

# BY FAITH

## By Faith Vision Sunday (18 January)

Preacher: *Daniel Erasmus*

## A Fresh Perspective – From Some To All (25 January)

Preacher: *Jonathan Fontanarosa*

### Key Themes from Vision Sunday | BY FAITH:

#### A. Seeing with the Heart

Vision is not just sight – it's spiritual clarity. The message calls us to pray, like Paul in Ephesians 1:17-18, for the **eyes of our hearts to be enlightened**, so we can see God's hope, direction, and purpose.

#### B. Jubilee: Rest, Release, Restoration

2026 is our Jubilee Year – a spiritual picture from Leviticus 25 of how God resets, restores, and brings freedom.

For us, it means:

- **Rest** – no longer striving in our own strength; returning to God's presence.
- **Release** – from fear, shame, scarcity, and the things that keep us stuck.
- **Restoration** – God returning and rebuilding what was lost, broken, or stolen.

#### C. A Caleb Spirit: Wholehearted Faith

As we step into new territory (a new campus, expansion, mission), we need a **different spirit** like Caleb – one that:

- Sees God more clearly than the obstacles
- Believes His promises
- Moves in obedience even when the future is unknown

### Key Themes from A Fresh Perspective – From Some To All:

#### A. God Is Doing a New Thing

Isaiah 43 reminds us that God has moved powerfully in the past, but what He plans to do next will surpass it. We are invited to **SEE** with fresh spiritual perspective that His work includes all of us, not just some.

#### B. The Church Has Always Been God's "Called-Out" People

From Adam and Eve, to Noah, to Israel, to the Early Church, to generations of revival and reformation, God has always been forming a people set apart for His purpose. Jesus continues that calling today:

**We don't just go to church – we are the church.**

#### C. From Some to All: Everyone Has a Part

God's intention for the church has never been limited to a few people doing ministry while others observe. From the beginning, God has been forming a **called-out people** who live differently, think differently, and participate fully in His purposes.

The sermon challenges us to move from a **limited, institutional view of church** to a **biblical, participatory one:**

- From **institution** to **body**
- From **minister** to **every member as a minister**
- From **recipients** to **participants**
- From giving **something** to offering **everything**
- From pursuing the **temporary** to living for the **eternal**

At the heart of this shift is a core reordering of values:

- **Obedience over outcomes**
- **Eternal over temporary**
- **Pattern over popularity**
- **Fear of God over fear of man**

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When the church prioritises outcomes, popularity, or comfort, it risks losing its power and purpose. But when God's people choose obedience – faithfully living out His ways, even when results are unseen – the church becomes healthy, unified, and impactful.

This is the movement from **some to all**:

Not a church built around a few, but a body where **everyone is included, called, and essential** to what God is doing next.

## Check-in:

Considering the “By Faith” vision emphasis for 2026 and Pastor Jonathan Fontanarosa’s Sunday message – A Fresh Perspective: From Some To All:

- Share one thing you've recently noticed God doing “already” in your life, even if it's just the beginning.

## Discussion Questions:

1. **What do you sense God inviting you to see with your heart this year – about your faith, your purpose, or your next step?**  
(What vision or hope is God awakening in you?)
2. **Which Jubilee theme – Rest, Release, or Restoration – do you most need God to work in your life right now, and why?**  
(Where do you need to surrender, be freed, or be rebuilt?)
3. **Where is God inviting you to shift from a “some” mindset (others are called) to an “all”**

## **mindset (I am included in God's purpose)?**

(What fresh perspective is God giving you about being the church rather than attending the church?)

4. **Point C of “From Some to All” refers to a reordering of our values. Which value shift speaks most strongly to you right now (for example: obedience over outcomes, eternal over temporary), and how might God be inviting you to live that out more fully in your everyday life?**

(How can you contribute to what God is already beginning among us?)

5. **What would it look like for you to carry a “Caleb spirit” in 2026 as we step into By Faith together – at church, at home, or in your community?**

(What courageous, wholehearted obedience might God be asking of you?)

## Check-out:

Complete the sentence: “In 2026, I am trusting God by faith for...”

## Prayer Focus:

Pray for:

- A fresh ability to see with the heart and see the new thing God is doing
- Rest, release, and restoration in every person
- A fresh sense of calling for every person
- Courage for wholehearted, “Caleb type” faith as we step into **BY FAITH!**