



MEET
RACHEL & TALON

HOME STUDY: HOPE 4 KIDS

Dearest Mama,

We're so grateful for the chance to introduce ourselves to you. While we know every adoption story is unique, we deeply respect the thought, courage, and love that have brought you to this moment.

Family is at the heart of everything we do. Your child would grow up in a home where curiosity is encouraged and everyday moments are filled with connection—reading together, sharing meals, traveling, laughing, and finding joy in life's adventures.

Most importantly, they would know every day how deeply they are loved.

They would be surrounded by a devoted family and community that values who they are and supports them as they discover their own interests, talents, and dreams.

We cherish both the big milestones and the moments in between, and we believe those everyday experiences are what make a childhood feel safe, joyful, and full of belonging.

We understand this is one of the most personal decisions a person can make, and we hold that with great respect. Please know that we would nurture, protect, and love your child wholeheartedly. We will always speak of you with gratitude and respect, and we will honor the special place you hold in their story.

We would be honored to maintain an open adoption and are committed to keeping the level of openness that feels right for you and for your child.

We believe adoption is rooted in love, and we are committed to ensuring your child grows up knowing that truth.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us and for allowing us to share a piece of our hearts with you. We would be honored to meet you, hear your story, and share more of our own.

*With love & gratitude,
Rachel and Talon*





Lots of kisses for the bday boy!



At Grandpa Warburton's comedy show



Huzzah! At the Renaissance Faire

Our Love Story

You might not think a shared love of scaly critters would spark a romance—but for us, it did!

Almost a decade ago, we bonded over reptiles, dinosaurs, fitness, and shared creative passions, and before long, we were inseparable. In 2023, we celebrated our love with a wedding ceremony officiated by Talon's father—a moment that reflected just how central family is to us.

Over the years, our relationship has grown stronger through both laughter and challenges. **We believe love is more than a feeling—it's a daily choice built on friendship, trust, and respect.** We show up for each other in all the big ways, but also in the everyday moments that make life meaningful, like playing with our dog, cuddling with Miles, sharing meals with family, enjoying date nights, and laughing until our sides hurt!

Through it all, we've built a partnership grounded in love, stability, and joy—values we are excited to share with our children.

Our love in five words:

Warm | Understanding | Stable | Supportive | Fun-loving

Our Home and Family

We live in Los Angeles with our sweet son and golden retriever. Our home is a place of love and warmth: cozy family get-togethers, silly inside jokes, Rachel's baking, the aroma of Talon's latest culinary venture, and stacks of well-loved books and in-progress art projects.

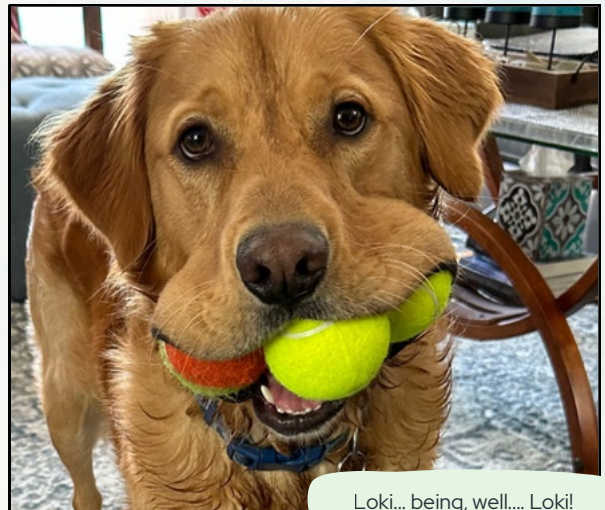
Talon is an actor with a quick wit and a generous heart. As a father, he makes everyday moments special, especially at bedtime, where stories come alive through his funny voices! He is deeply devoted to his family and would do anything to give his children a life filled with love, security, and opportunity. Talon has a natural ability to make people feel seen and valued, and that same care shines through in his role as Dad.

Rachel is a multi-published author who has always loved storytelling and long dreamed of motherhood. She brings imagination and tenderness into everything she does, whether she's writing a new book, singing lullabies to Miles, or simply listening with an open heart.

Family is everything to us, and our son is the light of our lives. Although he has a lot of growing up to do, we can already see his sweet, cheerful spirit and curiosity! Becoming parents has been our greatest joy, and we know Miles will step into the role of big brother with the same happiness and love he brings into our lives every day.

After Miles's birth, Rachel experienced an emergency complication that almost took her life. While this was one of the most difficult chapters of our lives, it ultimately guided us toward adoption—a path that has always held a dear place in our hearts.

We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to continue growing our family in this special way.



Loki... being, well.... Loki!



Morning snuggles with Miles

Fun Facts about us:

- Talon is 6'4". Rachel is 5'0".
- We got married at the Warburton family home in a ceremony officiated by Talon's father.
- We captured Miles's first word ("Dada") on film!



A new friend at the Reptile Expo



Becoming a mother

Nurturing | Warm | Creative | Caring | Sweet

Meet Rachel

My very first dream was to bring back the dinosaurs. After watching *Jurassic Park* and realizing that might not end well, my dream shifted toward something far better—motherhood! When I became pregnant, I knew the risks were high, and bringing my son into the world was life-changing in every sense. I'd do it all again in a heartbeat, because being a mom is the greatest happiness of my life.

Family is not defined by biology, but by the love, care, and commitment we give one another.

I studied film and philosophy at Chapman University, where I graduated with honors. Writing, however, has always been my true passion. Being an author and professional copywriter allows me the flexibility to work from home, where I can be fully present with my family.

I treasure the little moments—morning cuddles, bedtime stories, family walks, cozy movie nights, holiday traditions, and celebrating every milestone—because they're the heart of my life!

Friends and family would describe me as warm, creative, and thoughtful. I love finding meaningful ways to show I care, whether it's leaving romantic (and often silly) notes around the house for Talon or inventing a new bedtime song to make Miles giggle!

Family is what I cherish most, and Miles's laughter is my favorite sound in the entire world! I'm also passionate about animals, spending time in nature, gardening, astronomy, reading, singing, weightlifting, and baking.

My parents always nurtured my unique interests—whether that was reptiles or bug-catching—and encouraged me to follow whatever sparked my imagination. Their love and support gave me the confidence to embrace who I am, and that's something I want to pass on to my own children—**the freedom to imagine, explore, and build a strong sense of self from the very start.**

Fun Facts about me:

- I've published five novels and love getting lost in stories.
- I grew up surrounded by animals—everything from horses to snakes to pigs!
- My childhood parties often featured reptiles, Superman, and dinosaur themes.
- In fact... mine and Talon's wedding was dinosaur-themed, and so was Miles's baby shower!



Meet Talon

For as long as I can remember, I've had a vision of the life I wanted to build, not only for myself, but for my family. I was blessed to grow up surrounded by love, laughter, and adventure. All I've ever wanted was to be a father and to provide my children with the same stability and joy that I had growing up. Marrying the love of my life in 2023, followed by the birth of our son two years later, brought that dream to life.

In my eyes, family is not defined by blood. It's something deeper. It is forged and nurtured. Family is the greatest form of love. A connection that is built, brick by brick, through all the trials life offers.

I grew up in Thousand Oaks, California, and graduated from Cal Lutheran University with a B.S. in Business.

I now work as an actor, and I truly have one of the most fun jobs in the world! I've been fortunate to lend my voice to projects for companies such as Disney, DreamWorks, Marvel, Mihoyo, and many others. **I feel grateful that my children will grow up watching Daddy's characters in movies and on TV, just like I did!**

At heart, I'm a big nerd! I have a craft room devoted to painting my miniatures, models, and dioramas. I'm a huge fan of Warhammer, The Lord of the Rings, and Dungeons & Dragons. I enjoy traveling, being in nature, trying new recipes, weightlifting, jiu jitsu, and reading. My family and friends are incredibly important to me, and I value spending time with the people I love. I'm also very spiritual and hold my faith close to my heart.

I look forward to creating memories with my family as I lead them through many adventures, both on the tabletop and in this great big world we call home!

Fun Facts about me:

- I was a beekeeper for 10 years.
- I've traveled to over 25 different countries, and I can't wait to show my kids the world!
- I won my first bodybuilding show! I was the only one in my division, but it still counts, darn it...
- I play Absorbing Man in the new Disney preschool show *Iron Man and His Awesome Friends*.
- I've been honored to officiate three of my friends' weddings!



Becoming a father



Three generations of love



Daddy's BFF!

Loving | Playful | Devoted | Spiritual | Sentimental

What I love about Rachel:



"In my partner, I've found not only my best friend but also a strength I hope to match one day, even in part. My amazing wife has endured more challenges and heartache than anyone I know, yet she has never let it dim the beautiful soul that she is. Every day, she fills our family with love, laughter, and care—through her quirky humor, her delicious cookies, and her genuine, incomparable warmth. **She's an incredibly devoted mother who pours her whole heart into every moment.** And as a bonus, she knows more reptile facts than I do... which is a huge win in my book!"

—Talon



What I love about Talon:

"I am fortunate to have married not only my dream man, but the father I've always dreamed of for my children. Talon is a man of integrity and endless love. He has been my protector, best friend, and rock through the highest and lowest points in my life. After our son's birth, when I was very ill from a complication, he cared for both Miles and me around the clock with tireless devotion. His love for our family is unwavering, and I know without a doubt there is nothing he wouldn't do for us.

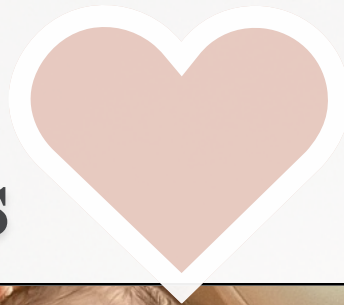
Talon is not only deeply loving and compassionate but also the life of every party! He has a gift for making others laugh and feel valued, while also carrying a sentimental, sensitive side. Watching him with our son—whether it's tender cuddles or playful moments that leave Miles squealing with laughter—makes me fall in love with him all over again. **He is the best person I've ever known, an exemplary role model for Miles and our future children. I am endlessly grateful to walk through life with him.**

P.S. He makes a mean Thanksgiving turkey!"

—Rachel



Being Parents



We take our marriage seriously and are deeply committed to one another and our family. We want to provide the most stable home possible for our children—and we believe that starts with our relationship.



Becoming parents has shown us that the magic lies in the small moments. It's in storytime, when Talon brings characters to life with his funny voices, or in the quiet mornings, as our dog tries to "sneak" onto the bed for family cuddles. These are the memories children carry with them—the ones that make them feel safe and loved.

We balance structure with discovery and play. Kids thrive when they know they're guided and protected, but they also need room to laugh, explore, and let their imaginations run free.

Education matters deeply to us—not only in the classroom, but through everyday experiences as well. We hope to raise children who are curious about the world, open-minded, confident in themselves, and, above all, compassionate, loving, and kind.

Some of our favorite family traditions include celebrating holidays from both of our backgrounds, our annual Ugly Sweater Karaoke Bash, trips to Disneyland and Dodger Stadium, vacations to our Oregon cabin, river rafting, beach bonfires, shell collecting, Disney villain karaoke, and cozy movie nights at home.

Most importantly, we want our children to know they are loved unconditionally and that our family will always be their safe place to come home to.



Summer fun at the Warburton Home

Q&As



How do you celebrate ordinary days?

"We believe ordinary days are often the most meaningful. Whether we're reading together, taking Miles to the park, cooking a new recipe, working in the garden, visiting family, cuddling up for a movie night, going somewhere special, or simply goofing off around the house, we love making every day feel special. We think those little moments are what children remember most. **Our favorite part of the day, though, is bedtime: giving Miles a bath, cuddling together, reading him a story, and holding him close as we sing him to sleep.**"

—Talon & Rachel



What are you most looking forward to experiencing with another child?

"We're very close to our own siblings, and we're so excited to watch Miles form that special bond as he steps into the role of big brother. We also envision a home rich with laughter and love, family trips to our beach house and cabin in Oregon, and days spent playing in the river, hunting bugs, and sleeping side by side under a beautiful, star-filled sky."

—Talon & Rachel



If your dog could talk, what would Loki say about you?

"Life here is pretty great. There are adventures, treats, lots of laughter, and a silly little boy who keeps dropping snacks. Five stars."

—Loki





Family outing at Dodger Stadium!



Rachel's mom and her grandbabies

Our Support System

One of our greatest blessings is the family and community that surrounds us.

At family gatherings, Miles is always showered with hugs! Your child would be welcomed into that same close-knit circle of grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and lifelong friends who can't wait to love and adore them.

Rachel has one sister, and Talon is the oldest of four, which means there's never a shortage of support or playmates. Both of our families are rooted in Southern California, so get-togethers are a natural part of everyday life.

We love spending time together and carrying on our family traditions, whether it's trips to the family cabin and beach house or karaoke nights where everyone gets a turn at the mic.

The Warburton family home in Santa Rosa Valley is especially magical—a place with acres of gardens to explore, five playful dogs, and even an adorable cottage.

Fun Facts about our family: 

- Grandpa Warburton is the voice of Kronk in *The Emperor's New Groove*.
- Talon's cousin, Zach Shallcross, was *The Bachelor* on season 27.
- Talon's parents founded "The Warburton Celebrity Golf Tournament," St. Jude's largest annual charity that supports children with life-threatening illnesses.

Q&As



What superpower would you choose?

"Flying—I'd love to see the world from above!"

—*Talon*

"Teleportation. No airplanes (or airport lines) ever again."

—*Rachel*



How did you meet?

"We first met on OkCupid—where we scored **94%** compatibility—and quickly connected over our shared values and interests. (Talon's intro message was, 'Hello, fellow reptile lover!') Our first date was at a cozy bakery in Moorpark, followed by an impromptu movie night. Afterward, we went back to Talon's house so he could introduce me to his three-foot tegu lizard! How's a girl to resist?"

—*Rachel*

What's the most important thing you want your children to know?

"That they are **unconditionally loved** exactly as they are."

—*Talon & Rachel*

Some of our favorite traditions: 

- Cheering on the Dodgers—whether at the stadium or from the comfort of home.
 - Disneyland adventures and family vacations.
 - Trips to the Renaissance Faire and Reptile Expo.
 - Our annual Ugly Sweater Karaoke Bash... you gotta hear Talon sing *Oogie Boogie's Song*!
 - Slow weekend mornings spent cuddling together.
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"The Warburton" St. Jude Charity



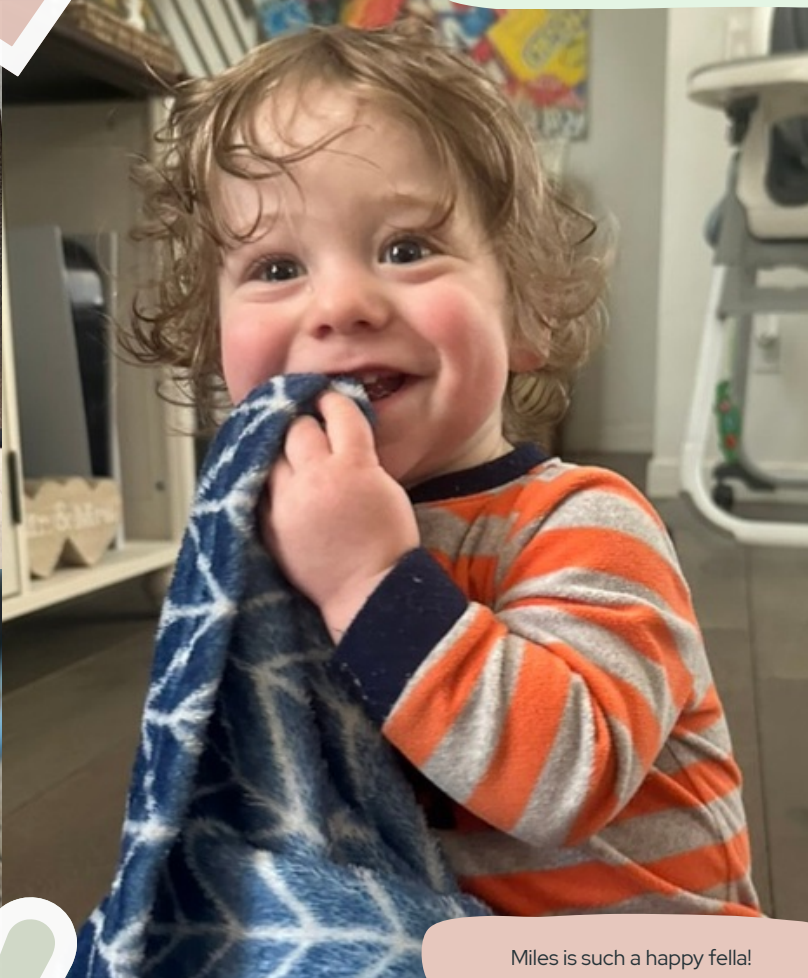
Family dinner with the cousins



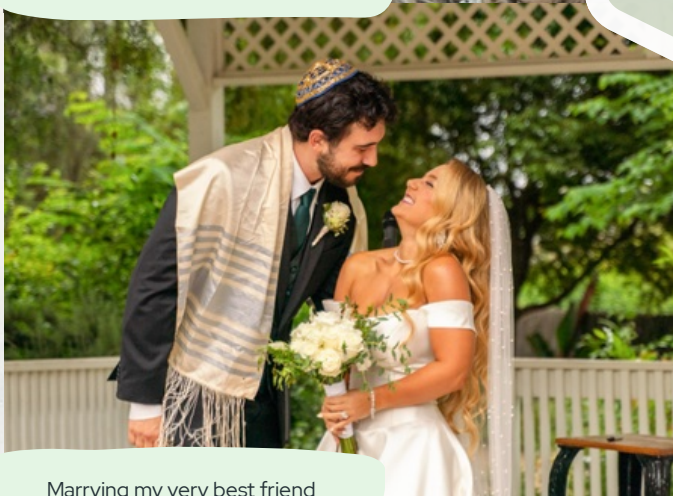
A family adventure in Mexico!



Loki is sweet, gentle, and adores kids



Miles is such a happy fella!



Marrying my very best friend



Rachel's mom and sister

Who's more likely to...

Dive with great white sharks?



Sneak another animal home?



Stop to look at a cool bug?



Stay up too late reading?



Get way too competitive?



Make everyone laugh at the dinner table?



Stop to pet every dog?



Win at trivia?



Grandpa Warburton narrates *Soarin'*!



Rachel and two of her novels



Fun at the family beach house



Laughing our way through life :)



Q&As



What values do you hope to share with your children?

"We value kindness, curiosity, honesty, and respect, and we hope to help our children develop those qualities as they grow. We want them to be compassionate toward others, confident in who they are, and curious about the world around them.

We hope they learn the importance of treating people with empathy, standing up for what is right, and approaching life with an open heart and mind. At the same time, we don't expect perfection. We know children learn through experience, mistakes, and growth. Our goal is to create a home where they feel safe to ask questions, express themselves, and discover their unique strengths and interests. Above all, we want our children to know they are deeply loved, supported, and valued exactly as they are."

—Talon & Rachel



What is something you've built that feels meaningful?

"One of the most meaningful things I've built is a career that allows me to bring stories and characters to life. As a voice actor, I've had the opportunity to work on projects that have entertained and inspired people around the world. I am excited for my children to grow up hearing Daddy voice their favorite characters (just like I did)!

Above all, though, the most meaningful thing I've built is my family. Becoming a husband and father has given me a deeper sense of purpose than anything else. The moments I treasure most aren't professional milestones, but the everyday moments spent with Rachel and our son. Building a home filled with love, laughter, support, and togetherness is what I'm proudest of."

—Talon



Miles's future BFF, who was adopted!



Trying some ethic food on vacation!



Date night: Disney Suite at the Laker's!

Q&As



What do you think childhood should feel like?

"We hope childhood feels joyful, safe, adventurous, and full of wonder.

We want our children to have muddy shoes, favorite books, fun bedtime traditions (like hiding under the covers while Daddy stomps around the house singing, 'Fee-fi-fo-fum!'), family vacations, outdoor adventures with their friends and cousins at the Oregon cabin—and the confidence to become exactly who they're meant to be."

— Talon & Rachel



How do you plan to talk about adoption with your child?

"We believe adoption should never be a secret or a single conversation. From the very beginning, our child will grow up knowing their adoption story and understanding that they are so loved by all the people who helped bring our family together. We will speak about adoption openly, honestly, and in age-appropriate ways so it becomes a natural part of their identity. **Most importantly, we will make sure they know their story began with a mother who loved them deeply and made an incredibly difficult decision.** We will always speak about their birth family with gratitude, respect, and compassion. We want our child to feel proud of every part of who they are and comfortable asking questions, sharing emotions, and exploring their story as they grow."

— Talon & Rachel



Our parenting style in six words:

Loving | Playful | Supportive | Encouraging | Patient | Secure



"The greatest role I'll ever have isn't one I'll play on a screen—it's being a husband and a dad."

"Nothing means more to me than building a home where my children always feel loved, safe, and excited to come home."

"Motherhood isn't just the greatest joy of my life... it's the place where my heart feels most at home."



Why We're Growing Our Family through Adoption

When our son was born, we experienced a love deeper than we ever imagined. But his arrival also brought an unexpected challenge. Rachel developed a rare complication that means she can no longer carry another child.

That season of our lives was incredibly difficult, but it also showed us the resilience of love. We leaned on each other and learned that family is not defined by biology, but by the devotion and care we show each day. Adoption has become a natural and hopeful path forward—a way to continue growing the family we've always dreamed of while welcoming a child who is meant to be part of our story.

Our closest friends are adoptive parents, and watching their family has only deepened our appreciation for the many beautiful ways families are formed. Their son will grow up alongside our children, sharing an understanding that adoption is a natural and treasured part of life.

We know this journey requires tremendous courage, and we honor the love at the heart of your decision. We promise your child will grow up in a stable home where they will feel safe, encouraged, and unconditionally supported. They will be cherished for who they are and will always know the extraordinary love that brought them into our lives.

We would be honored to maintain an open adoption, ensuring your child grows up knowing their story and the love and courage that shaped it from the very beginning.

Whatever you decide, we hope you find all the comfort, peace, and support you need on this journey.



*With love,
Rachel, Talon &
Miles*

