## **Facing Perils**

Explorer Samuel Hearne and his party had just set out on a rigorous expedition in northern Canada to find the mouth of the Coppermine River. A few days after they left, thieves stole most of their supplies.

Hearne's response to the apparent misfortune can inspire us all. He wrote, "The weight of our baggage being lightened, our next day's journey was more swift and pleasant."

The Apostle Paul also knew what it was to face all sorts of perilous circumstances. Time and time again, he turned to the Lord for His deliverance and provision.

How about you? How did you respond the last time you learned that the refrigerator needed to be replaced or the car engine had to be rebuilt?

When things go wrong, ask God for strength and wisdom. Then thank Him for working to perfect your faith.

We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed. 2 Corinthians 4:8

--Beecher Hunter