



BLENDED FAMILIES

FAMILY AIN'T ALWAYS BLOOD



Part one

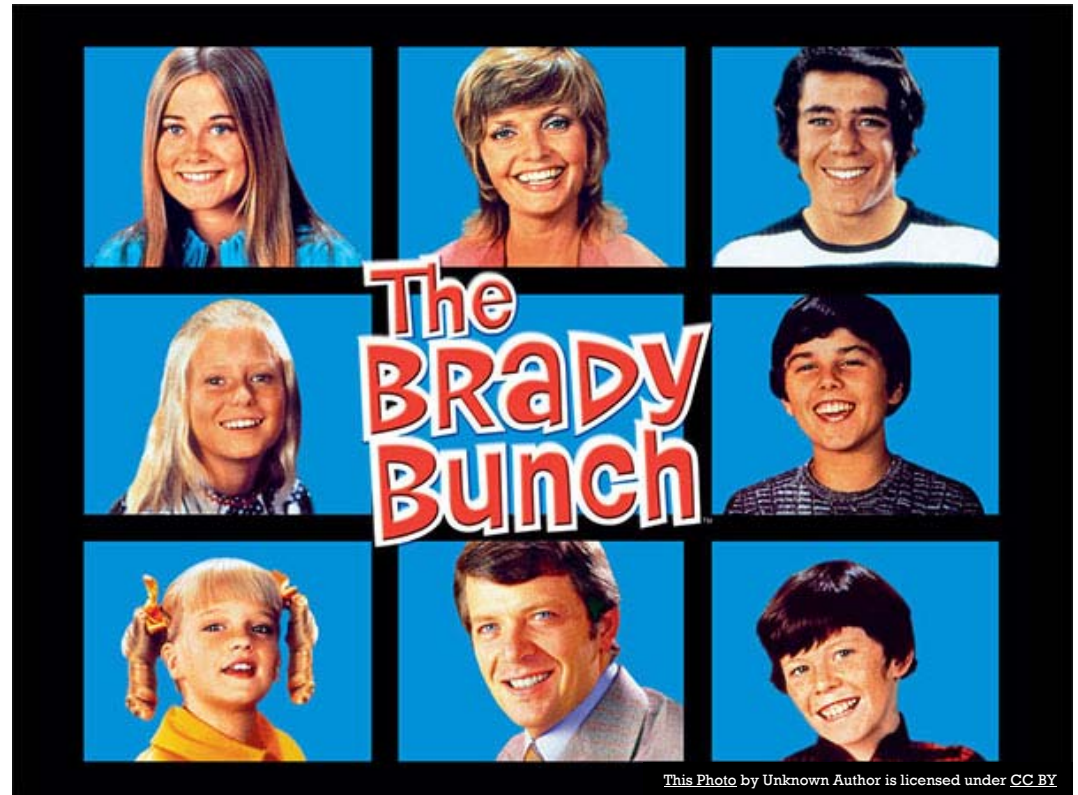
WHY?

- I WAS LOOKING AROUND THE CHURCH ONE DAY AND THE DIFFERENT FAMILY UNITS OR FAMILIES TO BE. MANY OF US ARE GETTING MARRIED AND HAVE CHILDREN OR WILL MARRY SOMEONE WHO HAS CHILDREN ALREADY. ALTHOUGH I DID NOT GROW UP WITHIN A BELNDED FAMILY, BUT I EXERPERINCE BEING A STEP MOM AND I HAVE A STEP MOM. BELNDED FAMILIES MAY START OFF CHALLENGING BUT IT DOESN'T ALWAYS HAVE TO. I AM HERE TO SHED SOME LIGHT ON THE POSSIBLE DO'S AND DON'TS OF A BLENDED FAMILY

BB can help give
some very
practical tips on
how to operate in
a blended family



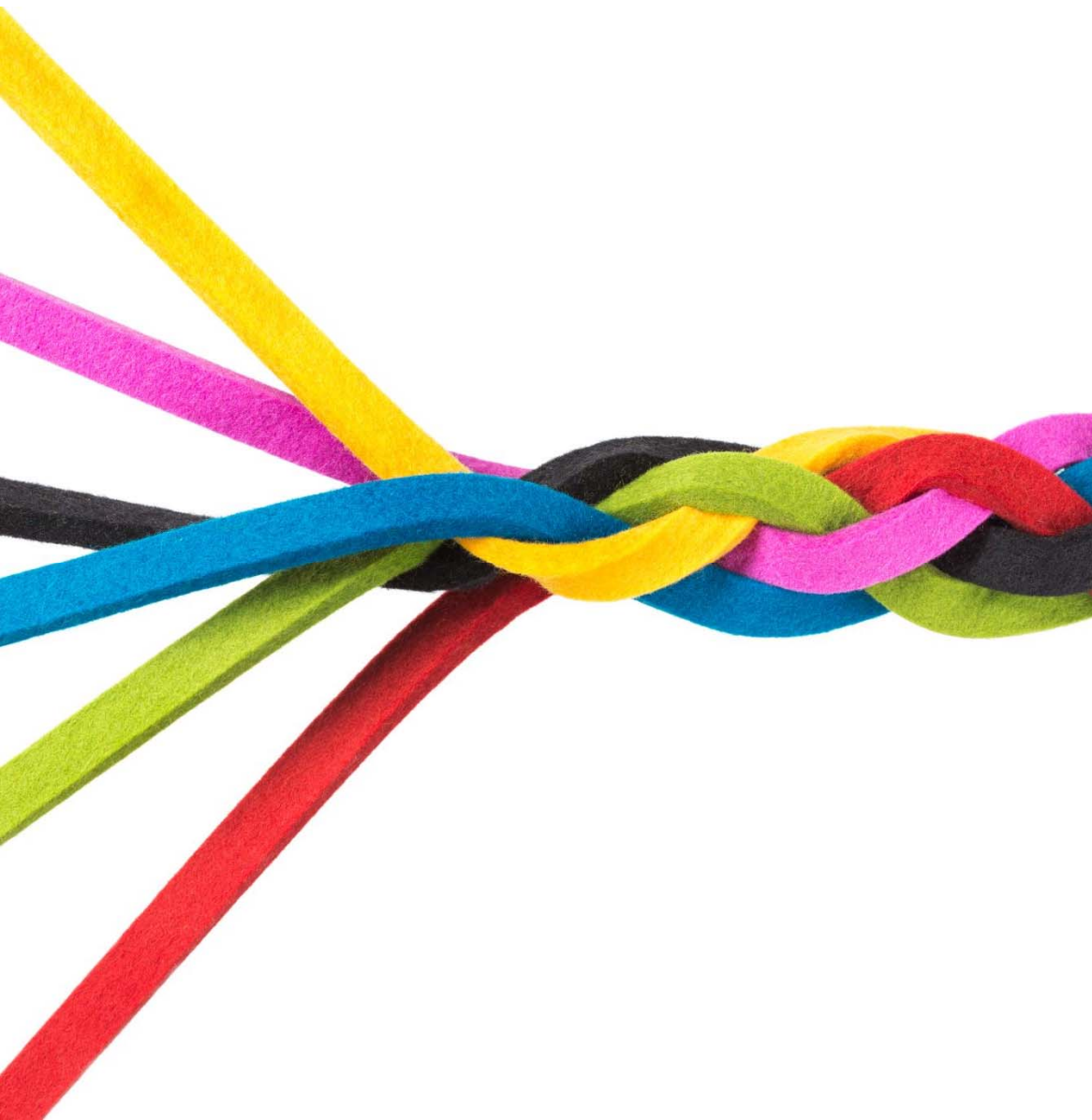
HERE'S THE STORY OF A LOVELY LADY WHO WAS BRINGING UP
THREE VERY LOVELY GIRLS, ALL OF THEM HAD HAIR OF GOLD,
LIKE THEIR MOTHER THESE YOUNGEST ONES IN CURLS
HERE'S THE STORY OF A MAN NAMED BRADY WHO WAS BUSY
WITH 3 BOYS OF HIS OWN THEY WERE FOUR MEN LIVING ALL
TOGETHER YET THEY WERE ALONE
TIL THE ONE DAY WHEN THE LADY MET THIS FELLOW AND
THEY KNEW IT WAS MUCH MORE THAN A HUNCH THAT THIS
GROUP WOULD SOMEHOW FORM A FAMILY THAT'S THE WAY
WE ALL BECAME THE BRADY BUNCH



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How?

- A blended family usually is formed when something or someone is broken or died. The children typically will always want mommy and daddy to be together..not always though



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HOW DO YOU FORM A FAMILY?

Quick tips

- **Some Do's and Don'ts of Marriage in a Blended Family**
- **1 Do prioritize your marriage like everyone else's**
- **2 Do set boundaries early and often**
- **3 Don't take it personally**
- **4 Seek professional guidance**
- **5 Don't be a doormat**
- **6 Do date nights**
- **7 Don't hog your spouse**
- **Do know what you are getting into before marriage**
- **Don't put your spouse in a position to choose**
- **Do buckle up and enjoy the ride. www.alamocitymoms.com**

What Does the Bible Say?

- There were plenty of blended families in the Bible.
- Adoption- God calls Himself our Father and us His adopted children. Romans 8:15 & Ephesians 1:5
- God is our model
- Jesus was raised by a step father. Joseph was not his biological father. (Luke 1:35) but he willingly took the responsibility. He modeled the right attitude for stepparents to have. So much so that Jesus was known as the carpenter's son. Matthew 13:55
- A house divided will not stand Matthew 12:25
- Stepparents can benefit from applying Ephesians 5:21-33
- Proverbs 15:1 & Romans 5:8



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Let's start Blending

1. Love (covers a multitude of sins)
2. Patience
3. Understanding
4. Open communication
5. Flexibility
6. Parents must be a unified front
7. Intentional



LOVE

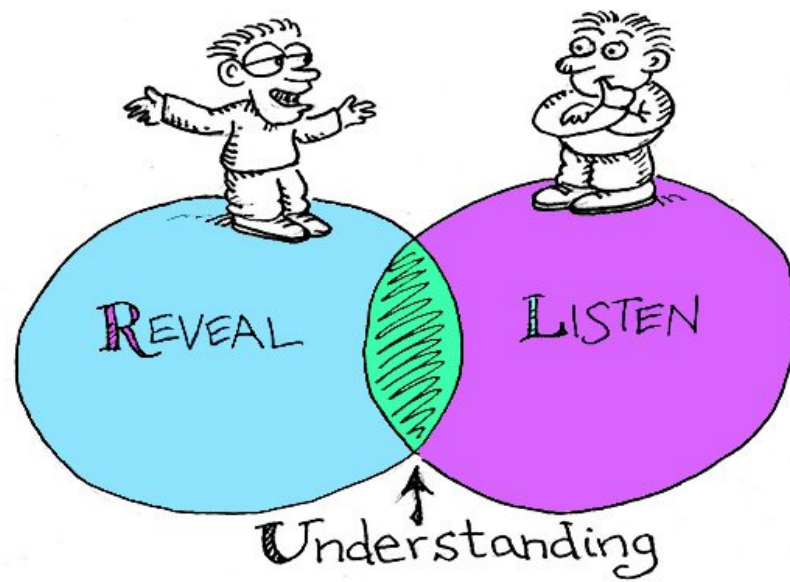
Let's look at I Corinthians
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Patience,
longsuffering



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Two families are merging . That's going to take some work
Psalm 32:8 I will instruct you and



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Be Flexible – Deut. 31:8 & Prov.16:9



One team
Parents must show
unified front

- Amos 3:3 How can two walk together unless they are agreed?

Clear lines of communication

- Find out each family members love language



The background features several sets of curved, concentric lines in the corners, some solid and some dashed, creating a sense of motion or flow.

Intentional

- Work, on purpose for cohesiveness, sow seeds, family time, may be some tears of pain and joy,