Les & Racquel

About Us

We have been inseparable ever since we met in college almost 20 years ago. Les asked a mutual friend if he could have permission to get my telephone number and give me a call. He declared that she was “lovely”. We soon spent time at a birthday party and then on our first date. Our love blossomed and grew strong from the first time we met. To keep our marriage healthy, we attend marriage enrichment group each month. When we are not working we spend our time with each on special date nights. Les always brings pretty fresh flowers home just because.We bothlike anything outdoors. We devote lots time to volunteering,mentoring, teaching health classes and facilitating bible studies with youth and young adults. We often organize or participate with friends and familyin special events, outings,reunions and trips.

We are both thankful for the values our parents instilled in us while we were growing up. Both sets of parents valued education and faith. They worked hard to provide a quality Christian education for us.Our parents gave us a great example of what it means to work hard and serve others.We live within and means so that we can do the things that matter most.

About Racquel (Written by Les)

I first met Racquel in college. We were introduced by a mutual friend. We soon found ourselves talking all night. We have been together ever since. Racquel is just one of those amazing one in a million people! She is a giver. She is good at a lot of things. You really have to know her to see how amazing she is. Among her interest is healthy and delicious cooking, singing, laughing and having a good time. She is very talented as she has the gift of teaching and giving. Racquel can often been found feeding the homeless or teaching people how to improve their health. She does those things so naturally that others may not realize how dedicated she is. I know that she will be a wonderful mother because she will model excellence and love for a child. She will make sure a child will have all of the opportunities to grow and be successful.

About Les (Written by Racquel)

Les is the most friendly, calm, consistent man I’ve ever known. The second most impressive quality is that he is a friend to everyone and is highly respected. I am so happy that he is my friend and partner. The most impressive quality about him is that he really loves God and truly wants to live a life that is pleasing to God. Les enjoys all things outdoors (Swimming, Camping, Biking, Kayaking or going to the park) and when he finds himself indoors, he is working hard or catching up on a documentary. Les is a wise man and is always looking to be involved with or lead out in ministry. Patience is another quality that he always seems to have in abundance.

With all of his patience intact and always on board, Les is never too far from a good laugh, an inside joke, or just ready to have fun at the right time. If fact, whenever children are near, they seem to gravitate towards him and he and the children become instant buddies. He loves children and will be the most wonderful loving father.

Our Family and Friends

We both have a number of nieces&nephews fromsizeable extended family including parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and siblings. We love any time when we can hang out with any of our family! Our families' most memorable moments are the yearly family vacations. We usually rent a big house or chalet, play football, kickball, take morning walks, play group games, and have family bible study. Our time together is full of laughter, singing and fun. We have also found a wonderful support group of friends from different backgrounds. They are excited to go with us on this journey. Most of them have children from all ages and have already offered great advice. It is our sincere belief that our friends and family are some of the most amazing people we have ever met.

Nieces and nephews enjoying the hot tub in the Great Smokey Mountains

Hanging with the nieces and nephews at church in San Diego

Hiking with nieces and nephews

Our Home

We have a 4 bedroom home in a quiet suburban neighborhood that is close to the city. We are good friends with our neighbors and the people who live on our street. We have block parties and the woman on our street get together monthly to try out a new restaurant and do Yoga. There are many fun things to do in our area. We are just a couple of minutes from several parks, a library,zoo, and the YMCA. Our church is nearby as well. We also have plenty of choices of excellent schools nearby.The other special occupant of our home is our awesome dog. We live with a Boxer/ Chesapeake Bay Retrievermix that has been called the most loving dog in the world by people who meet her for the first time! She is a favorite among the neighborhood children. Tyson is 2 years old and she was rescued from a local shelter. We are very blessed to have her. We consider her to be our family!

Our Dog Tyson!

Fun Facts

Les

Height: 6'0"
Occupation: Program Manager for Social Service Agency
Number of Siblings: 3
Education: Master's Degree Is Organizational Management/ Bachelors inSocial Work
Favorite Foods: Italian
Vacation Spot: Caribbean Islands
TV Show: Documentaries, ESPN
Sport: Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball
Season: Summer
Childhood Memory: Playing outside with friends
Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:11-For I know the plans I have for you declares the lord Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Racquel

Height: 5' 4"
Occupation: Research Scientist
Number of Sibling: 4
Education: B.S in Biology/Chemistry
Favorite Food: Vegetarian Food, Southern Cooking
Vacation Spot: Caribbean
TV Show: Downtown Abby
Sport: All Water Sports, Volleyball
Season: Spring
Childhood Memory: Summer Vacation and playing with brothers and sisters
Bible Verse: Lamentations 3:22-23-It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

A Letter from Us

Hello,

Finally, thank you for considering us and reading our profile! We hope this profile gives you assurance because we can only guess what you may be feeling during this time. We want you to know that together we are a committed Christian family. We have been married over 10 years. Racquel is originally from California and Les is from New York. We met in college. After years of infertility, we adopted our son Levi in early 2017. Like Levi, your baby will be loved and adored by not only us but our friends and family. They are eagerly awaiting this child. Adoption has become the great joy in our lives. Furthermore, our core values include faith, family, service and education. We enjoy the outdoor activities like camping, hiking, biking, kayaking, walking and going to the park. We also like traveling, playing sports and spending time with friends and family. Les has dedicated his life to helping children improve their lives through his employment. He works as the Program Manager and Administrator for a school-based social service program that helps children become productive responsible citizens. He loves the opportunity to help other families and their children. Racquel works as a Research Scientist managing the research of life saving therapies. Through this adoption we hope to pass along the blessing we have been privileged to receive from our parents, our Christian education and experience. Please know that the baby's health, happiness and growth will be the priority of our lives. Our family is eagerly awaiting this child! We are more than willing to meet you if you so desire.

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Why Adoption

While attending college Les felt the call to adoption after listening to a Christian radio program. That call to adoption was confirmed after Raquel's infertility issues persisted. It was with great joy that we adopted our first child in 2017. We both come from families with brothers and sisters' so extending our family feels natural. Adoption is certainly the right choice for us!