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Love Associations

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Ron: What do you do when your love associations differ?

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

Ron: In our book *Building Love Together in Blended Families*, Dr. Gary Chapman and I discuss how blended family love associations—meaning, the qualities or behaviors we associate with love—can be different on day one in a stepfamily. A stepchild, for example, may love their stepparent, but not respect their authority like they would a biological parent. A stepparent may love all the children the same, but still find it awkward to hug their stepchild.

When love associations collide, you get conflict. Just recognize it takes a while to merge definitions of love. Building love together, must be done **together**. For FamilyLife Blended I'm Ron Deal.

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