

FRIENDSHIPS RESTORING BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

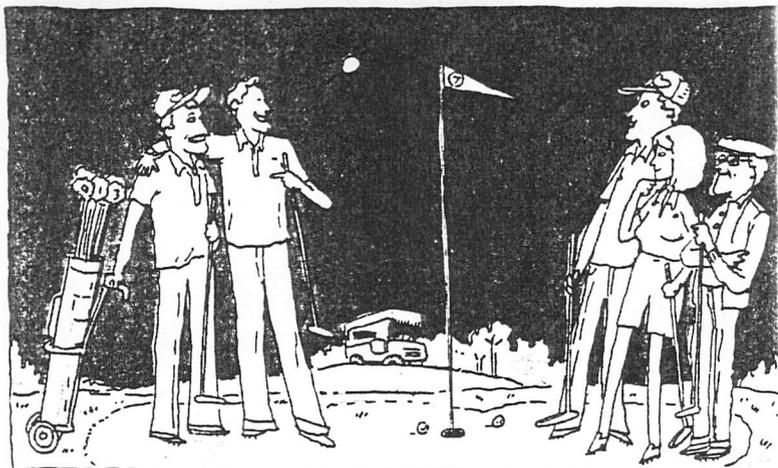
A friend is someone who walks in when others walk out," stated Walter Winchell. Unfortunately, at times friends do walk out. Even good friendships die. How can a broken relationship be restored? Gary Inrig, in his book, *Quality Friendship* (Moody Press), outlines four steps to take

if you desire healing in a broken relationship.

Seek reconciliation with the person. Ask for forgiveness, if that is needed.

Tell God about your pain. Admit any bitterness you have, then praise God for His unchanging love and faithfulness. God will give you the ability to forgive.

Refuse to complain about your friend to others. Instead, protect your friend's character. Proverbs 17:9 says, "*He who covers a transgression seeks love, but he who*



repeats a matter separates intimate friends."

Emphasize your friend's strengths. Praise him or her publicly.

Even if the other party will not be reconciled to you after following these steps, you will be able to experience a clear conscience.
