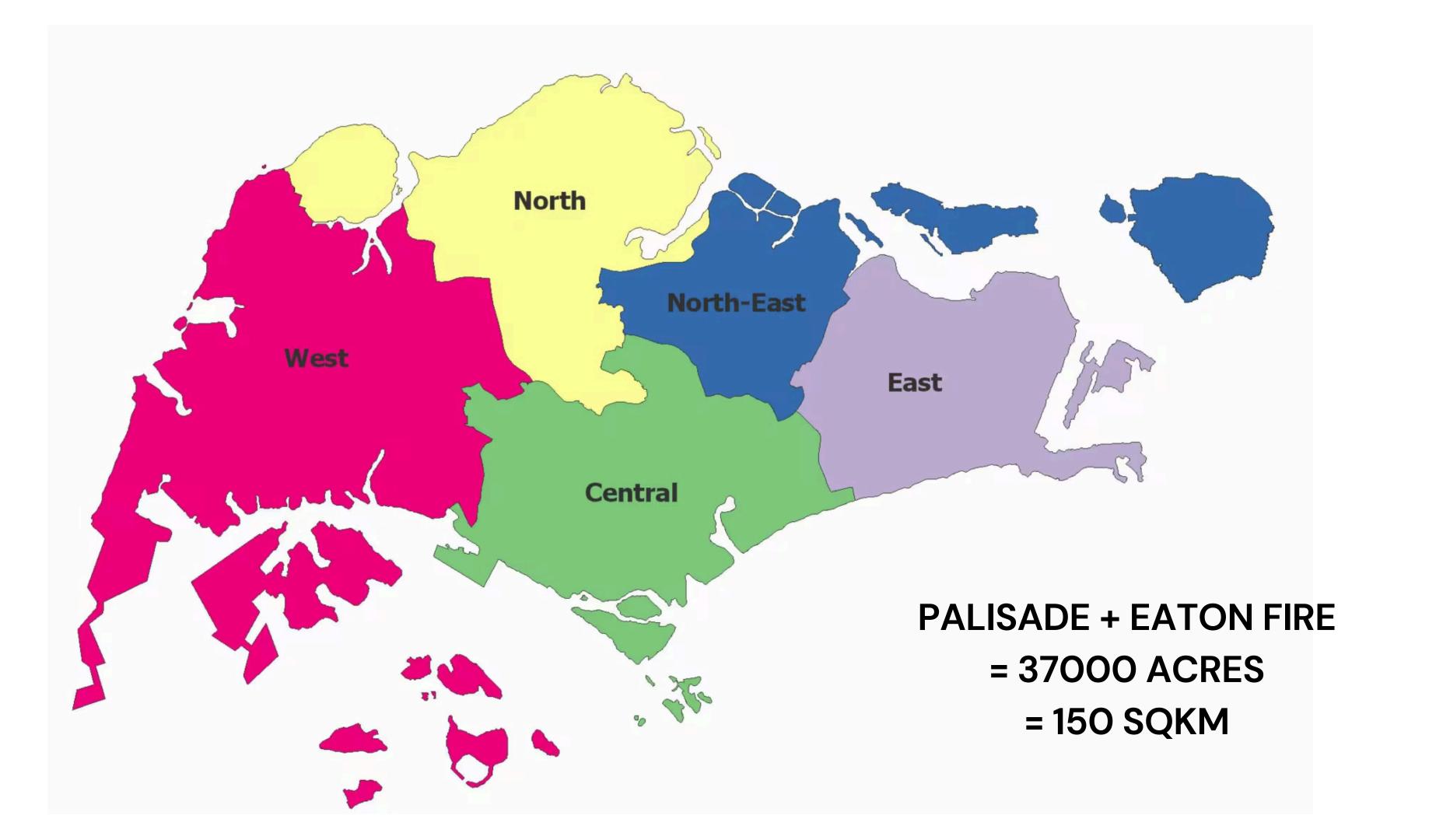


ONWARD WITH CHRIST IN 2025

PHIL 3:7-14





But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.

I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

Phil 3:7-9



I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Phil 3:10-12

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Phil 3:13-14



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If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews;

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Phil 3:4-6

in regard to the law, a Pharisee; Conduct as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.



WHAT HAVE WE LOST/GAINED?

REPUTATION FINANCES LOVED ONES FREEDOM/TIME AUTONOMY

HUMILITY TRUST PERSPECTIVE SERVICE SACRIFICE

1. LOSS THAT LEADS TO GAIN
2. DEATH THAT LEADS TO LIFE

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Phil 3:10-11

It is part of our Christian heritage and inheritance to see death and suffering as a gateway, not a destination.

In the dying, is the oppotunity not just for restoration, but resurrection into new life.

As we die in the natural, God raises us in supernatural life that reflects His Power, Character and Kingdom.

As Christ died and was raised in life, so we are in Christ today if we embrace our death and life in Christ.

WHERE HAVE WE DIED/RESURRECTED?

OUR WAY
OUR RIGHTS
OUR PRIDE
WHAT IS FAIR

GOD'S WAYS
GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY
GOD'S GLORY
GOD'S ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. LOSS THAT LEADS TO GAIN
- 2. DEATH THAT LEADS TO LIFE
- 3. PURSUIT THAT LEADS TO A PRIZE

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Phil 3:12-14

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A LIFE OF PURSUIT AND REWARD

TIREDNESS FRUSTRATION PAST EXPERIENCE HURTS AND PAIN DANGER UNCERTAINTY

GOD WHO REFRESHES GOD WHO UNDERSTANDS GOD WHO MAKES THINGS NEW GOD WHO HEALS US GOD WHO PROTECTS US GOD WHO IS OUR HOPE

In 2025, may we learn to

- 1. Enjoy loss that trades earthly for heavenly things
- 2. Embrace death that trades temporal for eternal things
- 3. Engage in a pursuit that leads to a worthy prize

- 1. What have we lost in 2024 and in 2025? What has the Lord been doing through them?
- 2. In what areas do we need to die, so that the life of Christ can come through?
- 3. How is the Lord encouraging us to persevere and press on, knowing that we will receive a prize in Him?