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Positional & Relational Authority

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Ron: Hey stepparents, do you have positional authority or relational authority?

Announcer: For FamilyLife Blended®, here's Ron Deal.

Ron: Positional authority is what empowers a babysitter to tell the kids to pick up their toys. Relational authority is what a parent or grandparent has. They have an emotional bond with the child so the child obeys out of love and respect for the parent.

Now you stepparents you start with positional authority but you can move towards relational authority over time. While you are getting there, work with the biological parent to decide rules and consequences but let the biological parent handle the discipline. Look, stepparenting is tough. So work together and play to your strengths. For FamilyLife Blended I'm Ron Deal.

Announcer: To find out more visit familylifeblended.com.

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