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Special Challenges to Overcome

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Ron: When you're parenting a grieving child, you have some special challenges to overcome.

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

Ron: In her book, *Stepparenting the Grieving Child*, author Diane Fromme says when a child loses a parent they no longer get to witness their parent's inadequacies and faux pas instead they tend to idolize that parent which makes bonding for even the most loving, supportive stepparent a little harder.

That's not all. A grieving child sometimes struggles with the fear that someone else may die. That, too, can get in the way of bonding with the stepparent. Now this isn't to say that bonding won't occur just that the stepparent and living parent should temper their expectations and take things in stride. For FamilyLife Blended I'm Ron Deal.

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