

I found The Last Lecture to be very insightful. Starting his lecture with a brief description of his cancer and how he knew he was going to die was very powerful for me, personally. When I was 10, my mother was diagnosed with cancer (she's fine now!), so I can understand how both he and his family felt about that situation. It's scary. Saying that he wasn't going to focus on that was nice, because his life does not revolve around his eventual death, it revolves around what he did while he lived. I think it's important to focus on the "now" instead of the "later". His metaphor with the brick wall was also something that deeply stuck with me. It's not a roadblock, it's a hurdle for those who really want something! I loved that and definitely needed to hear that today.

I relate to his childhood dream of working for Disney. It's my dream, too! I want to animate there. It was wonderful to see that his hard work got him everything he's always wanted. One of the most hard-hitting things he said, though, was at the very end – this presentation wasn't for the audience, it was for his children. He knew he was going to die and this was one of his final gifts of wisdom to them. Wow. Just... wow.