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Smile When You Say “No”

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Ron: Here’s an idea for all parents: Smile when you say “no”.

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

Ron: By his own admission, Steve was a little demanding as a parent. He sort of had to be after his wife died leaving him with three teenagers to raise. Years later, when he married and became a stepdad, his authoritarian style was pretty well set. But what worked as a parent backfired as a stepparent.

I suggested that he put a smile with his “no.” That didn’t make any sense until I explained that we get more influential as parents when we are gentle, yet firm. When we’re calm while setting boundaries or handing down discipline. You see, grace and truth is a powerful combination. For FamilyLife Blended, I’m Ron Deal.

Announcer: To find out more visit familylifeblended.com.

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