

Jesus, the author, willingly faced torture and the agony of the crucifixion. The humiliation and shame he endured while all the time being rejected by us, but he never veered from his purpose to author his story.

3. The reason He did it

The Joy said before Him

How did he do it? I believe he looked beyond the immediate pain and rejection and shame to the future joy of completing our redemption story

Come on church! He was showing us how to endure will require looking beyond our temporary hardships to our eternal spiritual promises!

4. He sat down

He took his seat. It meant there was nothing left undone or in complete

He sat down because his sacrificial work was and is complete and final!

He now rules and reigns with all authority, and he is always interceding for us from a position of power!

God has been speaking to me for over a week about this. He said to me so many people try to write their book in the middle of the story instead of allowing it to finish and then be written.

I thought about Abraham offering Isaac as a sacrifice

Genesis 22:1– 14 In Bible

Isaac was Abraham's promised son and in the middle of this story what God asks seems crazy, offer your son as a sacrifice to me

This is why you don't write your story in the middle of it because you don't know how it ends!

Verse 7-8 Abraham told Isaac the Lord will provide, son. I know this looks bad, but my faith in God is greater than his request!

V. 13 and 14

You know what? What God asked Abraham to do, He also did by offering his only Son on Golgotha to redeem mankind

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Keep your eyes on the author because he is also the finisher of your story!

The Lord sent me here to tell you today to never put a period where there should be a comma because the sentence or story isn't completed!

Abraham and Isaac's story was much, much better when the author completed the story!