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At first, I thought this video would be something that I just play in the background but after the first few minutes, I was fully captivated by the lecture. There were many moments throughout Pausch's lecture that I felt I could relate to and even some moments that I can directly apply to my life. The main topic that I can relate to from the video is how he mentions that he thought he should just get a normal job. This is something I have been thinking about for the last couple of years and it was very inspirational to hear him talk about his journey. Besides that, the most direct moment for me came when he talked about a student of his who wanted to work on Star Wars movies. Even though not a direct part of his life it was still one of my favorite things he talked about. Working on something Star Wars related has always been my most prominent childhood dream, and it was cool to see him mention that student.

Besides the comparisons I could make to my life, there were a few things he said that I will be thinking about for a while. The first topic that got my attention came when he talked about his football coach ridiculing him very hard during practice. He mentioned that when someone stops criticizing your work it means they have given up on you. After hearing this I immediately realized how true of a statement it is. It seems so simple I couldn't believe I had never realized it. Now going forward this is something that I hope to remember. Another part of the lecture I found impactful was his overall attitude toward teaching. He covers this in many moments of the lecture but my favorite part was when he talked about where to set the bar for students. In moments of the lecture like this, I felt like I could tell what type of teacher he was. Although I think many teachers and professors have similar values I wish that more did, and the main reason this resonates with me so much is that in my high school there were very few teachers who seemed to have a similar mentality. Overall this lecture was one of the best things that I have watched in a while and for as sad as it was, I am impressed by how positive he was able to make it.