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Boycotting Dinner

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Ron: Ron, my teenager is boycotting dinner. Should we make her join us?

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

Ron: Okay, when a teenager starts protesting something we as parents should both listen and speak. You want to listen to what they are angry or hurt about. In this case, the father had recently married, and his 17-year-old was taking it pretty hard. But we also want to speak to lead the child with grace.

I told the dad, "Tell your daughter that she doesn't have to love her stepmother, but she does have to show up for dinner with a decent attitude. That is, if she wants to eat. Then she can escape back to her room. Meet your daughter half-way and insist that she meet you half-way." For FamilyLife Blended, I'm Ron Deal.

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