

## **Step-Families Resources**

### ***Smart Stepfamily: Seven Steps to a Healthy Family, by Ron Deal***

Leading stepfamily expert Ron L. Deal reveals the seven fundamental steps to blended family success and provides practical, realistic solutions to the issues you face as a stepfamily. Discover how to solve the everyday puzzles of stepparenting and stepchildren relationships, communicate effectively with an ex-spouse, handle stepfamily finances confidently, "cook" your stepfamily slowly rather than expect an instant blend, stepsibling relationships, and later-life stepfamilies.

### ***The Smart StepFamily Marriage: Keys to Success in the Blended Family, by Ron L. Deal & David H. Olsen***

Blended family expert Ron Deal and marriage researcher David Olson show you how to build on your relationship strengths and improve your weaknesses. *The Smart Stepfamily Marriage* gives you the tools you need at any stage to create a remarriage that will last. Each chapter of this book explores one of the key qualities of happy remarriages as identified by research. Like a GPS for your relationship, this book has built-in discussion questions that can help you and your partner discover where you are, where you'd like to be, and how to get there. The online survey gives you a report with personalized results for your relationship.

### ***The Storm Tossed Family: How the Cross Reshapes the Home, by Russell D. Moore***

Why do our families have so much power over us? In *The Storm-Tossed Family*, Russell Moore teaches listeners whether you are married or single, whether you long for a child or shepherding a full house, you are part of a family. Family is difficult because family - every family - is an echo of the gospel. Family can be the source of some of the most transcendent human joy, and family can leave us crumpled up on the side of the road. Family can make us who we are. Family can break our hearts. Why would this social arrangement have that much power, for good or for ill, over us?