Lost on a Mountain

A true story!

Welcome to Yosemite National Park. Stayin' awhile?

We'd like to camp here for the night.

Why, sure. The campsites are just down the road a piece.

Being as it's fall, the bears are particularly hungry this time of year.

So keep a close watch on your food and on yourselves, you hear?
After lunch.

I'd like to climb that mountain, but I don't want to follow the tourist trails.

If I ask Mother for permission to go off trail, she'll probably say no.

But I really want to. I have this map, so I'll be okay.

I'll go this way, straight up the mountain.
It took David hours to make it to the top without following a trail. But finally...

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The water was raging at the top of the falls, which were over 400 meters high.

Odd. This trail doesn't look like it's been used for years.

It was getting darker, and David had trouble following the trail.

No wonder the trail seems unused, the bridge has been washed away!

The trail picks up again on the other side, but how am I going to get across?

The water was raging at the top of the falls, which were over 400 meters high.

David hiked a couple of kilometers upstream looking for a way to cross.

There's no place to cross, and it's too rough to swim across. But I've got to get over.
A FISHERMAN.

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? I’M NEVER GOING TO FIND MY WAY BACK THROUGH THE WOODS.

IT’S COLD, AND I DON’T EVEN HAVE A MATCH.

IF ONLY I HAD TOLD MY PARENTS WHERE I WENT, THEN THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND AND HELP ME.

THOUGH NO MORE THAN FOUR METERS AWAY, THE FISHERMAN COULDN’T HEAR HIM OVER THE RAGING OF THE RIVER.

HEY YOU, HEY, MISTER! HEY! HELP! HELP!

AND IF ANY OF THOSE BEARS COME....

OH, JESUS, PLEASE HELP. I REALLY NEED YOU. PLEASE SHOW ME WHAT TO DO!
There's a hole in my bucket…

Maybe if I sing, it will scare the bears away.

David took off running back along the faint path through the dark woods.

David, you'll have to go back through the woods.

But, Lord, I can't go back through the woods with so little light.

I'll get lost, and the bears! And...

I will guide you.

Oh, I can follow this narrow ditch left by rain water running down the mountain.

Heaven! This is the place where I came up. Oh, thank you, Jesus, for guiding me here!

Now how do I go down? Jesus, please show me.

Hey! This is the place where I came up. Oh, thank you, Jesus, for guiding me here!

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I will guide you.
AY YAI! OW, OW!

Mother, I'm back. Poor Mother. She must be really upset and worried about me.

Finally, at 2 AM, David tiptoed back into the tent and found his mother praying.

Jesus, please bring David back safely. Take care of him. You promised that Your presence will be around those who love You...!

David, David! Where have you been?

I climbed the mountain.

Psalm 34:7
And remember to ask Jesus to guide and protect you. "He goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice" (John 10:4 AKJV).