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Last Lecture Reflection

After watching Randy Pausch's last lecture, I had to really sit back and just admire how inspirational his story is and how he lived his life, even before he knew about the cancer. What affected me the most was how he was able to take all the goals that he had as a child and turn them into a reality, and in the process helping and inspiring others to do the same. I enjoyed the story of Randy figuring out how to help his student so that he could work on the next Star Wars movies. In my opinion that's one of the most pure and truthful ways to enjoy life. When he said that as a kid he wanted to win one of those giant stuffed bears that you get at the carnival, my "grown-up" brain just thought oh yeah that's cute, but that's difficult to do. But then he brought four or five of those giant stuffed animals on stage with him and my inner child smiled. It made me want to write down as many hopes that I had as a child and start figuring out how I could make it happen. And I did!

One of the messages I identified with the most was the quote, "Experience is what you get when you didn't get what you wanted." This resonated with me a lot because I used to be that person where if the day or event didn't go as planned that it would be ruined. Which I would argue now is a very toxic way to experience life. Mistakes are going to come and mess up a plan whether you like it or not. Now after changing my mindset on planning, I'm much more excited to see what happens when things do go wrong. Because like Randy's quote describes, some of

the most important moments or testing points in life happen when things don't go according to plan.