

## "Who's Gonna Fill Their Shoes?" 2Timothy 4:6-8

### **No One Lives Forever**

Don't often use events for sermon - Never remember song as inspiration :-)

Developed lesson after death of Mike Cornwell

Remembering influence over several young men

Also influence of Glenn Melton & others on me

Lost a few more in recent years

Who will take the place of those who leave this life for eternal rest?

Often so busy with what I do, forget to help others learn to do those things

Don't listen to country, but song our title comes from asks serious question

Consider some examples from Scripture...

### **Moses & Joshua**

Joshua with Moses from the beginning of his time as leader of Israel - **Exodus 24:13; 32:15-17**

### **Elijah & Elisha**

Elisha assisted Elijah for at least three years was with him when he was taken up desired Elijah's spirit be upon him - **1Kings 19:19-21; 2Kings 2:2**

### **Paul & Timothy**

**Acts 16:1-3; 1Corinthians 4:17; Philippians 2:19-22**

### **Joshua & The Judges**

Joshua didn't train anyone to take his place. Israel quickly left God - **Judges 2:6-11**

### **David & Solomon**

David had many sons. Seems he was so busy being king he did not have time for them. He gave advice as he neared death. - **1Kings 1&2**

### **Can We See A Pattern?**

Why did Joshua, Elisha & Timothy replace the man before them so well?

Mentoring, Apprenticeship

Joshua with Moses from the beginning of his time as leader of Israel

Elisha walked side by side with Elijah

Timothy was trained by Paul from a youth

Each of us has a limited time, our influence will live in those we taught - **Proverbs 22:6; Titus 2:1-6**

It is not just about teaching the lost. That we must do. But we also must teach and prepare those with less experience so that they will be prepared for the time when we are no longer here.

### **Two questions.**

Who will fill your shoes?

Who's shoes will you fill?

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