

The Last Lecture for me was a man's message to the world that disappointment in any way is never just that. Quotes I had written down for myself along the way mean so much knowing that this man stood in front of an audience of people and as almost his last wish, told them all that life's issues are further motivation to the dedicated. "Brick walls are there to show your dedication" is one I marked down as soon as I heard it. The idea that Road blocks are there to separate the ones who are doing it just because from the people who really and truly care. I've been working on personal projects late at night recently and as soon as my head hits the desk I've thought of this and just thought "which side do you want to be on, do you want to be that aspiring developer who gives up at the first sign of a problem, or do you want to get something out to the world and maybe even make someone's life just a bit better because of it."

As someone who has been running people around on projects for years now, the two that I needed to hear the most were "wait long enough and people will surprise and impress you" and "You don't know where the bar should be and you'd be doing them a disservice by putting it somewhere." When giving a new person work, if they churn out what you would see as master class on their first go around, instead of praising them 100% and using that work, tell them they did good but you want to see if they can do better. I will be keeping this in mind for my whole life because I feel this will allow already great creators surrounding me to become even better than before by just giving that little bit of a push they need.