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### GOD IS SURELY FOR ELDER SEWARD VICTORIAN

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As the Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 8:38-39, "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord," so it bears record from conversation that Elder Seward Victorian



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also demonstrates this from his life.

Born in Mamau, Louisiana, fifty-three years ago, Elder Victorian seems much younger in his thinking. He seems to know where people are. His lack of flamboyance is refreshing, as he has demonstrated without trying, a complete, down-to-earth, compassionate person.

This preacher, who was not always found on the right side of the tracks, can identify with people suffering from everyday living.

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He is a product of a broken home; his parents, Beatrice Celestine and Allen Victorian, were divorced after having three girls and three boys. Seward Victorian never finished high school. He instead put his age up and joined the Army at age 17. He had problems there and ended up going AWOL during the Korean Conflict.

Elder Victorian served six months in the stockade for that infraction, but buy so doing, he was blessed to be shipped to Germany instead of into direct battle in Korea. At age twenty-one he was discharged in Los Angeles, California.

Problems for this young man didn't stop, but seemed to intensify. A head-on collision caused him to be put in jail for a night. Drinking and smoking dope were behind most of his problems.

The years have seen Elder Victorian marry three times and divorce twice. His first wife was truly a result of a whirlwind court-ship. He met her and proposed the first night and married her the next week. It lasted for one year. They had one son and one daughter. He left her when his daughter was four months old. He married at age 22.

The second wife he met in Houston, Texas. This was after he served two years in prison in Huntsville, Texas, on a robbery charge that he says he did not commit. He, however, was a dope addict and an alcoholic. Alcoholics Anonymous had gotten him out and he wanted to seriously begin his Christian life. However, wife number two only married him to spite someone else. They had three sons before the marriage failed. She left him with two small boys and an infant son. The Welfare Department and his Mother aided him in taking care of the children. He



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was, therefore, able to keep them.

Elder Victorian states that he came to Las Vegas in either 1968 or 1969. He met the late Elder Hosea Coleman, who was the pastor of the Church of the Lord Jesus. He became Assistant Pastor of the church and upon Elder Coleman's death was elected as pastor. His third wife is the daughter of the late Elder

Hosea Coleman. They have shared an evangelistic ministry, and he is now sharing the pastorage and also a street ministry from his mobile home. This ministry is aimed at the young, Black pushers, drug abusers, etc.

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Elder Victorian is sometimes assisted by members of the Police Department who direct him to troubled

This Pastor knows the pains of living. He knows how it feels to have his parents split up, how it feels to be a divorced Christian and entering into a new marriage. He knows the pains of the dope addict and he further knows what it's like to be an alcoholic. He knows that it's people who live and make mistakes, and it's God who forgives.

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