The Great Command: Love God.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Why am I here?
Why did God make me?
What does He want from my life?
Jesus answered: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and all you mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” (Matt. 22:36-40)
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“The Shema”
We are called to remember:

1. WHO the Lord is and
2. WHAT He has done.

“Hear O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!” (v. 4)
The first place in our life must be God. When "something" or "someone" occupies that first place is idolatry.
Thou shalt have NO OTHER gods before me.
“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)
The Bible = one big story of God's reign and rule

66 books in one big book that all tell the same story!
We are called to LOVE Him.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.” (v.5)
You cannot love someone that you do not know.
We are called to live a life that displays His love.

“These commands that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” (v.6-9)
We love God by:
- knowing who He is.
- remembering what He has done for us.

We are commanded to love Him with all of our hearts, souls, and minds.

If we love God, we will live a life that displays Him to others.