**The Last Lecure, Randy Pausch:**

**Made me feel:**

1. Inspired:

I have so much to learn, and seeing someone with lots of passion and energy rubs off on me.

1. Thoughtful:

I considered my own childhood dreams. I started to make an earnest list of the dreams I could recall. I think I might keep that up and see how many I can recall over a few days. Many were funny and some I had already accomplished. I found delight in both the checked boxes and the thought of carrying out the ones I have not accomplished. Some are quite cute and funny!

I considered why I have chosen the paths in my life. I find myself reacting with a mix of self-critique, curiosity, and pride. I am finding it easier to give myself grace when I think about how I prioritize helping others with the work I find myself doing.

I considered in which scenarios I feel the most grateful, lucky, enthusiastic, optimistic, energized. It is something I want to keep mulling over.

I considered the legacy of my own parents. It’s a complex legacy and leaves me with large sore spots as well as joy, gratitude, and pride. Without meaning to, I said to myself that Dr Pausch was clearly is blessed with the confidence of a person who experienced a happy childhood. It would be nice to have that much confidence!

1. Melancholy:

Our lives are short. But sweet! Am I living the life I want?

**Can I relate to the lecture?**

Yes. Can I brag about the ways I relate best to Randy? I have tried in my life to maintain a child-like wonder with surprising success. I have accomplished some of my childhood dreams.

I make an effort to be a ‘Tigger’ instead of an ‘Eeyore’. I also find lots of joy and learn (what I didn’t know I needed to learn) best through teamwork and teaching. I also have so much to learn, but I will try my darndest to muster some of that Randy Pausch confidence!