The Last Lecture
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Life and How to Live

The Cards

• He couldn't CONTROL the cards he was dealt
• He Did not CHOOSE to be an object of pity
Childhood Dreams and How to Achieve Them

- What are your dreams
- What are you doing to try and reach your dreams
- Is what you are doing working?

Scouting and Your Dreams

- Is Scouting your dream
  – or is it someone else's?
- What are you doing to help this dream
  – or hurt it?
- Are you seeing progress
  – or stagnation?
Is Someone in your life “Riding” you?

• Do you understand why?
• Have they stopped?
  – Do they still care?
  – Have they given up?

How Bad do you Want Scouting

• Your parents let you do this
  – How many other boys aren't allowed?
• Are you having fun?
  – What are you doing about it?
“If you want to achieve your dreams then you better work with integrity”

- Work and play well with others
  - Tell the truth
  - Apologize (Properly)
    - I’m Sorry
    - It was my Fault
    - How do I make it Right?

Show Gratitude (part one)

- Who should you be thanking?
- Scout Leaders?
- Parents?
Show Gratitude (part two)

• When was the last time you told your Scout leaders THANK YOU for helping you?
  – How can you show them?
• When was the last time you told your parents THANK YOU for letting you participate?
  – How can you show them?

“Don’t complain – Just Work Harder”

• “How you choose to spend your time is up to you”
  – Are you complaining or trying to make a difference?
• Ask not what has Scouting done for me but what can I do for scouting
Scouting

• An example of how to live your life
• Provides the opportunity for great things
• Not an Entitlement
  – But an Opportunity
• No Guarantees

Dr. Pausch’s Closing

• “If you live properly, the dreams will come to you”
Why are we here?

- Goals
- Dreams
- Ideals

The Tragedy

- No GOALS to REACH for
- No DREAMS to FULFILL
- No IDEALS to CAPTURE
Reflection

• If you give to Scouting more than it gives to you, the Karma will take care of itself – the DREAMS will come to you