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## As Long as It Takes

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**Ron:** I got a question: How long did the father wait for the prodigal son to return?

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

**Ron:** You know, it's a trick question really. Answer: He waited as long as it took. I give stepparents who are trying to connect with a child who has their back turned towards them a similar answer. Oh, it's frustrating, all right.

One stepdad told me about his 12-year-old stepdaughter: "I tried and tried," he said, "but she never warmed up to me—so I just gave up." I asked him, how long did he wait. "Three months," he said. Ah, dude. You were on the right track, but the answer is as long as it takes. As long as it takes. For FamilyLife Blended I'm Ron Deal.

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