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South Bay Bible Church Announces New Sermon Series “Radical: Following Jesus with Reckless Abandon”

Starting Saturday, January 4, South Bay Bible Church will begin a new teaching series entitled “Radical: Following Jesus with Reckless Abandon.” In *Radical*, you’ll discover what may be keeping you from the fullness God has in store for your life.

EAST MORICHES, NY – There’s a subtle, creepy, sly enemy of authentic Christian living that sneaks into our life and wreaks havoc. South Bay Bible Church, 578 Montauk Highway, East Moriches, is pleased to announce the start of *Radical with David Platt: Following Jesus with Reckless Abandon* beginning Saturday, January 4, at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 5, at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Making the most of life may involve the exact opposite of what we think and what we’ve been taught. Learn how life is much bigger than just us. Discover dangerous blind spots that take us off course and gain a new perspective to receive what cannot be lost.

“If you ever wondered if there’s more to Christianity than you’re experiencing, you’re right. There is! In *Radical*, we’ll talk about what may be lacking and how to get it in your life,” says Martin Hawley, pastor.

In this nine-part series, you will discover what may be keeping you from the fullness God has in store for your life:

1. **Radical Abandonment** – January 4-5: What does radical abandonment really mean to Jesus? People talk about following Jesus, but Jesus requires us to give up everything - our time, our relationships, our money, everything we hold dear! Do we really believe He is worth abandoning everything for?
2. **The Primary Reward** – January 11-12: Living the American dream often creates a dangerous tendency in us to misunderstand, minimize, and even manipulate the words of Jesus for our benefit. It’s only when we realize who God is and who we are that we truly understand how desperately we need something so much more important than just the American dream.
3. **Making the Most of Life** – January 18-19: Our goal is often to make much of ourselves. What if God’s goal is different? We were created for a purpose much greater than ourselves. In fact, we have no hope of accomplishing God’s goal and purpose without something only He promises to give. Learn what that is and how to get it.
4. **Bigger Than Me** – January 25-26: “The message of Christianity is that God loves me enough to send his Son, Jesus, to die for me.” Really? Is that the whole message? What if there’s more, and we’re missing it? What if we were created for something much bigger? Learn what challenge the “me-centered,” popular message causes in our lives and discover the greater purpose God has for you.
5. **Strategy** – February 1-2: How do we go about making the most of life? How do we tangibly live for the bigger purpose God has for us? This is usually when the strategic us kicks into high gear with all sorts of plans, elaborate programs, and high energy, caffeine-driven initiatives. But Jesus

is always so different from us and the way we typically think. In Strategy, learn the method Jesus used, why it works so well, and how to apply it to your life and ministry.

6. **Blind Spot** – February 8-9: Blind spots are dangerous because, well, we're blind to them. Others can see them in us, but even when a friend points one out, we still may not want to admit they exist. Learn about a glaring, troubling blind spot in many of our lives, and discover the truth and love of Jesus to see you through.
7. **Who Will Go** – February 15-16: God has a plan to reach the world with His Gospel. The church is that plan, and we are the church. There is no "Plan B." We are the only part of His plan that can break down. It's a cause worth living for. It's a cause worth dying for. It's a cause worth moving for. We have the Gospel in us, and we have no time to waste. Who will go?
8. **ROI** – February 22-23: Radical obedience to Christ is not easy; it's dangerous. Following Jesus involves risking the safety, security, and satisfaction we find in the world, but in the end, it leads to a reward the world can never offer! Is the reward found in Jesus really worth the risk of following Him? Do we really believe it? "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." -Jim Elliot
9. **One-Year Challenge** – February 29-March 1: I double-dog dare you to test the claims contained in the Gospel in a way you never have before. See how radical abandonment to Christ will rock your world. Discover what happens when radical obedience to Christ becomes the new normal in your life. Learn to abandon short-term treasures everyone loses for long-term gain that lasts forever.

As a non-denominational Christian church, South Bay Bible Church was started in 2006 with the mission to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. The church is dedicated to creating environments where people are encouraged to pursue intimacy with God, community with insiders, and influence with outsiders. To find out more about South Bay Bible Church and their upcoming events, please visit southbaychurchli.org.

About South Bay Bible Church: South Bay Bible Church is a non-denominational Christian church known for Biblical messages applicable to everyday life. The church meets at 578 Montauk Highway in East Moriches, NY. The church's mission is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Our service schedule includes three convenient times: Saturday night at 5:00 and Sunday morning at 9:00 and 11:00, and online anytime. A nursery and children's church are available. For more information, go to southbaychurchli.org, call (631) 909-8241, Facebook, or Twitter @sbbcli.

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