The Last Lecture synopsis Abby Wood

While I was listening to the 'Last Lecture' I felt very moved by many of the things he said. I loved how he went back in time and started with his childhood and how that changed him, to all the dreams he had then that he has been able to accomplish if not he compromised and got pretty close, and how he met his wife and convinced her to marry him. The part that affected me the most was at the end when he shared that he not only did this last lecture for the audience he also did it for his kids so that they would have a piece of him when he left. That was a little bit of a tear-jerking part for me. The part that I identified with the most was when he was listing off advice for how to live a better life. That included: to be earnest instead of hip, learn to compromise, don't complain (just work harder), don't obsess over what other people think, watch what people do (and not what they say), embrace clichés, learn to apologize, be honest, be humble, never give up, be positive, listen to feedback, take time to show gratitude, and don't be afraid to be the first one to try something. Overall I really connected with this message and it made me want to create a list of my own, things I want to accomplish before I, as well, go. Some of it for me is not as extravagant as the list that Randy Pausch had, but it fits for me and my personality. I would like to go on a giant road trip across the United States and collect a flower from each state I went to. I want to know what it is like to love a baby that is my own because I have heard that you love your baby more than you love yourself and that is a kind of love I want to experience. That is just a couple from my list. But this was a very moving thing to watch, at least for me.