



Questions:

1. What role is there for hope in the face of the difficult realities of life?
2. What comes to mind when you consider the idea of new orientation?
3. How might shouting provide a sense of sanctuary?
4. In what ways might psalms of new orientation be pointing out that “shift happens?”
5. What is the power of carrying the reality of our suffering as we advance on our journey in life?
6. What are some ways we can help heal others even in our own woundedness?
7. What stood out for you from Psalm 66?
8. What meaning do you find in the metaphors of fire and water?
9. How might new orientation feed your sense of wonder?
10. What will help you set aside your fears and embrace the wonder of life?

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Pneuma Divina Scripture: Psalm 66

To the leader. A Song. A Psalm.

¹ Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
² sing the glory of his name;
 give to him glorious praise.
³ Say to God, ‘How awesome are your deeds!
 Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.
⁴ All the earth worships you;
 they sing praises to you,
 sing praises to your name.’
Selah

⁵ Come and see what God has done:
 he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.
⁶ He turned the sea into dry land;
 they passed through the river on foot.
 There we rejoiced in him,
⁷ who rules by his might for ever,
 whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
 let the rebellious not exalt themselves.
Selah

⁸ Bless our God, O peoples,
 let the sound of his praise be heard,
⁹ who has kept us among the living,
 and has not let our feet slip.
¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;
 you have tried us as silver is tried.
¹¹ You brought us into the net;
 you laid burdens on our backs;
¹² you let people ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and through water;
 yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.
¹³ I will come into your house with burnt-offerings;
 I will pay you my vows,
¹⁴ those that my lips uttered
 and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
¹⁵ I will offer to you burnt-offerings of fatlings,
 with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
 I will make an offering of bulls and goats.
Selah

¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God,
 and I will tell what he has done for me.
¹⁷ I cried aloud to him,
 and he was extolled with my tongue.
¹⁸ If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
 the Lord would not have listened.
¹⁹ But truly God has listened;
 he has given heed to the words of my prayer.
²⁰ Blessed be God,
 because he has not rejected my prayer
 or removed his steadfast love from me.

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