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## Rules Without Relationship

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**Ron:** Well, the old adage is true: Rules without relationship leads to rebellion.

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

**Ron:** Well, that's just great. Where does that leave a new foster parent, an adoptive parent, or stepparent? You can have authority without a bonded relationship. But it has limits. A police officer can pull you over, a boss or coach can tell you what to do, and a teacher can tell a student the rules of the classroom, but people don't obey these authorities out of love and admiration.

That's why it's critical a new stepparent know their limits. Focus on bonding with kids and work with the biological parent on setting the household rules. Stand together and you can enforce those rules. Stand alone and you might just end up alone. For FamilyLife Blended, I'm Ron Deal.

**Announcer:** To find out more visit [familylifeblended.com](http://familylifeblended.com).

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