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Randy Pausch Last Lecture

In Randy Pausch's "last Lecture", he talks about how at 46 years old he was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer. At the time of this video, he reported having 10 different tumors in various areas around the pancreas. Throughout the lecture, he runs through different life goals he had as a kid and how he either accomplished them, or gained some sort of knowledge from it. Instead of talking about the actual cancer or religion, Pausch takes the approach of trying to inspire these kids to try, and explore challenges they want. And even if they don't succeed, they learn valuable life information from it anyways.

I think there's a few parts throughout the lecture that hit me harder than I expected. The first one is towards the beginning when he refused to talk about what everyone is thinking; the overplayed lectures on cancer and trying to help convert people to a new religion. The second was when he said he learned more from failing the NFL dream, than he did by succeeding in any of his other goals. I believe that Pausch takes such a fresh look on how we should be educating and inspiring our youth, especially when he speaks about how the people who push you the hardest are your closest friends, because they are the ones who haven't given up on you yet.