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## **Being Family**

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**Ron:** Compared to other siblings stepsiblings have less conflict. That may not be as good as it sounds.

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

**Ron:** Parents, we all expect a little sibling conflict, right, but mostly we want our kids to get along. Parents in stepfamilies want peace as well but they also take peace as a sign that the kids are accepting each other so conflict is not a good sign.

Now here's what's ironic, stepsiblings may be less negative because they feel less like family. In other words, feeling safe and connected frees siblings to be more negative. That means the more bonded stepsiblings are over time the more conflict you can expect. Yes, more conflict would be wonderful, I think. For FamilyLife Blended, I'm Ron Deal.

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