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## Link to the Past

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**Ron:** Family: A link to the past and a bridge to the future.

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

**Ron:** I hear a lot of people talking about their family tree these days. The internet has made exploring our ancestry a lot easier. Knowing our family history tells us who we are and what we're made of.

Now, here's the blended-family trap: Sometimes, the adults are so focused on where the new family is going, they inadvertently step on the children's past. Like when a stepparent demands a child call them Mom or Dad, it feels like they are erasing the family tree. Or when a family tradition that is shared by some is pushed aside by new stepfamily members, it squashes something in a child. To truly be a bridge to the future, your stepfamily needs to honor the past, not erase it. For FamilyLife Blended, I'm Ron Deal.

Announcer: To find out more visit familylifeblended.com.

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