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## Stepdad: Earning the Right to Lead

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**Ron:** A stepdad can be a powerful influence in the life of a child. But not if he isn't trusted.

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

**Ron:** You know fathers are very influential to children. Over time they teach respect for rules, independent thinking, and their love fosters self confidence in kids. A stepfather can have this same influence, but they will never get the chance if early on they're bossy or demanding or inconsiderate because the child will just pull away and stay away. They don't have to trust you.

So here's what you do. Earn the right to lead a child by being trustworthy and kind and engaging and treat their mother with respect and kindness. Represent God's love and you'll become a powerful influence in their life. For FamilyLife Blended I'm Ron Deal.

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