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The Last Lecture

Randy Pausch spoke to me in many ways. Not only did it teach me that my failures are my biggest lessons, but that I shouldn't give up on myself because I fail. This man got a diagnosis that he had a short amount left to live, but yet he is on stage giving the Last Lecture he will ever make.

When he said, "wait long enough and people will impress you." I believe this wholeheartedly, but when it comes to myself I have trouble convincing myself of this. It seems easier to attribute this to another person, but when it comes to me as an individual I am so self critical that I'm not smart enough that I don't take that time and I try to rush everything.

Randy speaks about how we need to be truthful, apologize when you screw up, and bring other people up. Knowing that I need help from others is sometimes overwhelming for me, because I feel like a burden with my disabilities, but as I get older I've realized it's okay to ask for help. It's okay to speak up, and ask for what you need. There will be times when someone won't be able to help you, but there will be so many times that someone will be able to.

Another thing that spoke to me was when he said, "Don't complain, work harder." I always say to myself I'm doing the best I can, when in reality I can do more. I can put more effort into studying. I can put more time into uplifting others as well as myself. Randy's Last Lecture has helped me look at things a lot differently. The last thing he said on stage was "this was for my kids," made me really emotional. He seemed like an amazing person. I'll refer to this video when I am looking to be inspired and for the reminder that good things take time.