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SINKHOLES

Several years ago, I lived in a neighborhood that was well developed. There was a house on a curve that was lovely. One day the house fell into a "sinkhole," and it swallowed the entire house and everything in it. Needless to say, it was a terrifying experience for those that lived next door to this home. Nothing remains of that home. It is an "empty lot" fenced off so no one can get into it.

Sinkholes are caused when the water table goes low, and there is an underground lake or river flowing under the earth. When the water table sinks below the area it filled, there is nothing to hold the earth above it. The earth and everything built on it then sinks down where the water once was. Usually there is no warning, and the earth just collapses. These sinkholes are worldwide, and probably all the development in an area and abundant use wells and water contribute to these sinkholes developing. There is nothing that can be done when a hole is huge. All you can do is fence it off and pray that more don't occur in that area.

Now you may not see this as a spiritual lesson, but the truth of the matter is that the Word of God has been called water. In Ephesians 5:25-26 it says, ***"..... even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word."*** The word of God brings cleansing to each of us as Christians. Jesus loved the church so much that he gave his life for it. The water is the word of God that brings us life. Without the continuous flow of the "water of the word," our lives have no foundation. They become empty and collapse into a pit like those sinkholes.

It is far better to keep the water (word of God) in our lives and below the earth, so sinkholes don't happen in the natural and the spiritual. Have you ever had a sinking feeling in your Christian walk? Perhaps you need more of the "water of the word" as the means to pull you out of that place. There is absolutely no substitute for reading God's word daily. It keeps us cleansed, and it brings us direction.

Don't wait for an unexpected sinkhole to happen in your life. Keep it filled up with the water of the word.