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Stepfamilies and Adoption

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Ron: Hey Ron, are stepfamilies and adoptive families similar?

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

Ron: Yeah, in some ways they are. For example, adoptive parents and stepparents alike have to bond with kids by developing trust, learning how to read each other, and sharing life together. And they—and the children—learn that the pain of the past really can't be avoided. You can hope that the past will not affect the bonding process in the family but both families understand that avoiding pain and pretending it doesn't matter, doesn't really get you anywhere, but moving through pain together does.

Considering the past and building a relationship in the present that's how you forge a family. One loving, stubborn step at a time. For FamilyLife Blended I'm Ron Deal.

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