Last Lecture

I truly didn’t expect him to talk about code as for a last lecture of his life, kind of thing. I felt a little dumb after I remembered this is a creative coding class. When Randy said he has cancer and that he was going to live everyday of his life, I thought that was nice that he wasn’t going to be sad about it, but more of living up the happy moments with everyone he cares about. Another thing I thought about was to follow your childhood dreams. I was truly confused about that but I started to understand when he was talking about the wonder and how children believe in their dreams with all their hearts and keep dreaming. They don’t fall into an adult world of thinking about the failure instead of thinking about the growth.

I did identify with a lot of his messages. “Never give up” is always a good thing to have in mind. It’s like “failing”, just get back up and try again. You can always try again, try harder and achieve your goals, but you can’t do that if you give up. I did like how his teacher made a compromise with Randy about all the grad schools for coding. This experience also points to “can’t get there alone,” his teacher helped him get into that grad school for coding.

“Helping others” is a good deed and helpful to others. This also goes with “focus on others, not yourself.” That is interesting because I have been told about always making time for yourself, but this is more of saying help others, take off the day from worrying about your problems and help others. One way of focusing on others and not yourself is “enabling the dreams of others.”

“Work hard” is something I like to do, and I value with people that I meet and work with. It is something I am good at which Randy says is what make you valuable. Being “truthful”, “earnest”, “apologizing for your mistakes” are good tips Randy points out. I honestly feel like my parents are like him, they think that way as well. I mean well all of this that I identify with is how I grew up. I grew up believing these things.