

I really like how even in the face of death, Pausch never lost his youth. He has so much energy, and never stopped being a kid. That's so important. I feel like to be the best that you could possibly be, you HAVE to embrace every part of yourself. I also liked that he continued to bring up the brick wall throughout the presentation. It's a motivation that I enjoy. Overall, I think that this really made me reflect on myself. What else can I do to make sure others CAN help me with life? How can I achieve what I want in life? It was very interesting. I'm glad I watched it, it really brings you to look at your own core.

The message that stuck with me the most was one of the earlier points in his speech, when he was talking about his football experience. He made the point about when your supporters stop criticizing you, that means they've given up on you. I can actually relate this to something a music director said to me and other vocalists in a musical production back in high school. This really resonates with me. Criticism hurts! It makes you doubt yourself, but at the end of the day I would rather hear criticism than nothing at all. I do not want people giving up on me. I want to be able to prove myself even with my faults to show that I am capable of getting better each and every day. I'm sure I'll make plenty of more mistakes but as soon as somebody says nothing at all, I've failed.