

When I watched Randy Pausch talk while knowing he was going to die from pancreatic cancer, it was interesting and inspiring to see someone have the positive energy that he had. I think when he found out he had pancreatic cancer, two choices popped up in his head, either to dread the day he dies, or to make the best out of the time he has left. It seems to me that he chose that second option. Of course, I'm sure he did feel that dread, as anyone would. I also could imagine that someone who is aware that their time is running short would be able to gain new perspectives that they otherwise wouldn't because in their heads they are thinking, at least I have tomorrow. To watch that video of him talking about his life and how it unfolded was surreal. I could relate to what he was saying, although I am not close to my own death, at least I hope not. I've had two near death experiences in my life, but I was pretty young so it took me a while to fully grasp what actually happened. I have also had multiple dreams as a kid and although none of them really worked out, I have dreams that I still work towards to this day. I think the fact that I've had two near death experiences gives me more drive to pursue my dreams and ambitions, despite the people around me that tell me it's unrealistic. I'm sure Randy had people who doubted him as well, but I think that would've fueled him more than they brought him down.