

Last Lecture thoughts.

I found the overall message of this lecture very inspiring and important, as Randy Pausch talks about the lessons he learned in achieving goals and living a meaningful life. What affected me the most was his emphasis on perseverance and resilience. Pausch referred to obstacles as brick walls that test how badly you want something. He believed that they are meant to stop people, but you can still get past them if you try hard enough.

Pausch also talked about time management, which is important because it is one of the most valuable resources you have. Even though when you're young it may not feel like it, you never know what could happen to you. Another part I fully agree with is striving to achieve your dreams and how important having dreams is to a fulfilling life. If you have no goals, you have nothing keeping you going. I found his talks about chasing dreams really inspiring and fun to listen to because he was actually able to achieve many of his childhood dreams, even if they were a little ridiculous, like going to the NFL which unfortunately he could not achieve.

Pausch does not just talk about his own dreams; he also emphasizes how important it is to help others achieve their dreams, which I found unique compared to many inspirational storytellers who only talk about achieving their own dreams. Pausch wants to raise others up as well because he finds it many times just as fulfilling as achieving his own. Overall, I thought his lecture was great and lives up to its name. After listening, it is sad to hear that he is going to die, but also amazing that he achieved so much and shared his wisdom with us.

