A Story from Vinny’s Life:

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With the first semester of my junior year of college in full swing, I had a pretty tough decision to make when my best friend Sam invited me to go on a weeklong fishing trip to northern Minnesota with him. The week that we were going to go was a week of important exams—ones that I’d have to make up. And so, to take off a week of school would’ve been a big deal. At the same time, I had never been to northern Minnesota, where beautiful lakes and the peace of mind that nature can bring were calling my name. With that in mind, of course I had to go with. I had no idea that something so unexpected, that I shall never forget, would happen to us.

After the first two days, when all was said and done, we had only caught a handful of fish and were disappointed. On the third day, after an hour of fishing, it started to rain and so we had to call it quits. But instead of going back to the cabin, we decided to wait out the storm beneath a tree, because it looked like it would pass. But as we were waiting, we heard something move that was about 10 feet behind us. When we turned and looked, we saw a big black bear. It was sleeping, fortunately. So we got up, slowly and quietly, careful not to wake him. It was the most afraid that I’ve ever been in my life. If we had been more cautious, we wouldn’t have been in danger. So the moral of the story is: be careful where you sit in northern Minnesota, you might be scared by a bear.