Deuteronomy 1:6-7a  "When we were at Mount Sinai, the Lord our God said to us, ‘You have stayed at this mountain long enough. It is time to break camp and move on.’” (NLT)

1. Our Vision

Matthew 22:34-38  “When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they came together, and one of them, a teacher of the Law, tried to trap him with a question. Teacher,’ he asked, ‘which is the greatest commandment in the Law?’ Jesus answered, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the most important commandment.” (GNB)

a) Love God With All Your Heart

Matthew 22:37  “Jesus answered, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart....’” (GNB)

Jeremiah 17:9  “The human heart is the most deceitful of all things and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?” (NLT)

Proverbs 4:23  “Guard your heart above all else for it determines the course of your life.” (NLT)

Psalm 37:4  “Delight yourself also in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.” (NKJV)

2 Chronicles 16:9  “The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him.” (NLT)

b) Love God With All Your Soul

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Psalm 143:3  “The enemy has persecuted my soul.” (NKJV)

Psalm 34:1  “As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul longs for You, O God.” (NKJV)

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Ephesians 4:23-24  “Let the Spirit change your way of thinking and make you into a new person.” (CEV)

Romans 12:1-2  “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (NKJV)

The big idea: Make a commitment to love God fully!
Deuteronomy 1:6-7a  

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ARE WE THERE YET?! part two
Series Review:

Part One: Our Identity - A Place of Endless Possibilities

1. Our **Vision**
Vision is defined as “what you see or what you want to see.”

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Jesus said that the most important thing that you can do is to love God and the He explains how fully we are to love Him.

Adam Clarke:
“...This is the first and great commandment. It is so - In its antiquity, being as old as the world. In sufficiency, being capable of making men holy in this life. In fruitfulness, because it is the fulfilling of the law."
In necessity, being absolutely indispensable. In duration, being ever to be continued on earth, and never to be discontinued in heaven.”

a) Love God With All Your Heart

Matthew 22:37 “‘Jesus answered, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart....’” (GNB)

The Biblical definition of “heart” is “the center of all physical and spiritual life.”
Jeremiah 17:9 “The human heart is the most deceitful of all things and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?” (NLT)

If you don’t love God with all of your heart then your life will never truly be changed.

Byrd Baggett: “What is buried within your heart will devour and destroy you from within.”
Proverbs 4:23 “Guard your heart above all else for it determines the course of your life.”  (NLT)

Since your entire life is determined by your heart, you can see why it’s important to love God with all of your heart!

Psalm 37:4 “Delight yourself also in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.”  (NKJV)

As you love God with all of your heart your desires will become His desires!
2 Chronicles 16:9 “The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him.” (NLT)

As you love God with all of your heart you will receive strength which can only come from God.

b) Love God With All Your **Soul**

Matthew 22:37 “Jesus answered, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul.....” (GNB)

The Biblical definition of “soul” is “the seat of feelings, desires and affections.”
Psalm 143:3 “The enemy has persecuted my soul.” (NKJV)

The devil knows the power of your soul and that’s why he targets your soul for persecution.

Psalm 34:1-2 1“I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2My soul shall make its boast in the Lord, the humble shall hear of it and be glad.” (NKJV)

As you love God with all of your soul, you’ll find yourself bragging on Him more and more!
Psalm 42:1 “As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul longs for You, O God.” (NKJV)

As you love God with all of your soul, you will begin to desire Him more than anything or anybody else.

c) Love God With All Your Mind

Matthew 22:37-38 "‘Jesus answered, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the most important commandment.” (GNB)

The Biblical definition of “mind” is “imagination and thoughts.”
Ephesians 4:23-24

23 “Let the Spirit change your way of thinking and make you into a new person.” (CEV)

As you love God with all of your mind, you can experience a transformation in every area of your life.

Rick Warren:
“Your mind controls your life.”
Romans 12:1-2

1“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (NKJV)

Your life is being shaped by your thoughts which is why it’s so important to love God with all your mind.

Watch your thoughts for they become your decisions.
Watch your decisions for they become your words.
Watch your words for they become your actions.
Watch your actions for they become your habits.
Watch your habits for they become your character.
Watch your character for it becomes your destiny.
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Loving People!
Loving Life!
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