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## Different & the Same—A Valuable Observation

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**Ron:** A biological family is born out of hopefulness while a stepfamily is born out of loss.

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

**Ron:** Yes, that sounds a little strange doesn't it? It's not meant to be negative or condescending by the way, it's just an important observation. Every stepfamily has a loss narrative just below the surface that impacts and influences every aspect of the family.

For a child whose parent died, for example, embracing a stepparent can feel like burying their parent all over again. Sadness impacts bonding. You see, understanding this helps you listen better, have more patience, and support those you care about. The more you know, the better you love. For FamilyLife Blended I'm Ron Deal.

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