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## Don't Assume, Ask the Stepmom

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Ron: No, don't assume. Ask the stepmom.

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

**Ron:** Being a stepmom is different from being a Mom. So I tell stepmoms, slow your roll and adjust your expectations. But dads need to adjust their expectations, too. If a dad assumes his kids will embrace her as Mom, he expects too much of her. And that just leads to conflict.

So here's the deal, dad: cherish her as your wife, give her Mom-like respect in front of your kids, but don't assume they will let her function as Mom. Doing so disappoints you and puts pressure on her. Instead, ask her if she's comfortable with a particular role or parenting task. Don't assume and play to her strengths so everyone wins. For FamilyLife Blended I'm Ron Deal.

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

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