**Pastor Carter**

**The Work Continues**

**Isaiah 40: 21-31**

**Summary**

Today, after a very long election period, we celebrate the victories that were achieved. We celebrate how the historic number of us that went to vote. We also celebrate black women who were instrumental in the process – more specifically the historic achievement of our vice president-elect. Finally, we celebrate You for doing the work and getting involvement to make changes in our community and nation. However, while that process is now complete, the work STILL continues. We also need to understand that while leaders are temporary, God can still use them as long as they are usable! We have to make the most of the moment that God gives us.

*God works through leaders!*

**See God (v.28)**

In the midst of us navigating through leadership changes, challenges and our roles in them, we always need to remember to see God throughout the entire thing.

Four (4) things about God that we need to see:

1. God is everlasting
2. God is creator
3. God has unlimited power
4. God has all knowledge

**Wait on God (v.29-31)**

We serve a great and powerful God. Some things in lie, we will have to wait on. Waiting however, does not mean that we anxiously. When we wait, we ought to have a confidence and trust in what God is going to do. We wait on stuff worth waiting on and He is worth waiting for! Waiting also means working. Our waiting room can also become our workroom. It is in the waiting room that God works on you so you can be ready for after the waiting room. It is in there that he works on us to refine and prepare us. We have to stay working because He has called us to a work that must be done!

Six (6) Concord Social Justice Strategic Priorities

1. Criminal Justice
2. Civic Engagement
3. Education
4. Racial Justice
5. Business//Harmony CDC
6. Healthcare//Harmony CDC

**Expect from God (v.31)**

If you wait on God, you can also expect from God! Also, if you wait long enough, God will meet you the in midst of your working and waiting. He will show up and begin to repair and renew you to continue to do the work that He has called you to do. He will give you the grace and power that you will need. We haven’t made it this far on our own, but it was by the grace of God. He will see us through!

**Questions**

1. How has God continued to show himself to you during this time?
2. What are some things that you are waiting on from God?
3. How are you working while you are waiting?
4. What are some expectations that you have from God for the rest of this year?

*Weekly Challenge:*

*1. Pray for our nation*

*2. Sign up to Serve our community!* [*www.ConcordDallas.org/Holiday-Serve*](http://www.ConcordDallas.org/Holiday-Serve)