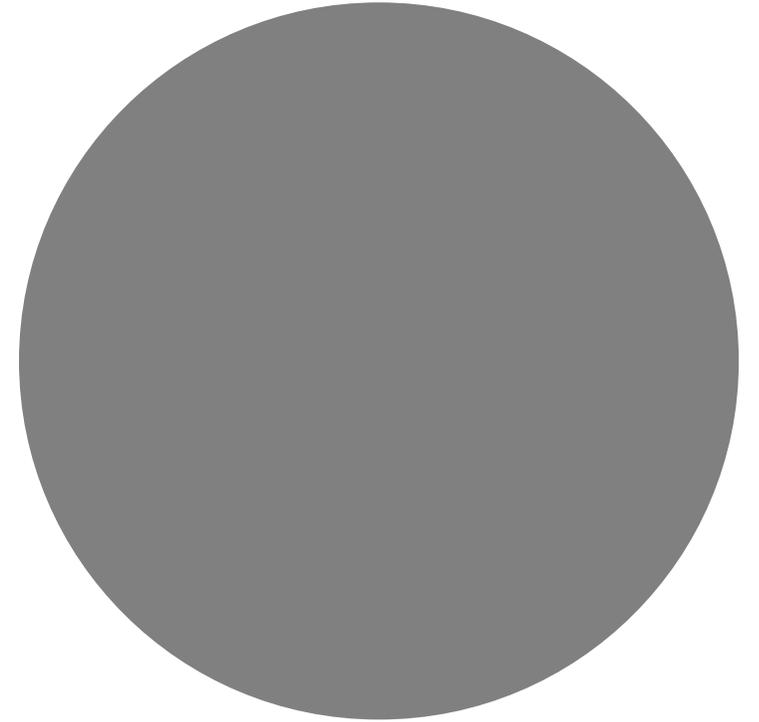


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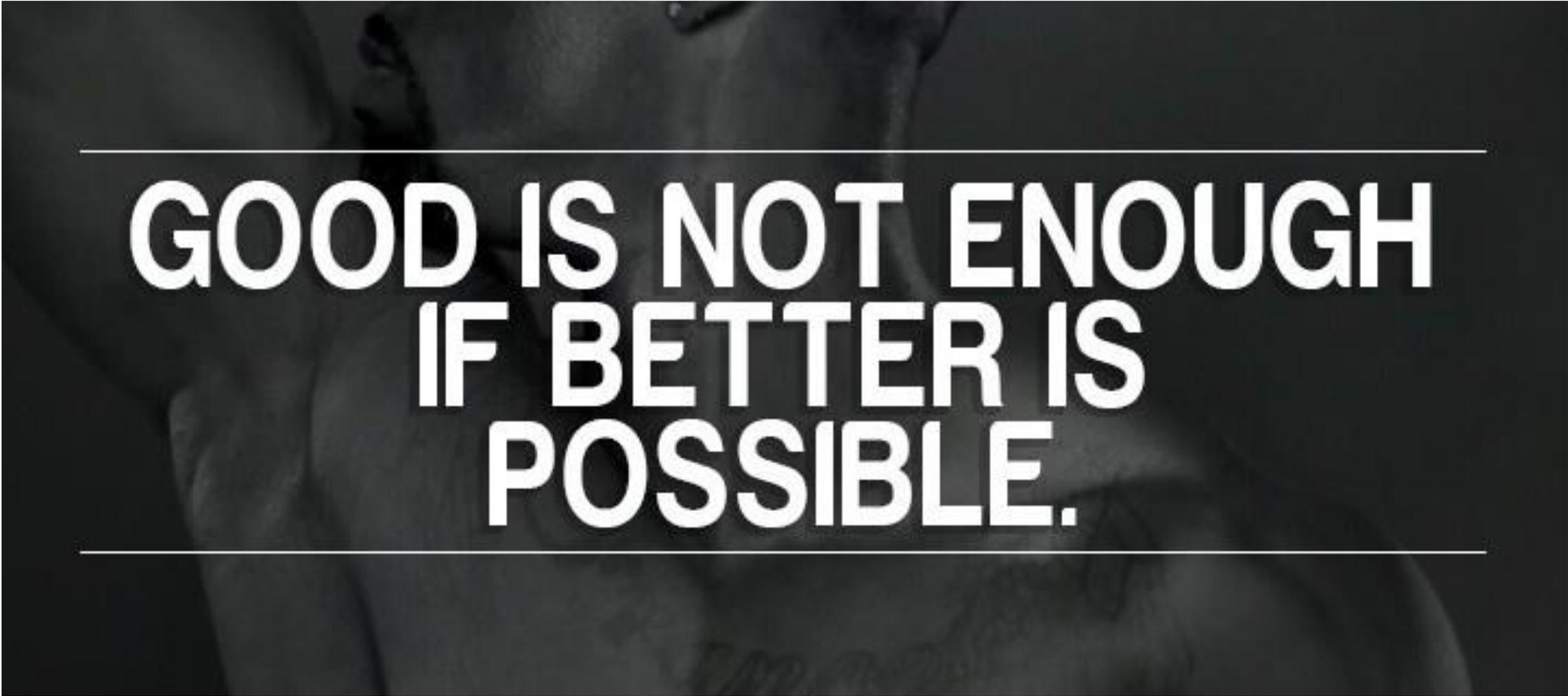
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- 22,000 checks would be deducted from the wrong bank account in the next 60 minutes.
- 1,314 telephone calls would be misdirected by telecommunications companies every minute.

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- 2,488 books would be shipped with the wrong covers on them each day.
- Over 5.5 million cases of soft drinks in the next year would be flat.
- 20,000 incorrect drug prescriptions would be written each year.
- 12 babies would be given to the wrong parents each day.

✓ good enough
is the new perfection



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The Need for Salvation

Romans 10:1-3

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. ² For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³ For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

The Need for Salvation

Romans 10:1-3

Being religious will not make one good enough to get to heaven (v. 1).

Good people are fundamentally deceived about their sinful condition (v. 2).

Being proud and self-righteous causes one not to see their need for Jesus (v. 3).

The Simplicity of Salvation

Romans 10:8b-10

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

The Simplicity of Salvation

Romans 10:8b-10

Verse 9 says confess first and then believe.

Verse 10 says believe (resulting in righteousness), then confess (resulting in salvation).

It is easy to say words and not mean them in your heart. No one is saved by repeating a few words. First you believe in your heart, then you confess with your mouth. Confession means nothing unless it is backed up by deep heart belief in Jesus

The Simplicity of Salvation

Romans 10:8b-10

What do we confess?

Jesus is Lord.

The Availability of Salvation

Romans 10:11-13

For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.¹³ For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The Availability of Salvation

Romans 10:11-13

Salvation is for everyone.

It doesn't matter who you are. God opens the door of heaven and invites the whole world to come in.

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Prayer

- Dear Jesus Christ, We believe and trust in You what You did on the cross. And, confess that You are Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen.