

If we're talking about what moment tugged on my heart strings the most, it was the very end of the Last Lecture when Randy revealed the real reason for this last lecture. I am really glad to have listened to this. And for the last reason especially, Randy's lecture will remain bookmarked on my browser to listen again when my children are around.

As a parent, I find all of these lessons incredibly valuable and things I think about frequently. I did not grow up with emotionally available parents and I've been trying to break that cycle with my children. The "head fakes" are key to learning and I love the "brick wall" concept. It reminds me of my partner's views on getting a hard-no before moving on to the next idea. Like we try this, and try that. Maybe that creates pause for something that you're not sure you even want. The wall is there for a reason.

(The bunny virtual reality was super creepy and totally random. I bet it was amazing to be on the cutting edge of virtual reality in the early 00s.)

The ETC learning framework is amazing. I had no idea what I've been thinking and saying all these years is actually a thing! I believe in games and learning through games. It's wonderful to be here learning real life lessons and not just coding lessons. I've done Hour of Code with my daughter before but I didn't fully get it. I will be playing on Code.org with them and more. I already block out time to play games with them together.

How Randy talks about his parents, I am holding all those pieces in my own parenting. I try to give my kids the freedom to explore and opportunities to learn. I don't get upset over mistakes. I always check my energy before I work through their feelings with them. They get a lot of mixed messages in their little lives with separate households with two different parenting styles. Randy left us with a lot of valuable insights for life and I am grateful for the technology that his message has been able to live on past his life. He was a pioneer for the education we are receiving today.

Keep having fun.    Never lose the child-like wonder.    Help others.  
“It’s kind of fun to do the impossible.”    Loyalty is a two way street.  
“In relations – Ignore everything they say and only pay attention to what they do.”  
Never give up.    You can’t get there alone.    Tell the truth.  
Be earnest.    Apologize when you screw up.  
Focus on other people, not yourself.    Brick walls let us show our dedication.  
Don’t bail; the best gold is at the bottom of the barrels of crap.  
Get a feedback loop; and listen to it!  
When people give you feedback, cherish it and use it.    Show gratitude.  
Don’t complain; just work harder.  
Be good at something; it makes you valuable.    Work hard.  
Find the best in everybody.  
Be prepared, **Luck** is where preparation meets opportunity.