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Marriage: Marital Conflict in Stepfamilies (James 3)

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**Ron:** Every couple has conflict. In fact, healthy and unhealthy couples have the same amount of conflict. But what's different is how they manage it.

**Announcer:** For FamilyLife Blended<sup>™</sup>, here's Ron Deal.

**Ron:** Yeah, healthy couples are almost six times more likely to resolve their arguments. Essentially they put into practice dozens of little disciplines that help them move past the issue. One of them is managing their tongue.

James 3 in the Bible says that a careless word out of your mouth can be a spark that sets off a forest fire. Not criticizing your spouse, managing your tone, turning down your volume, and listening with openness to understand your spouse these are the kinds of disciplines that keep you from setting off a forest fire. Don't be a fire starter. Be a fire fighter who puts them out! For FamilyLife Blended I'm Ron Deal.

**Announcer:** To find out more visit familylifeblended.com.

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