

The Last Lecture

Randy Pausch's Last Lecture honestly was eye opening. Recently I have been struggling with some of the things Randy had touch base on in his lecture.

Brickwalls: I also hit a brick wall not too long ago. I felt defeated, I thought that maybe it wasn't meant to be with what I wanted to do and gave up on it; but his thoughts on it helped me see a bigger picture.

"Experience is what you get when you don't get what you wanted." Every goal comes with persistence. You have to learn your lessons before you can ace the test in a way, learn from the mistakes you made so you know next time how to fix them. Sometimes the brick wall is also there to protect you, not by saying "no" but as "not yet". Patience is also a part of the lesson not only on yourself but also the people around you that will be a part of your dream/goal.

Fundamentals: "You gotta get the fundamentals down otherwise the fancy stuff isn't going to work." A hard pill to swallow for an impatient person like me. I become too eager to jump right into a personal project that I expect to be perfect without following or learning the needed fundamentals of the project I want to work on. It's an easy thing to forget for many who just want an easy fancy finish.

Networking: It's not necessarily addressed but through Randy's life he was able to accomplish his dreams by networking through people and being confident enough to take steps toward his goals. Networking is a necessity. The dream that I want will require networking but It'll be difficult to do with my social anxiety

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Stay Humble; be patient around others and help each other out to overcome that brick wall everyone faces.