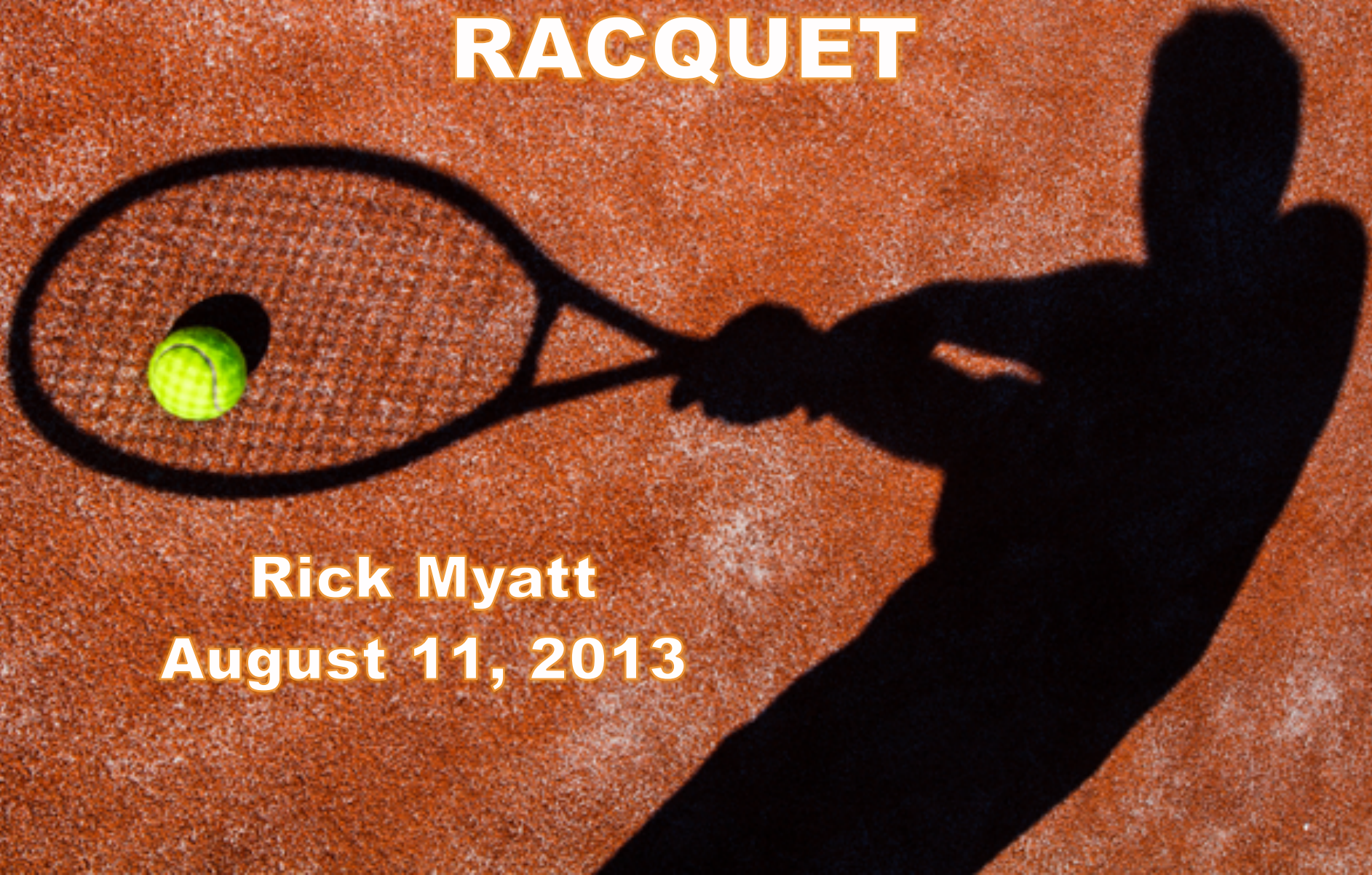


# **HOW GOD SWINGS A RACQUET**



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## **2 Corinthians 7:3-7 (NIV)**

**<sup>3</sup> I do not say this to condemn you; I have said before that you have such a place in our hearts that we would live or die with you. <sup>4</sup> I have spoken to you with great frankness; I take great pride in you. I am greatly encouraged; in all our troubles my joy knows no bounds. <sup>5</sup> For when we came into Macedonia, we had no rest, but we were harassed at every turn—conflicts on the outside, fears within.**



## **2 Corinthians 7:3-7 (NIV)**

**<sup>6</sup> But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, <sup>7</sup> and not only by his coming but also by the comfort you had given him. He told us about your longing for me, your deep sorrow, your ardent concern for me, so that my joy was greater than ever.**





# **Paul Had Great Joy Despite Difficulty**





## **2 Samuel 15:21 (NIV)**

**<sup>21</sup> But Ittai replied to the king, “As surely as the LORD lives, and as my lord the king lives, wherever my lord the king may be, whether it means life or death, there will your servant be.”**





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# **3 John 4 (NIV)**

**<sup>4</sup> I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.**





# **1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)**

**27 Now you are the body of Christ,  
and each one of you is a part of it.**





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# Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)

**<sup>17</sup> As iron sharpens iron,  
so one person sharpens  
another.**





# **Galatians 6:2 (NIV)**

**<sup>2</sup> Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.**





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**How Does God Use People to Comfort Us?**



**How Can We Have Community?**





# **Acts 20:35 (NIV)**

**35 In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' ”**



# **John 15:15 (NIV)**

**<sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.**



# **Proverbs 18:24 (NIV)**

**24 One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.**





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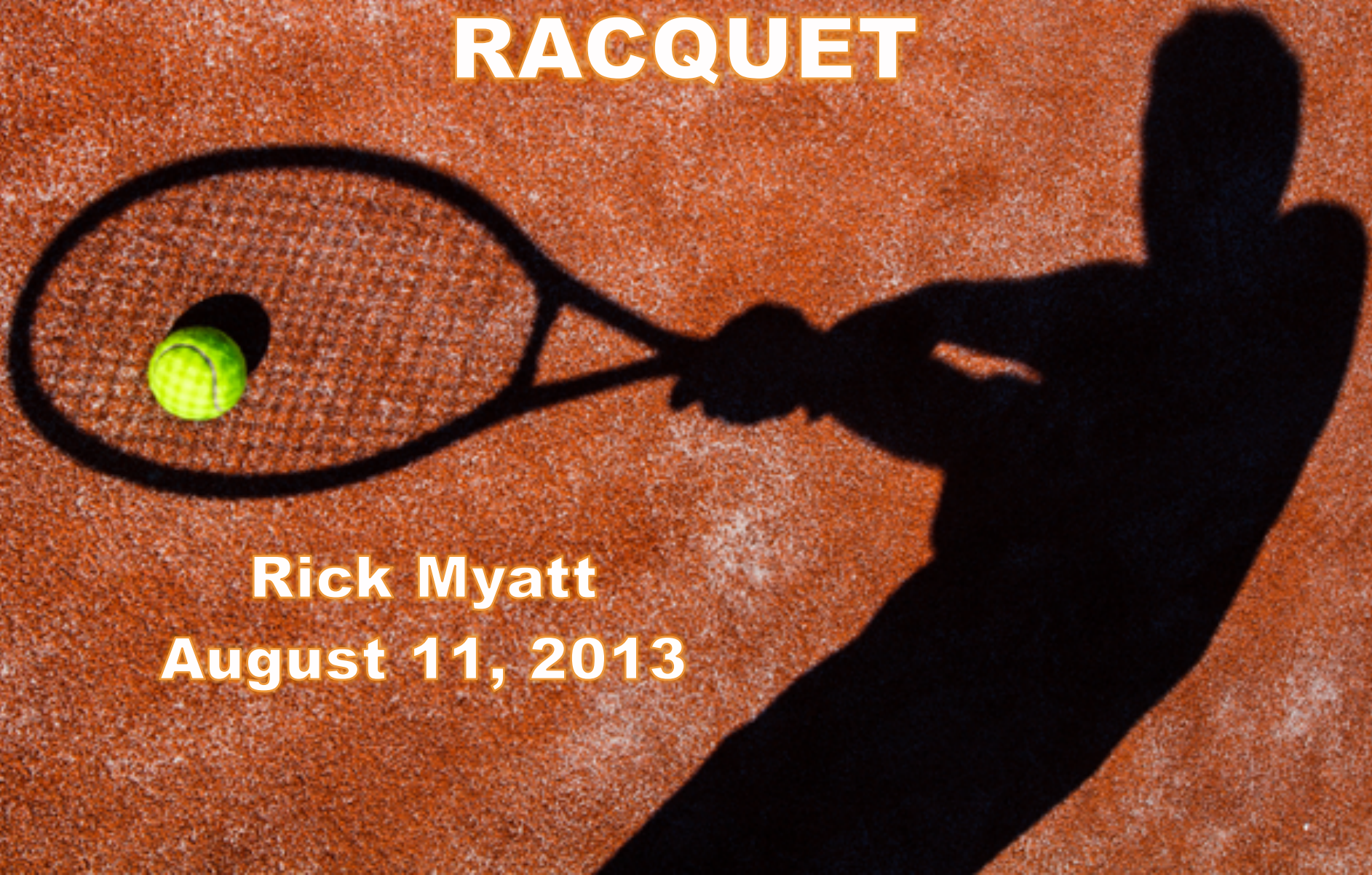
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