

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **OPTION OVERLOAD: TORN BETWEEN CHOICES**

*Part of me wanted to grow up and have a station wagon. But  
the other part of me wanted to be mayor of New York City.*  
—Susan Faludi

As girls growing up in the LDS Church, most of us knew that we wanted to be mothers someday. We heard prophets speak about our divine role as mothers, counsel us to stay home with our children, and make motherhood our primary focus. Yet when the time actually arrives, making motherhood our full-time job often seems more complicated than we anticipated. We may have struggled through many years of school, worked hard to establish our careers or learn vocations, visited different parts of the world through missions or travel, recognized the importance of being prepared for life's uncertainties, seen many doors and opportunities open up to us, and realized how many more there are available.