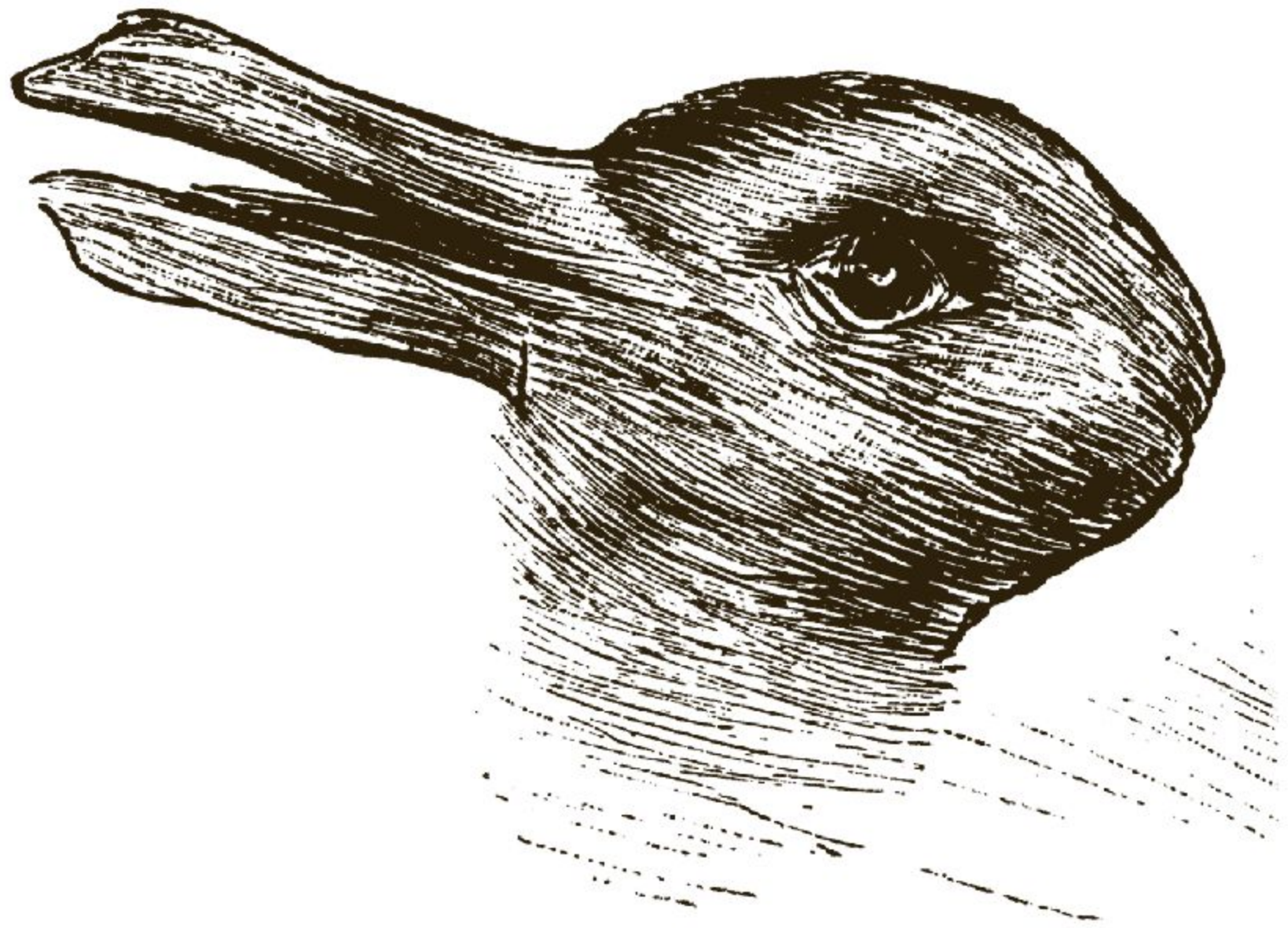


Vision: A Question of Focus





John 1

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, “This is he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’” ¹⁶ From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but God the one and only, who is at the Father’s side, has made him known.

Grace on Grace

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Receive: We will gratefully receive the love and mercy of God through the work of Holy Spirit in our lives, especially through, but not limited to, repentance, experiencing God in worship, the ministry of the word, prayer, baptism, the Lord's supper and enjoying the fellowship of the church family.

Psalm 40 ¹ I waited patiently for the LORD;
he turned to me and heard my cry.
² He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock
and gave me a firm place to stand.
³ He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear the LORD
and put their trust in him.

Respond: We respond to the love of God as we worship together at church meetings and consciously serve him and enjoy his presence in the varied arenas of our daily lives.

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Reshape: We are transformed by the love of God in the processes of discipleship and sanctification. We intentionally seek to be changed through encountering the Holy Spirit, studying the scriptures, prayer, fellowship, accountability, and putting our faith into practice.

Ephesians 2:⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Reach-out: We share the love and goodness of God with others. Through our deeds of mission and ministry we show the transforming love of God in our community and in the wider world.

When we focus on Jesus' fullness of grace

• **Receive**

• **Respond**

• **Reshape**

• **Reach-out**