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### **TAMPA ORGANIZATION TARGETS AMERICA’S MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS, OFFERS SOLUTIONS**

*Radical Faith confronts the mental health conversation between our nation and our churches*

**Tampa, FL, June 2, 2014** – Amidst the bedlam of America’s mental health crisis, one Tampa-based organization is targeting the way our nation and its churches confront the conversation surrounding mental illness. Pastor Seneca Howard of [Radical Faith Ministries](http://www.Radical-Faith.org) is the founder of Mental Illness AND The Church (MIAC), a workshop series designed to clarify broad misperceptions and shed a new light on the topic - both Biblically and psychologically. An 8-week online series of MIAC launches this week and will be broadcasted at 8pm each Thursday evening from June 5<sup>th</sup> to July 24th. Listeners can tune in and participate by visiting [BlogTalkRadio.com/RadicalFaithMin](http://BlogTalkRadio.com/RadicalFaithMin) or by calling 657-383-1481.

The series, which took off in 2013, includes professionals who discuss such topics as the six stages of grief, chemical imbalances, the effects of mental health disorders on a child's education, and suicide. Additional discussions include pastors, leadership and members within the church who suffer from mental illness. The workshop is hosted by Pastor Seneca who leads the discussion utilizing Biblical references of mental illness.

With 1 in 17 Americans experiencing a serious mental health disorder in a given year, much of Pastor Seneca’s focus is on transforming the way in which professionals and churches work together to provide wholesome solutions to a growing need in our nation.

Recently featured in [the Florida Courier on “Prayer and Partnerships,”](#) Pastor Seneca who was diagnosed with Borderline Intellectual Functioning as a child confronts his personal circumstance with mental illness head-on and actively works to remove barriers that create the potential for stagnancy on either side of the table.

“Many times, we don’t move until something happens. We should begin dealing with mental illness in a way that is productive. Yes, having stricter laws on weapons is just one part of it. However, our strongest weapon is to treat mental illness in a manner that prevents acts of violence,” says Pastor Seneca.

The series’ goal is to create stimulating dialogue about the topic and provide lasting solutions to help parents, church leaders, professionals and ultimately our nation better understand the intimate challenges of mental illness, both chemically and spiritually, as well as the critical need for holistic management.



*Radical Faith Ministries, Inc. is all about pursuing passionate purpose with undoubted faith towards God - even when facing incredible challenges. Radical Faith Ministries encourages, motivates, and drives us to define our life's destiny while cultivating us to discover our essence and purpose through God.*

*Our vision is to go beyond the church walls to minister to the lost and broken, penetrate seemingly hopeless circumstances, and help provide restoration through The Great Commission. For more information, visit Radical Faith's website at [Radical-Faith.org](http://Radical-Faith.org).*

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