

Watching Randy Pausch's *Last Lecture* really struck me on an emotional level. What affected me the most was the way he faced his own mortality with so much positivity and humor. He didn't let his illness define his final message, instead, he used it as an opportunity to remind people how important it is to chase their dreams and to live fully. The part about "brick walls" especially stood out. He said brick walls aren't there to keep us out, but to show us how badly we want something. That made me think about times in my life when I've hit setbacks and wanted to give up. His perspective made me realize those challenges are actually part of the process, not a sign that I should quit. I also identified with his idea of enabling the dreams of others. It's not just about reaching my own goals but also about helping the people around me succeed. That message stuck with me because I have people in my life who support me, and I know how important it feels when someone believes in you. It made me reflect on how I want to be that kind of person for others to make sure that my morality matches up with my actions. The lecture left me feeling inspired and motivated. It made me grateful for the time I have and reminded me not to waste it on things that don't matter, or not to stress about minor inconveniences that I can take action to change. I could relate to his love for creativity, persistence, and generosity, and it challenged me to think about how I can continue to until thoes traits every single day.