In Sickness and in Health,
For Poorer and Even Poorer . . .

Steve gripped the steering wheel as he slowly headed home. In the backseat sat boxes filled with his books, personal office supplies, family photos, and a crayon drawing from the hand of his preschool daughter. He had just lost his job. *How am I going to tell Sue?* he worried. A lump caught in his throat and dread settled in his stomach. He knew that a pile of bills awaited his attention at home, and even more bills would arrive. By the time Steve pulled into his driveway, anger had taken over.

1. What is Steve's reaction toward his trial?

2. In what way could you use 2 Corinthians 1:3 to encourage Steve and Sue?

3. How could you use a past trial in your life to encourage Steve and Sue (2 Corinthians 1:4)?

4. How would other people describe your response toward a trial *you* are experiencing?

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