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I have seen The Last Lecture 3 times before. In rewatching it again I wanted to make sure that I was finding new things to learn and to take from the talk. The biggest emotional effect the last lecture has is that it is actually the professor's last Lecture. Paul revealed that he had liver tumors and had been given only four months to live. Despite this, he urged the audience not to feel sorry for him and quickly moved on to discuss his childhood and aspirations as a young boy.

What stood out to me was him talking about the fond memories he has about his experience learning. Talking about his life shows how his cultural experience growing up led him to an academic life of exploring science and technology. He talks about his supportive parents and their lessons of telling him he could be anything. His parents encouraged his hobbies and seemed to be able to send to activities he wanted to go to. This all plays a role in why he is a professor, researcher and his thirst to always learn. He talks of his fulfilled life and is at peace with it. It reflects in this beautiful lecture mixed with education elements, his personal life lesson, and knowledge.