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Being Held Hostage

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Ron: Never let your parenting be held hostage.

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

Ron: Single parents and stepfamily parents know that their parenting is affected by how the other home parents. If they buy the kids things you feel like you have to buy them things, too. If they say, "Yes" to something you said, "No" to, you start rethinking your decisions. Pretty soon the fear of what an ex might do can paralyze you.

Pray for courage to press in despite what the other home is doing. And fight the temptation to try and "undo" their influence. Keep your balance and practice good parenting. And trust that providing consistent boundaries and love over time will, in the end, make all the difference. For FamilyLife Blended I'm Ron Deal.

Announcer: To find out more visit familylifeblended.com.

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