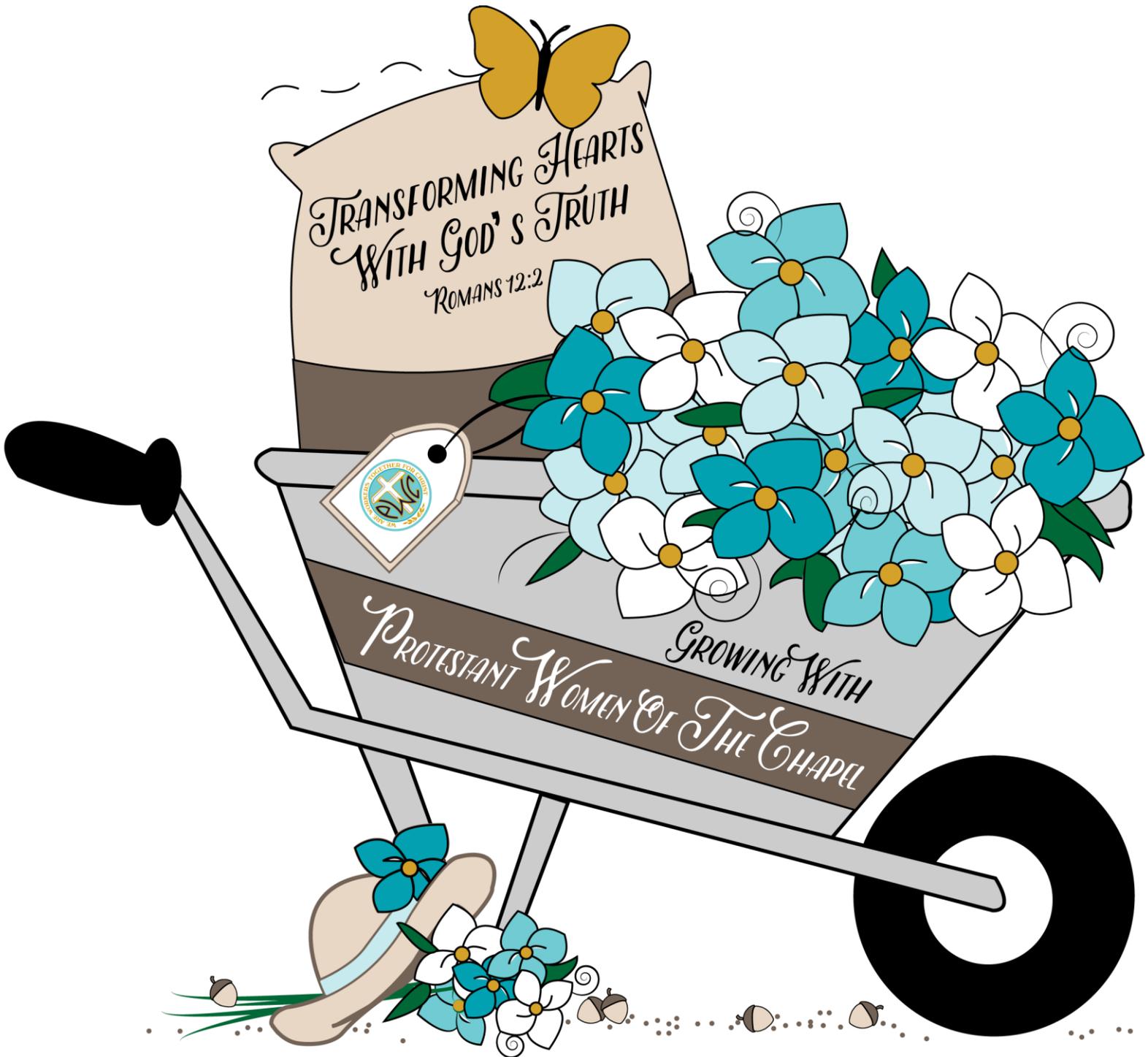


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## ABOUT THE GRAPHIC...

*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.*

*Romans 12:2*

### Have you ever used a Wheelbarrow?

It takes work to transform something from one thing to the other. A wheelbarrow is sometimes the workhorse of a garden, but, it's not the only tool we need.

#### **In order to grow, we need good soil.**

- Luke 8:15 reminds us what the good soil(The Word of God) does... "But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop."

- Ezekiel 17:8 – "It had been planted in good soil by abundant water so that it would produce branches, bear fruit and become a splendid vine."

#### **Over time, as we are fed from that good foundation of Christ, we begin to grow. The seeds and acorns that are planted in good soil are cultivated in such a way to produce beautiful flowers and trees.**

- Hosea 10:12-13 – "Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes"

- Isaiah 28:24-26 - When a farmer plows for planting, does he plow continually? Does he keep on breaking up and working the soil? When he has leveled the surface, does he not sow caraway and scatter cumin? Does he not plant wheat in its place, barley in its plot, and spelt in its field? His God instructs him and teaches him the right way.

The gardener must work continuously and consistently to produce that good harvest. Here, Paul calls it a transformation that reflects God's good, pleasing and perfect will by the renewing of our mind. It is cultivated through the study of His Word and a lifetime of prayer.

- What does your garden of life look like?
- How well is it growing?
- Is your garden firmly set in the knowledge and understanding of the Lord Jesus Christ?
- Does the fruit of your Garden show sincere love and a clinging to what is good?
- Is it watered by the Word of God.....His Truth?

One author says this...

*"It is one of God's greatest wonders to watch a garden grow. After preparing the soil, planting the seed, watering, and fertilizing, all a person can do is watch the plants grow. If the conditions are not right, the plants won't grow to maturity. So it is with our walk with God. We have the responsibility of preparing our hearts, and planting the word of God in our hearts. We have to water our hearts with prayer. But only GOD can truly cause the growth. He provides the right spiritual conditions for us to grow in Him."*