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What affected you the most? Did you identify with any of the messages?

Watching Randy Pausch's Last Lecture was unlike any lecture I had ever seen before. He immediately had me listening as he began to explain his current health, and why indeed this would be his "last lecture". To see someone already so influential to many go out with a bang sharing his life advice is something most would be curious to hear. I think what affected me the most was his views on dreams and reaching them. Some dreams you will reach, but the ones you don't leave you with something far more valuable, life advice. He might not have achieved his childhood dream of making it into the NFL, but by playing football he learned the values of teamwork, sportsmanship and respect. I think that this resonated with me because even when things go far from what you had planned, there is always a lesson to be learned even if it is learning that you don't like something. A message I identified with that Randy shared was that when you're screwing up and no one's telling you to change, they've given up and you're in a dangerous situation. I think that this is a very important message when it comes to who you choose to surround yourself with in life and the impact those people can have on you. It's a lesson many of us have learned. While it can be difficult to say goodbye to certain people, it's what's healthy for you in the long run.