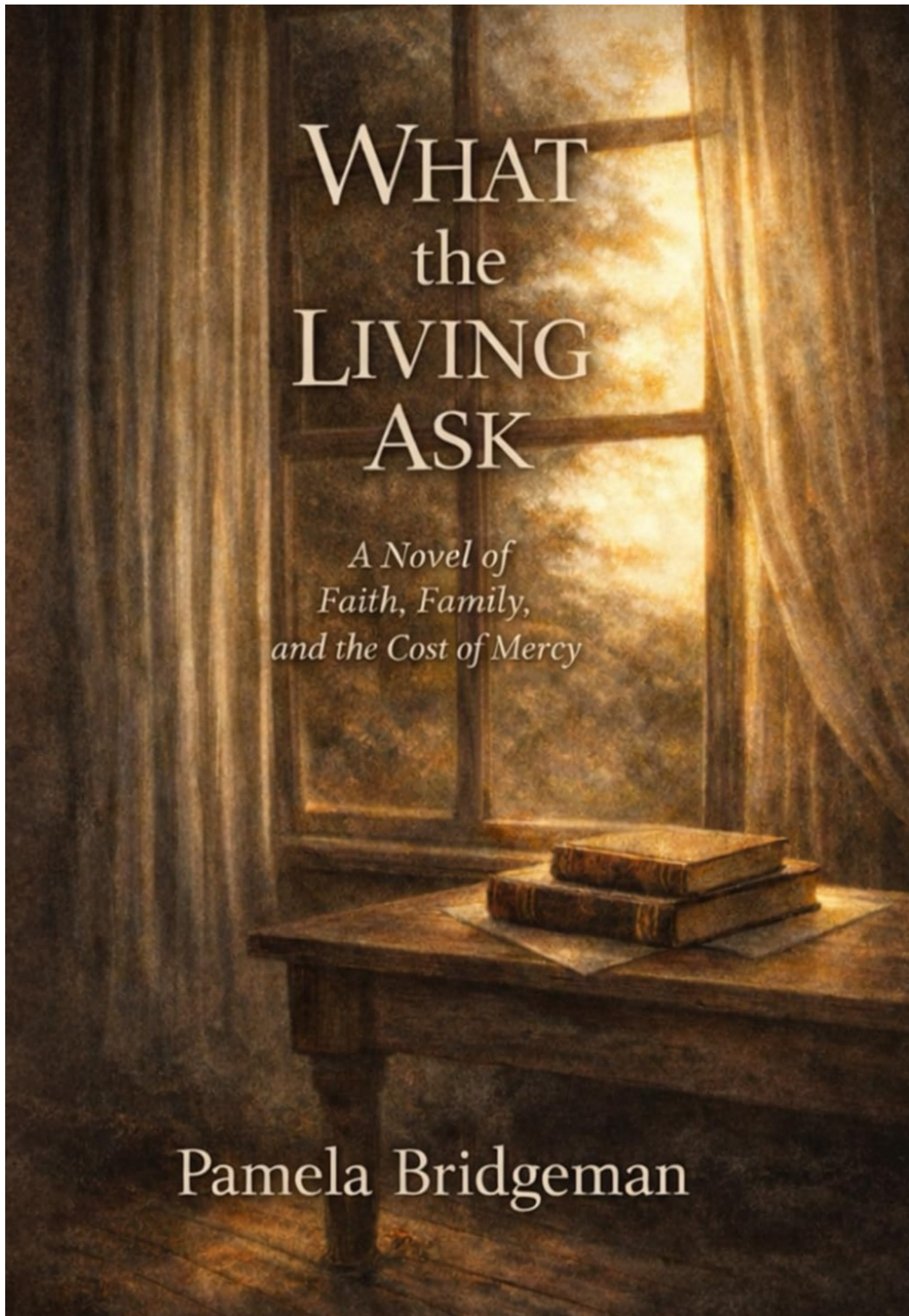


## **Pamela Bridgeman Explores Faith, Family, and the Moral Weight of Devotion in New Novella, What the Living Ask**



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*A Novel of  
Faith, Family,  
and the Cost of Mercy*

Pamela Bridgeman

**San Francisco, California May 19, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](http://IssueWire.com))** - Award-winning author, clinician, and speaker Pamela Bridgeman announces the release of her latest literary novella, *What the Living Ask*, a deeply moving exploration of end-of-life choices, family dynamics, and the profound consequences of keeping one's word in the face of grief.

Set in a world that shifts between sunlit kitchens and sterile hospital corridors, *What the Living Ask* follows Evan Riley, who struggles to honor a promise made to his mother: that he would not let machines prolong her life. As her illness progresses, Evan becomes the fulcrum of his family's grief, navigating a complex web of faith, fear, and love while confronting moral questions that touch the heart of what it means to be devoted.

"[What the Living Ask](#) began as a short story in 2002, the year my mother died," Bridgeman shares. "Chapter seven of the novella is that original story. Writing it has been a journey of understanding how love, faith, and mercy intersect, especially when family and conscience collide."

Bridgeman's novella is perfect for readers of literary fiction who appreciate spiritual depth, ethical complexity, and the emotional resonance of human stories. It is a work that asks readers to reflect on the cost of mercy, the meaning of dignity, and the moral weight of keeping a promise when those you love may disagree on what life truly means.

Pamela Bridgeman is the author of several books spanning fiction, devotionals, and faith-informed clinical writing, including *Pathfinder*, *Harness the Power of Language*, and *Unfailing Love*. Known for her thoughtful, spiritually-informed approach to storytelling, Bridgeman brings professional experience, compassion, and insight to every page she writes. Her work has been praised for illuminating healing, resilience, and wholeness in the human experience.

[What the Living Ask](#) is now available wherever books are sold. Her books are currently only available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and at her speaking events. For more information about Pamela Bridgeman and her work, visit [pamelabridgemanauthor.com](http://pamelabridgemanauthor.com) or [ahjcc.com](http://ahjcc.com).

## About the Author

Pamela Bridgeman is an author, clinician, and speaker whose writings range from fiction to devotionals and faith-informed clinical guidance. With a career rooted in both professional expertise and spiritual insight, she writes to illuminate human resilience, healing, and hope.

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