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What a wonderful faith response to these calamities!

Now let us apply the same faith to our troubling times: "Although gas prices are sky high and inflation is raging, though there are supply problems and food shortages, though there are wars and threats of wars abroad, though crime and racial tensions are increasing, though the borders are wide open and greedy cartels are flooding the land with deadly drugs, though the nuclear family is in shambles and marriage and genders have been redefined, though there are energy shortages and threats to the national power grid, though the educational system is failing our young people and governmental agencies have become utterly corrupt, though the nation has abandoned its founding principles and God and the Bible has been rejected by the great majority, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation."

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