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# Creative Coding I

# The Last Lecture Thoughts

To be completely honest, some moments of the lecture triggered me, mentally and physically. Randy Pausch talks about the roles his parents played in his life and how much they impacted his as well as encouraged his adventurous look on life. Earlier in the video he also talks about how if you’re angry with someone, you haven’t given them enough time. My parents negatively affected my look at life. In a lot of instances, I find myself being the “Eeyore” out of my eight siblings.

Pausch talks about how Jon Snoddy gave him the advice to wait for people to surprise you with their good side, and how if you are angry with someone, you haven’t given them enough time. My immediate reaction was to tense up when I heard that phrase. I just recently had a “falling out” with my father, so he and I haven’t talked for about a month and a half now. We got into an argument, and he made me upset. I am still not ready to talk to him because for a lot of my life, I have been controlled by my parents, and for the first time in a while I feel free from that—to an extent. The thought of talking to my father forces me into a state of panic, and I am left thinking about what the repercussions of my actions will be, even though I am just protecting myself. In my head that statement meant I need to give my dad more time.

A part of how I feel now is based on how my parents talked to me as a child. Growing up I would never get straight forward answers, nor was I allowed to ask questions. Pausch talks about how word choices can affect how someone perceives something which made me think of times my stepmother had talked down to me, instead of reasoning with me on the same level. To me, talking down and belittling my voice is the same as not choosing the right words to communicate with me. Something about the constant feeling of my parents knocking me down to put me in my place with tones of voice, word choices, and body language makes me motivated.

In his lecture, Pausch talks about brick walls and how they are there to show people’s determination for their dreams. I thought about how my counselor told me in our introduction session that I had some sort of resilience to me. That made me think—even though time and time again I get knocked down to such a low level that it’s hard to just press the ‘up’ button for the elevator, I consistently gather myself together to pull me up off the ground to keep fighting. To search and find whatever it is in this world that I am so determined to live for.